

## Newsletter Number 2



*Yellow the bracken, golden the sheaves.  
Rosy the apples, crimson the leaves.  
Mist on the hillside, clouds grey and white,  
Autumn, Good Morning, Summer, Good Night!*

Have a lovely weekend!  
Warm wishes  
Sarah Fox

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### Dates for the Diary

Our **Community Evening** will take place on **Tuesday 13th October at 7:30pm** Please save the date. The evening will be hosted by the trustees and school leadership team and will provide an update on our school development plans. The meeting will most likely take place on zoom. We look forward to seeing you there!

We have provisional dates for the **Advent Fair (28th November)** and **Multicultural May Fair (15th May)**. We will need to get creative when planning these events this year, to make sure that we adhere to covid-19 guidelines and keep everyone safe. If you have any ideas and/or would be **interested in being part of a team to work on this**, then please do get in touch: [sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk) We are exploring teaming up with *Fulbourn Arts* for the Advent Fair, as they have their Winter Festival the same day.

Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the [school website](#).

## Whole School Messages

### Introducing Irena, Tim and Will

#### **Irena Baruch, the new Elderflower Kindergarten teacher**

*Firstly I want to say what a wonderful welcome I have had at Cambridge Steiner School and what a humbling experience it has been to be the new Elderflower Kindergarten teacher. I have been a Kindergarten teacher for 11 years now, most recently at Kings Langley Steiner School. My own education has been in Steiner schools (Michael Hall and Brighton Steiner school), and this inspired me to study for my BA honours degree in Steiner Education at Plymouth. I feel totally dedicated to the education that I came from and feel passionate about what I do as a Kindergarten teacher. I have moved to Cherry Hinton with my husband and two boys, and we are all enjoying the new start. I enjoy nature and going for walks, and getting into the spirit of Cambridge cycling everywhere. I look forward to getting to know more of you and being part of this vibrant community.*

#### **Tim Kasley, the new Elderflower Kindergarten Assistant**

*I am working in Elderflower Class whilst doing the Early Years Initial Teacher Training programme with Cambridge Early Years.*

*Before joining Cambridge Steiner School, I worked as a professional musician and was an oboist in Southbank Sinfonia. Some favourite moments have been playing at Buckingham Palace, the BBC Proms, and at festivals in Tuscany and Santander. I also run learning and participation workshops - these include working with homeless people at Streetwise Opera, people living with dementia for Wigmore Hall, and school groups at the Royal Academy of Music. I am really looking forward to making music with children in the Kindergarten. In my free time, I am a keen cold water swimmer and throughout the year can be found floating up and down the River Cam between Granchester and Newnham.*

#### **Will Burrows, the new Pinetrees (Class 3 and 4) Teacher**

*My name is Will, and I am fortunate to be one of the latest additions to the staff at Cambridge Steiner School in Fulbourn. I have been teaching class 3 and 4 since the start of the new academic year, and have settled in well to the rhythm of school life.*

*I have a scientific background, having studied Zoology at the University of Nottingham and then completed a masters in the same subject. I worked as a research scientist for several years before completing my teacher training, and have worked as a fully qualified primary teacher for 6 years. At my previous school, I used my scientific background to lead development of the science curriculum, and I love to express my teaching methods through scientific and creative means.*

*Outside of work I am a keen gardener of both indoor and outdoor plants. I also love animals, and I enjoy being active. I spend a lot of time outdoors in nature, hiking and generally seeking adventure, which ties in well to the active nature of Steiner teaching. I am looking forward to the coming year at Cambridge Steiner School immensely, and have received a lovely welcome from staff and children.*

### Help us make the Creative Skills Blocks a Great Success

We are very pleased to be offering some really exciting and innovative sessions for older home educated children in the afternoons by opening the Class 7/8 creative skills blocks. As well as being really fantastic and developmentally important experiences for our own adolescents, they are a great opportunity to share some of the unique aspects of our curriculum. This is a new venture for us and has already generated quite a bit of interest, but we would love to expand the programme further so do help us by sharing the information with any families you know who might be interested in taking part:

<https://cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk/wp1/extra-curricular/homeschool-workshops/>

Information is also on our facebook page which can be shared. Thank you

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself if it is about Admissions, or David or Jody if you would like to know more about the sessions.

