

14th June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here's a quick update on some upcoming events and a few whole school messages. Please do take the time to have a read through.

Best wishes

Sarah Fox

On behalf of the School Coordination Team

Whole school messages/community updates:

- School Development Evening – June 18th - 7:30pm – ALL WELCOME
- Goodbyes

Looking back:

- Class 7/8 Presentations

Coming up/reminders:

- Class 7/8 Presentations Exhibition/Market Place
- A Midsummer Night's Dream – 20th and 21st June 7:30pm – School Courtyard
- St John's/Midsummer Celebrations – 24th June 1-3pm - ****IMPORTANT INFO****
- Class Parent Evening reminders
- Other reminders/dates for the diary

Messages from the Community

- May Fair Puppet Show Proceeds
- Violin for Sale
- Sourdough Bread – for sale on Tuesdays (see attachment)
- Bushcraft and woodcraft activities: Summer Holiday Clubs
- Two Rooms To rent in Fulbourn From July 20th

Whole School Messages/Community Updates

School Development Evening – June 18th 7:30pm – ALL WELCOME

Just a reminder that there is a parent's evening planned for Tuesday 18th June which will focus on the school's plans for improvement and developments for the future. There will be the opportunity for discussion and feedback. We hope you can make it along.

Please find our shareable School Improvement Plan attached (hard copies available at reception). We are sending this out ahead of the meeting. Over the past months the School Coordination Team has undergone a process of self-evaluation, identifying areas for development within the school. This process is of course on-going, and the meeting next

Tuesday will act as a platform for us to share our plans, but also to hear from you as parents. Please do take the time to read through this document. If there are any areas that you would like to see feature in our improvement plan, but you don't see them mentioned, then we would appreciate your feedback.

We are also collecting thoughts from parents about the 5 things you would like your ideal school to be and the 5 things they would like the teaching to ideally provide. Either bring your thoughts along to the meeting or post them in the comments box by Tuesday pick-up.

Many thanks, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at 7:30pm.

Goodbyes

After several years of dedicated service to our school, Nicola Conlin, our Compliance Coordinator, SENDCo and Safeguarding Lead, will sadly be leaving us this summer.

As has already been shared with the relevant classes, this goodbye comes alongside several others across the school: Mr Mark, Jeanette, Hellen, Hannah and Jaja will all be moving on to pastures new.

There will be an opportunity for you to show your appreciation and say your goodbyes. More info to follow.

We are now in a process of recruitment for various roles across the school and will provide an update on staffing for September over the coming weeks.

Looking Back

Class 7/8 Project Presentations

A few reflections from parents who attended:

The memories of the presentations are still very fresh on us and I can't really think about anything else! So we just wanted to say how amazing, moving and inspiring it was to see these young people talking so confidently and enthusiastically about their projects, really owning their achievements and the whole processes of creation and at such a young age! We've never seen something quite like it and have very different memories of our own 14-years-old selves! I cried when Milan's plane took off and have already commissioned a couple of Indigo's works, just to mention a couple of the ones we managed to see. All were fabulous and talked about each child's soul and potential coming into bloom. It also was great that we could share them as a community and that the younger children could see where they're heading to. How lucky we are!

What a special day Saturday was! It is rare to see the level of maturity, confidence and other qualities displayed by all of the class 7/8 students, even in much older students. For young and older audience members alike to be so engaged and asking insightful questions at the

end of each presentation - all of which were regarded with equal respect - was quite extraordinary.

Coming up

Class 7/8 Presentations Exhibition/Market Place

For those who missed the Saturday event, next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after school, the Class 7/8's Projects will be on display in the School Hall. Please do pop in to have a look and chat with some of the pupils about their work!

Class 7/8 Play – A Midsummer Night's Dream – 20th and 21st June

Please do come along for what promises to be a magical evening! Please note that the Lower School classes will have the opportunity to watch the play during the school day on Thursday 20th.

