



## Newsletter Number 28

*Rise up O flame  
By thy light glowing  
Show to us beauty  
Vision and Joy*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This weekend marks the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year and this coming Wednesday we will be celebrating the festival of St John. These two celebrations share the theme and symbol of the sun - the element of fire. In the language of the young child, King Sun is sitting highest on his throne at this time. As we shared last week, our celebrations will look a little different this year, though still with a sense of community and coming together as we collaborate on our St John's 'Community Hive' Project. If you would like to contribute to the 'hive' it's not too late to join in, please see details below, along with more on how we will be celebrating St John's with the children.

Have a good weekend!  
Warm wishes  
Sarah Fox

## Term Dates

Last day of the summer term: since we are only in school Monday to Thursdays, the last day in school for both Kindergarten and the Lower School will now be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Please note: due to the current circumstances, our End of Year Celebrations will of course need to take a different form this year, as we will not be able to welcome parents on site or have any large gatherings. Celebrations will take place within our learning bubbles and Class Teachers will be in touch to confirm details.**

Autumn Term start - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Kindergarten have a staggered start)

## Whole School Messages/Community Updates

### Reminder: Pick Up and Drop Off

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience with drop off and pick up. Please remember to head straight off once your child(ren) have been collected. During the school day we are taking great care to ensure the learning bubbles don't cross paths, and we really need your ongoing support in ensuring that this is not compromised within the carpark. Thank you.

### **Further Information: St John's Festival**

With the Midsummer sun taking its longest course across our skies this weekend, St John's celebrations follow on Wednesday 24th June after morning Main Lesson.

We will have our outdoor celebration as usual with fire, songs, poetry, dancing in our 'bubbles', and carefully class by class, jump over the fiery embers.

We are encouraging the children to bring fragrant herbs to school on Wednesday so that they can cast them into the fire.

**Please note - to jump the fire safely the children must be:**

- **wearing closed shoes (no crocs, flip flops or loose sandals).**
- **wearing suitable clothing - no ankle length skirts or long floaty trousers.**

**This activity is well supervised, and the fire is such that even Rowan tree children can jump safely.**

As part of our St John's celebrations this year all children are being asked to help build our 'Community Hive' by creating a hexagon made of material. The children have been working on their contributions over this week. **These need to be finished and returned by Monday afternoon to be sewn together for Wednesday's festival.**

It's not too late for parents and other family members to get involved. If you would like a hexagon please contact [stef.faloon@cambridge-steiner-school](mailto:stef.faloon@cambridge-steiner-school) or [kelly.scott@cambridge-steiner-school](mailto:kelly.scott@cambridge-steiner-school). **We will continue to add to our Community Hive until the end of term.**

We look forward to sharing with you the finished piece, which will be a testament to our beauty as individuals and our strength as a community.

### **Reminder: Lockdown Blossoms – Help Appreciated**

If you haven't yet submitted a contribution for our 'Lockdown Blossoms' book, please upload any contributions to Google Classroom or email direct to:

[lockdownblossoms@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:lockdownblossoms@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk). Multiple entries welcome. Deadline for submission will be Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. **If any parents would like to support with collating all the contributions, please get in touch with Sarah: [sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)** Thank you.

### **NEW: Message from Ute Towriss**

I have decided that this summer it's time to take my courage in both hands and leave my second 'home', the Cambridge Steiner School, that has occupied me for more than half my lifetime. Though there is always more that I could do, more to learn, I think it's time to try something new - before I get too old!!

No, this is not a corona virus - driven decision. I have been planning this since last year and had hoped to share this with you all before the Easter break, but events took over. My plans? Ideas are percolating around storytelling, puppetry and learning more about end of life care. But the truth is right now I can't imagine life without the school at the centre of my life and my thoughts. You all, the school, has been the richest path I could have chosen: working with others on a project that has children and families at the centre with all its inherent creativity, joy, learning and sometimes tears, has been the greatest of blessings. I have learned so much and have the white hair, lines and a full heart to prove it.

Even when I'll no longer be wheeling the trolley, cleaning the kitchen or looking disapprovingly at the dirty shoes walking in the corridor, the school will still be firmly in my heart. And I will return to visit you. In the meantime, I savour every day that I am in the school.

**NEW: Open Morning on Saturday**

We have had a number of families making enquiries over the past few months and have planned a special (socially distanced) Open Morning tomorrow to provide them with an opportunity to visit the school and meet with some of the teachers. We hope to create more opportunities for interested families to visit the school safely over the coming weeks and months. If you know anyone who may be interested in finding out more about our school, please do put them in touch with Rebecca: [admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

**NEW: Floris Books**

Many of you know the many beautiful books published by Floris Books, ranging from illustrated kindergarten-age books all the way through to adult reading. They have a substantial anthroposophical selection, as well as craft books and seasonal festival publications. Once again, they've offered us a collaborative fundraising opportunity: for every book you buy, the school will earn 50% of the sale price.



The full range is on Floris' website: <https://www.florisbooks.co.uk/index.php> but the benefit to the school is applicable only on published Floris Books (i.e. not on the 'not yet published' list and not on the distributed titles from other publishers, although these may be ordered too).

