

Newsletter Number 5



Dear Parents/Carers

*Next Tuesday evening (13th October) we have our **Community Evening**. We will be sharing important information about the future of the school and therefore **ask that every family aim to have at least one parent present**. The meeting will take place at 7:30pm on zoom; an agenda and log in details will be shared prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there! Ahead of the meeting, we would appreciate some feedback about your child's experiences at school - please help us by providing responses in this brief survey - [LINK TO SURVEY](#).*

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm wishes

Sarah Fox

Advent Fair planning - could you help?

*Parent & Baby/Child Groups -
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*Class 7&8 Projects - Seeking Mentors
Could you spare an hour to inspire
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conference*

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information*

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 28th November - Advent Fair - we will need to get creative 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 We are exploring teaming up with *Fulbourn Arts*, as they have their Winter Festival the same day.

Half Term dates: 19th-30th October, school resumes November 2nd - Term Dates for 2020-2021 available [HERE](#).

Whole School Messages



Parent and Baby/Child Groups - Looking for Woodland

Our Parent & Baby/Child Groups have moved to the outdoors! Sessions are currently taking place at Wandlebury and Fulbourn Fen. There are still some spaces available for next half term, and there is the possibility of opening more groups, so please do spread the word. We are wondering if there might be someone within the community who has a piece of land with a wooded area that we may use without incurring a charge? If so please contact Emma at pandc@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Perspective and Frescos

Chemistry, problem solving, building skills and maths met art for class 7/8 and homeschooled adolescents over the past month in the *Perspective and Frescos*, Creative Skills block. But, shhhh, don't tell them! They just thought they were having fun!

The students looked at the development of perspective from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance and learnt how to mix and apply plaster- this is a fine art! They faced challenges with cracking and bumpy plaster, problem-solved through altering ratios and had to let go when some of the painting needed to be removed. Later in the year, the students will learn how Chemistry is fundamental to fresco painting when they study the lime cycle. The students drew individual designs for the fresco image and then created a new image from an amalgamation of those ideas. They then had to measure out and upscale the image using a grid. The finished fresco looks amazing and it is something they are all very proud of. Hopefully it will withstand the test of time!

Next the students are unwittingly learning about physics and engineering using mainly recycled materials as they design and fly kites! They are coming up with some very original ideas and are enjoying the windy weather! Do spread the word to any homeschooling families you know - we would love to have them join some of our future blocks!

Jody Uchekwo, Class Teacher



Class 7/8 Projects - Seeking Mentors

Calling all ANIMATION producers, rock CLIMBERS and SONG WRITERS!

Class 7/8 MENTORS WANTED!!

In Class 7/8 the students undertake a large, year long, independent project in their chosen area of interest. The project requires them to learn a new skill or develop an area of interest. Each student should have a mentor with whom they can meet on a regular basis to help support and guide them.

If you think you could be a good mentor and know about any of the above areas of interest (or know someone who could), please get in touch with me: jody@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Do you think you could spare an hour to inspire our future generations?

As part of our PHSEE curriculum and our investment in young people's futures, we would like to offer as much first hand knowledge about career paths and choices as possible. **We would welcome visitors who would be willing to talk to our students about their own career choices and jobs.** If you can spare an hour, please get in touch:

jody@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Thank you!

Covid-19 Reminder

Please inform the school if you or your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). You are advised to get a test as soon as possible and stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

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

Community Messages

Fulbourn Nature Reserve Work Parties - Winter 2020/2021

Organised by the Wildlife Trust and run by the local Volunteer Wardens, the work party dates are:

Sunday 11 October Sunday 8 November Sunday 6 December

Sunday 3 January Sunday 14 February Sunday 14 March

As usual, meet at the entrance to the Reserve at the car park at the end of Stonebridge Lane at 10.00am. Please wear strong boots and gloves, and suitable clothes - the ground may be wet. Due to the pandemic, no refreshments will be provided, so please bring your own flask and snacks. Government guidelines on distancing etc will be adhered to, and all supplied equipment will be cleaned before being issued. Please also bring your own face mask and hand sanitiser for use as necessary to ensure safety in all circumstances.

Only 5 volunteers will be allowed, so it is necessary to book your place in advance. You will find a copy of the Wildlife Trust Volunteer Form attached to this email, which should be completed and sent to Peter Montgomery (pete.hazlett@gmail.com). For the first work party on Sunday 11 October, it will be necessary for Peter to receive the form no later than the morning of Tuesday 6 October.

Bikes for Sale



Bakfiets family Cargo Bike



Isla Bike aged 3-5 years

Contact Lima Rose (parent to Laike and Lotus): 07788 795827 limaloverose@gmail.com

Day of the Dead - online workshop

Puppet show and hands on activities with La Abuela Chavela.

Abuela Chavela is a funny Mexican grandma that brings stories to children all around the world. This time she comes with her favourite tale: Dia de Los Muertos / Day of the Dead!!

Day of the Dead is a Mexican tradition where we remember and honour our deceased loved ones, there is nothing spooky about it! It is pure love, joy and life. Come and discover the true meaning of this day whilst enjoying a story and a craft activity.

Book your place at embodiedtheatre.com@gmail.com

£12 per participant.

For children aged 5 to 11 years old.

Limited places to 12 children per workshop (minimum of 7) will run via zoom.

Main material will be sent by post.

There will be two separate workshops - one in English on the 31st of October and one in Spanish (for Spanish speaking children) on the 1st of November.

Run by Mexican actor Gabriela Garcia (<https://www.embodiedtheatre.com/about.html>)

Messages below have not changed since last week:

Other Reminders/ Links

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.

Seeking possible drivers for the School Bus

We are exploring various options to support families needing transport to and from school. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in driving the bus for the morning and home run, please get in touch with reception so we can follow up. Thanks.

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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