Many thanks, Rebecca

### Open Morning - Saturday 26th September - flyer attached, please share

We will be holding an open morning on Saturday 26th September (flyer attached). If you know anyone who may be interested in attending or finding out more about our school, please do share the flyer or put them in touch directly with Rebecca: [admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:admissions@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)

## Community Messages

### Second-Hand September - Cambridge Steiner School Swap Shop

Second-Hand September is a campaign encouraging people to avoid buying new clothing for the entire 30 days of the month. The campaign, organised by the charity Oxfam, aims to raise awareness of the environmental impact of fashion (read more about it [HERE](#)).

Last year a few parents helped to set up the Cambridge Steiner School Swap Shop, an initiative to help encourage parents to 'reduce, reuse and recycle' by passing on quality pre-loved clothes, shoes and toys for points that could be then exchanged for other items, along with a small donation. We are exploring ways to try and make this project work under covid-19 guidelines, but in the meantime, Kelly (mum to Eva in Rowan Tree), who helped to pioneer the project, has kindly offered for parents to get in touch with her directly about making donations/finding items you need.

Criteria: Any outgrown Steiner suitable children's clothing (ages 0-12 years), including outdoor gear and accessories in freshly laundered re-useable condition, organised into ages only, and unwanted Steiner appropriate children's books.

Please get in touch with Kelly by emailing her on: [kwawrzyniak@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kwawrzyniak@hotmail.co.uk)

## Take the Bus to School

Dear parents of CSS,

We are hoping to be able to offer a bus service for those children that live in Cambridge and whose parents have working commitments that imply they cannot do drops off/pick ups at school. This was a long established school service which is now run voluntarily by parents. The current Covid-19 situation means that now we might be able to offer this service just two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please, do get in touch if you wish to know more (route, price, schedule, safety, etc.): [icocla08@gmail.com](mailto:icocla08@gmail.com).

All the best,

Clara & Federico (parents to Emilio & Manuel)

## Other Reminders/ Links

### New Early years online course for parents and assistants - Joy de Berker

**Nurturing A Young Family In Challenging Times - A Waldorf Approach:** six fortnightly Saturday morning sessions online covering important aspects of child development; play; seasonal festivals; creative discipline, storytelling; mealtimes; the 4 temperaments; care of the senses

#### STARTING 3 OCTOBER 2020

*“Children learn best when there is a strong connection to the natural world and where caring adults do purposeful work with and around them. Through my work as a parent and teacher, I see how a gentle, artistic, homely environment where child development is truly understood and considered makes for an inner resilience and confidence in the life of each child. After a child's seventh year the challenges of academic work are met with greater enthusiasm once the rich imaginative world of early childhood has been given time to flourish.*

*My sessions are for individuals who are seeking a different path to the main educational trends of the 21st century and who are interested in finding out about the theory and practice of Waldorf education.” Joy de Berker - <https://www.joydeberker.com>*

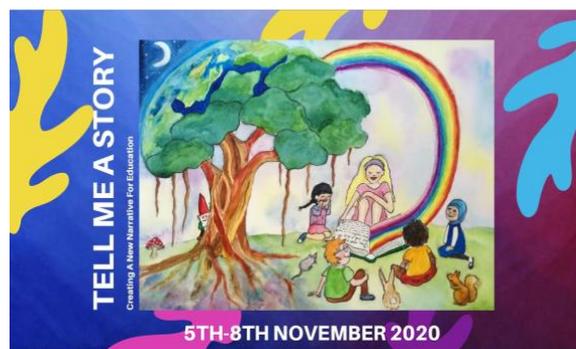
Saturday morning sessions every fortnight from 10 am-12.30 pm.

Poster and application form attached.

Contact: [joydeberker@msn.com](mailto:joydeberker@msn.com) - 01225 891730 or 07766326282

### Online Parent Conference/Tell Me A Story - November 5th-8th

## Re-Imagining Education Through Storytelling Creativity & The Art of the Imagination - Come Join Us!



*A 3.5 day transformational learning experience online, exploring how storytelling, creativity & the art of the imagination can empower the next generation with the resilience, creativity and well-being they need to thrive, even in uncertain times. Let's create a new narrative for education, together – School of Sophia*

### Support Links

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.

### Covid-19 Information and Links

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/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- NHS: [What parents need to know about COVID-19](#)

Please remember to inform reception if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, and get tested (more info on testing [HERE](#)) – please let the school know immediately if your child tests positive for Coronavirus.

### Please keep in touch

*If you have any questions or concerns directly relating to your child, please do contact your class teacher in the first instance.*

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