

28th June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please take the time to read through this week's newsletter; there are some important messages about the end of term, information about mandate groups and the role of class reps, and a beautiful contribution from a parent, capturing the St John's spirit.

Best wishes

Sarah Fox

On behalf of the School Coordination Team

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Whole School Messages/Community Updates

Mandate Groups

As part of the conversation about the School's Improvement Plan at the Community Meeting on the 18th June, we explained the role that parent mandate groups will have from September. Mandate groups will be key to the operation of the School, drawing on parent expertise and interest in specific fields. Some groups will be initiated by the School

management – where the need for that support has been identified. But others may be initiated by parents themselves. All mandate groups will need to have clear terms of reference and goals set out. Either a member of the school leadership team or a trustee will be associated with each group to ensure that those goals are consistent with the School's needs for improvement and to allow the group access to School funds to carry out its work.

The following mandate groups are a few that have already been identified to operate from September (if not before!) and we would encourage all parents to consider which one you might join. If you have ideas of your own for a mandate group, please email the Trustees - trustees@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk - and Sarah and Beate on the School Coordination Team.

- **Publicity** – to develop and share promotional material about the school, including press coverage
- **Buildings and Gardens** – to maintain the buildings and develop our outdoor spaces
- **Fundraising** – to develop a fundraising strategy and develop links to donors
- **Community Learning** – to establish and organise talks, meetings, seminars on Steiner education and Steiner-related practices/ideas.

Please get in touch with us about which group you would be interested in joining.

Class Reps – Tuesday 9th July 2pm

Earlier this year the role of class reps was put forward for discussion and we received some helpful feedback/contributions. A meeting to take this forward was proposed, but unfortunately has not yet taken place. We would therefore like to invite all Class reps and those interested in being Class reps to meet together with some teachers to discuss and agree a way forward. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th July at 2pm. If you are interested in being part of this discussion, but are unable to make this meeting, then please do get in touch (sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk).

Goodbye Gifts

If you would like to express your thanks and well wishes for the future to Mark, Hellen, Nicola and Jeanette, we will be collecting money towards a community goodbye gift for each of them (there are now envelopes at reception). There will also be a scrap book for each of them into which you and your children can contribute drawings, messages, poems, cards, photos etc. There will be an opportunity to add your contributions at drop off and pick up in the final week of term (page dimensions: 28cm x 28cm, messages can also be written directly into the books).

Booking the Community Room

Booking for the Community Room will now be done via Emma Marshall – please email emma.marshall@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk for any enquiries about booking the Snowdrops Room.

Term dates

Just a reminder that the school term dates for 2019-2020 are available on the school website (also attached).

Looking Back

St John's/Midsummer Celebrations (we hope to create a photo display in school next week)



St. John's

*And as the fire flamed
Smoke curled, skirts whirled
The taste of firelight on our tongues*

*Flame fingers crept towards our feet
And heat warmed our resolve*

*My strength is in those flames
My fears released and banished in the jump*

*A sense of freedom caught in flight
Singed legs, ruddy cheeks and eyes bright
This ancient danger makes us strong, makes us laugh, makes us light*

*Our hopes, our hearts, our dreams entwine
Even the smallest feet can make the leap.*

Charlotte Forbes (mum to Freya in Class 7)

Coming up

Class Parent Evening reminders

Rosebud Kindergarten – Tuesday 2nd July 7:30pm

Elderflower and Rosebud End of Year Ceremony – 11th July – 10:45am-1pm

Your class teachers will send through details about the end of year ceremony – please note: KG finishes for all at 1pm and there are no KG sessions on Friday 12th July.