Please send your orders through to [yule.edwards@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:yule.edwards@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk) by Thursday 25 June.

**NEW: Diversity and Inclusion Group**

After our initial meeting yesterday, I want to thank those parents and teachers who attended. My apologies for my temperamental internet connection yesterday. I wish you well in your studies and any research you might be doing over the next 2 weeks and look forward to seeing you next time on Thursday 2nd July 6 pm.

Anne, [anne.patel@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:anne.patel@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

**NEW: SWSF Statement on Black Lives Matter**

We stand with our international colleagues, our schools and other organisations around the world to share our abhorrence at the injustice and discrimination faced by Black and Ethnic Minority communities in the UK and beyond. We acknowledge the pain that has been experienced by those communities for multiple generations and the block such discrimination places on their ability to progress and live out their hopes and dreams in life. The Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship understands and acknowledges our role in influencing the culture in our schools. We also recognise the lack of diversity at all levels in our movement, including our own organisation, and how this lack perpetuates the existing systems of discrimination. We will strive to do more through our work to challenge systemic racism by listening more, deepening our commitment to recognizing personal implicit and explicit biases; talking about, confronting, and responding to racism in our organisations and schools; and supporting Steiner Waldorf teachers to become anti-racist educators.

We commit to working together to create communities where each and every child, family and educator can thrive and where every life matters equally regardless of racial heritage, gender, religious belief or sexuality. We will search for ways to offer meaningful change. We are immediately consulting our schools about what measures we will be taking as individual schools and as a movement to tackle these issues.

Fran Russell  
Executive Director  
Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship

### **NEW: Recipes from the Kitchen No. 8 – Buckwheat Butternut Cupcakes**

Simple recipes which you can enjoy making with your children - Recipe No. 8 attached.

### **Please keep in touch**

- General enquiries, Bridget Crabb: [reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
- Admissions, Rebecca Mitchell: [admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
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- Early Years, Beate Guertler-Green: [beate.guertler-green@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:beate.guertler-green@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
- Lower School, Sarah Fox: [sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
- SEND, Charli Waller: [charlotte.waller@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.waller@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

### **Contributions to the Newsletter**

If there are things you would like to contribute to the school newsletter, please contact reception: [reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

### **COVID-19**

We encourage you to keep up to date with the latest developments and continue to follow government guidelines. Useful links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- NHS: [What parents need to know about COVID-19](#)

## **Community Messages:**

### **Summer Childcare**

Wondering what you are going to do for childcare through the summer holidays? Suzie Webb is a registered childminder, OFSTED think she's outstanding. This summer holidays she has space for extra children on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and possibly Fridays between 8.30 and 5.30. She will be on holiday with husband Iain and daughters Alice (Class 5) and Jody Peach (Rosebuds) from 3rd to 14th August but apart from that would love to have your darlings (moonbeams and older) round to play. Contact her on 07970128826 or [suzieiloart@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suzieiloart@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Bushcraft and Craft Holiday Club with Andor**

Dear Parents,

I am planning to run a summer bushcraft and craft holiday club from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. It would be run on the grounds of the school from 08:30 to 15:00. The cost would be £35 per child per day with £25 for subsequent siblings. The children will engage in bushcraft activities and crafts using different natural materials including wood, willow and clay. The holiday club would be open only to children who are attending our school and their siblings from ages 8 to 14. In order to run the holiday club I would need to have a certain number of children every day. I would be grateful if you could indicate whether your child would like to attend and on which days this would be by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please e-mail me at [vinceandor@outlook.co.uk](mailto:vinceandor@outlook.co.uk) or send a message to 079 52635317. Thank you.

Please note that there are concessions available for families on low income.

Warmest wishes

Andor

### **Other Reminders/ Links:**

#### **Reminder: A Year and a Day magazine - Beautiful new Waldorf-inspired magazine for children**

You can get the free first issue and order the second issue by going to the 'shop' on our website: [www.ayearandaday.co.uk](http://www.ayearandaday.co.uk)

#### **Reminder: Waldorf Wave – June Edition**

From our friends at the School of Sophia: you can download your copy [here](#).

#### **New link for Online Safety support:**

- [Safety Detectives Guide](#)

Information below has not changed since last week:

**Reminder:** If you're worried about your **child's anxiety**, YoungMinds is a charity dedicated to children's mental health. They've opened a [parents' helpline](#) for confidential, expert advice. You can reach them at 0808 802 5544. They can also give advice on supporting children and young people through **grief and loss**, click [HERE](#) for more details. [Winston'sWish](#) and [HopeAgain](#) are two other organisations which can offer support. For younger children, a therapeutic story may help, Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varney, is a lovely example.

**Getting out and about:** [A Walking Guide to the Fulbourn Area](#)

**5 Golden Keys**, by Helle Heckmann: Sleep, Movement, Food, Rhythm and Love – here is a [link](#) to some parenting workshops by Helle Heckmann exploring these themes.

**Simplicity Parenting** [HOME PAGE](#) and [PODCAST](#)

**Post pictures and stories** to the residents at Home Close, Cow Lane, Fulbourn CB21 5HB