St John's/Midsummer Celebrations – 24th June 1-3pm

Midsummer entices us to dream with its long warm sunny days, blossoms and sweet scents. But there is always the danger of getting lost in this - as you will see in Class 7/8's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. It delightfully illustrates how Fairyland makes mockery of us humans when we lose ourselves in the joys of summer. The celebration of St John's (24th June), a few days after the Summer Solstice, calls us back from dreaminess to address what is important – both in ourselves and in the world around us. Part of this celebration involves the purifying, transformative power of fire. Fire rituals have been associated with Midsummer since ancient times: fires were jumped and cattle driven through the dying embers.

The Lower School invites all families to join us in this festival of song, food and jumping the embers of the fire. Monday 24th June 1-3pm School Courtyard and then in the Playground

Note for Lower School parents:

On Monday 24th June could your child/ren please bring in:

- Flowers
- Summer fruits to share in the salad that we will prepare for all the school, kindergarten children and lower school parents.
- **Please note: to jump the fire safely children – and adults too - must be wearing proper shoes that will support their feet during the jump (no crocs, flipflops, loose sandals). In the past adults have jumped barefooted but from now on everyone needs to be properly shod.**

If you have any questions please do speak to your class teacher or to me.

Ute, on behalf of the Lower School

Class Parent Evening reminders

Future Class 1 – 18 June - 8:30am – peep into Class 1/practical preparations

Future Class 1 – Thursday 27th June 7:30pm

Rosebud Kindergarten – Tuesday 2nd July 7:30pm

Other reminders/dates (see previous newsletters/class updates for more details):

- School Development meeting – Tuesday 18th June
- Class 7/8 Play – A Midsummer Night's Dream – 20th and 21st June
- ****Elderflower and Rosebud End of Year Ceremony – 11th July – 10:45am-1pm (KG finishes for all at 1pm)****
- ****End of the Year Celebrations/Lower School Reports Ceremony – 12th July – 1:30-3pm****

Messages from the Community

May Fair Puppet Show Proceeds

The May Fair puppet show raised £45 for Save the Children which has now been donated to the charity. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Violin for sale

Dear Steiner School,

I wonder if you could let parents of your younger children know that we have a 1/4 size violin for sale. The reason is that it has been in Steiner school families for a long time and it would be nice if that could continue! Details and photo below...

Overall length - 18.5 inches

Body only - 11 inches

Bow - 21.5 inches



Price is £100. The D string currently missing - we can either replace or discount :)

Let me know if you are interested on east.helen@gmail.com or 07510704700.

Best wishes,
Helen East

Sourdough Bread – for sale on Tuesdays (see attachment)

For sale Tuesdays after school in reception area/the parent and child room. Rye/wheat bread: pure rye, white bread, seed or fruit bread and more available by order.
Email: david.vanmarle@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Bushcraft and woodcraft activities: Summer Holiday Clubs

This summer we will be running a summer holiday club over two weeks. The holiday club will be run from Monday 15th to Friday 19th July at the Cambridge Steiner School in Fulbourn and from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July 2019 at Abington Woods, Little Abington village. The children will engage in bushcraft and woodcraft activities such as fire lighting, outdoor cooking, tracking, foraging, green woodworking and learning survival skills. The children will listen to stories and play outdoor games.

The holiday club is suitable for children from age 7 to 12.

The club starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3pm. The cost of the club is £35 per child per day with subsequent siblings £25 per day.

Spaces are limited. If you would like more information or you would like to enroll your child on the holiday club, please e-mail Andor Vince at vinceandor@outlook.com or call 079 52635317.

Two Rooms To rent in Fulbourn From July 20th

(Mr) David is looking for 2 housemates to join him. The house is a Victorian end of terrace house with a nice garden on Impetts Lane just opposite the Green and a 2-minute walk from the woods. It is a 20 minute walk from school and a short bike ride.

Rooms from £400-500. Please spread the word!!

If you are interested and would like to come and have a look at the rooms you can call David on: 07873352769.