End of the Year Celebrations/Lower School Reports Ceremony – 12th July – 1:30-3pm

Friday 12th July marks the last day of term for the Lower School children. We will meet in the hall as a school community from 1:30pm for the presentation of the Lower School children's reports; this gathering also serves as an opportunity to reflect on the year and say our goodbyes to staff who are leaving. It is a particularly special occasion this year, as our Class 7/8 students have reached the end of their Lower School journey. It was an old school tradition (when we previously only reached Class 5) for each child in the school to bring in flowers for the leaving class, for a special 'flower giving' ceremony resulting in each leaving child gathering an armful of flowers from their younger peers (and any other community members wishing to contribute!) We would like to do the same this year, and so ask that **each Lower School child (Class 1-6) bring in flowers for the Class 7/8's on that Friday (12th).** Thank you.

Messages from the Community

New Teacher looking for Room to Rent

I will start as teacher in Elderflower kindergarten after the summer, moving from London. As such, I wonder whether anyone could point me in the direction of a temporary room to rent within cycling distance of the school (max 30 min), whilst I look for something more permanent.

From August to October/December, for around £400 per month.

Many thanks!

merel.van.dijk@live.nl

Looking for Temporary Accommodation in October

Dear Cambridge Steiner School Community,

I am a teacher at the Walorfschule in Kiel (north of Germany). In October I am going to take a language course in Cambridge. My three children (4, 6 and 8 years old) and a friend and colleague of mine are going to join me. Does anyone have a holiday apartment to rent for the five of us from October 6th to October 19th?

That would be great! Please get in touch: annika.Grunwald@gmx.de

Best regards

Thankfully yours

Annika Grunwald

Co-Housing Project

We are a group of families seeking to set up a small co-housing community within quick and easy access to Cambridge city centre.

Our plan is to build a long-term community where we can live co-operatively, in an environmentally friendly way and where we can raise our children in a relaxed and supportive context. The idea is to find a land where to build new eco-friendly houses and/or renovate/extend existing properties for the community members which will share green open spaces, fruit and vegetables plots, helping each other and sharing resources. If you're interested and want to know more, please get in touch with: Federico Flego & Clara Panozzo (icocla08@gmail.com)

Cello Lessons, Suzuki School

If anyone is interested taking up (or continuing) cello in the Suzuki method, there is a cello teacher from Norwich who teaches both as a mainstream and Suzuki teacher, who is willing to come to Cambridge once a week from September. There would need to be enough families interested in order to make it work. Venue to be determined.

If you are not familiar with the Suzuki method, you may want to read through *Nurtured by Love: The Classic Approach to Talent Education* by Shinici Suzuki (available at the library), as the method requires a parent's involvement more so than conventional lessons.

Please get in touch with Diana (Leah of class 1, and Adam's mother) at: dianacstewart@gmail.com or on 07545 283247 if this is something you would be interested in, or if you have any questions.

Fulbourn Feast 2019 (see poster attached)

Local event to be held at Fulbourn Recreation Ground, Home End on Sunday 30th June 12 noon to 5.00 p.m.

Fun, games and entertainment for everyone!

Family in Barcelona - Seeking an Au Pair in July

Dear All,

We are a family with two children, Amèlia (8) and Ferriol (5), living in a village near Barcelona and we seek an au-pair from early to end of July. In 2016-17 we lived in Cambridge and Amèlia and Ferriol went to Steiner School. We have lovely and very intense memories of our time at Steiner and this is why we decided to write this note.

We live in a beautiful house, originally from the XVIIIth century, in the small village of Taradell. This is in the Montseny Natural Park, a mountainous massif with beautiful landscapes. Our house garden merges with the surrounding mountains and we even have a tree house that Ferriol and Amèlia love to play in.

If you know anyone that might be interested to join us this July please write us at davidambblas@gmail.com and we will be happy to write you more details about the offer.

With best wishes,

Ferriol, Amèlia, Dolça and David



3 Bedroom Bungalow for rent in Fulbourn

We have a large 3 bed bungalow with garden, near to the recreation ground for rent in Fulbourn.

If you are interested please contact me, Joanna Redstone (mother to Theo in class 6): 07472 274467.

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

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.