



# The Grapevine

Cambridge Steiner School's community newsletter

**22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2010**

## Calendar

20/01	Puppet Show (Rainbow Puppets)	11 am
27/01	Parents' Evening Elder Flower KG	7.30 pm
28/01	Publicity Meeting (Venue TBC)	6.30pm
1/02	Parents' Evening Class 4/5	7.30 pm
2/02	Candlemas celebrations in the classes	
3/02	Parents' Evening Rose KG	7.30 pm
9/02	Parents Afternoon Class 1	1.30 pm
10/02	Open Morning	9.30 am
10/02	Talk - 'The Kingdom of Childhood' by Jill Taplin	7.30 pm
12/02	Harvest of Work, Lower School	12 noon

**13<sup>th</sup> till 22<sup>nd</sup> February: HALF TERM BREAK, for all children**

13/02	Inset day for Kindergarten Teachers	
22/02	Inset day for Lower School Teachers	
23/02	First day 2nd half term, celebrating Pancake Day	
24/02	Talk 'The Class Teaching Years' by Nick Vane	7.30 pm
5/03	Talk 'Challenge of Childhood' by Bettina Lohn	8 pm
10/03	Open Morning	9.30 am
10/03	Community Event	8 pm
22/03	Talk: 'The 4 Temperaments' by Clara Vormer	7.30 pm
27/03	Barn Dance	afternoon
31/03	Easter Celebration, Lower School	12.15 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> till 18<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER HOLIDAYS, for all children**

15 & 16/04	Training Days for the Teachers	
19/04	First day (Summer term)	
28/04	Open Morning	9.30 am
3/05	Bank Holiday, SCHOOL is CLOSED	
9/05	MAY FAIR	
11/05	Parents' Evening Class 2/3	7.30 pm
26/05	Open Morning	9.30 am
26/05	Multi Cultural Festival, Kindergarten	
28/05	Harvest of Work, Lower School	12 noon

**31<sup>st</sup> April till 7<sup>th</sup> May: HALF TERM BREAK, for all children**

7/06	Inset Day for Kindergarten and Lower School Teachers	
8/06	First day 2nd half term	
16/6	Open Morning	9.30 am
24/06	Saint John's Day	
8/07	Graduation of Kindergarten children	
9/07	Last day of Lower School	

**10<sup>th</sup> July: SUMMER VACATION!**

*Please make a note of these dates and check our website regularly!*

*The frost is here,  
the fuel is dear,  
and woods are sear,  
and fires burn clear,  
and frost is here,  
and has bitten the heel of the going year...*

The beginning of a poem, written by Alfred Tennyson

## Welcome back to our school!

It is not only my New Year's resolution to start off the new calendar year by polishing up some old traditions, but also an attempt to get some things to work in a more productive and/or 'healthy' way.

One of my endeavours will be to update our Calendar on the Cambridge Steiner School website. We would like to use this as much as possible, so you can always look for dates and times there, in case you have lost your hardcopy of a Grapevine.

In the Grapevine you will usually find more information about the event itself. I would not only like to invite you to look at the calendar, but also to let me know if it's of any use, clear, and up to date.

As you will have seen, Laura and Svea have been working very hard at organising the Reception and Administrator's Office. Not only have they been trying to clear things up, but also many of our old forms and procedures have been looked into and 'polished'.

For Laura to do her job as well as we all want her to do it, we have decided to introduce some Open Hours for the Administrator's Office. During these Open Hours, Laura will be able to help you with whatever you need her for. Sometimes, seeing her in her office doesn't always mean automatically that she is able to talk to you.

Therefore, we would be most grateful if you would kindly respect the following Open Office Hours:

Daily from: 8.20 – 9 am, 11 am – 1 pm, 3.30 – 4.30 pm

\* Due to meetings Laura will not be available on Mondays between 11 and 1, and on Thursdays between 3 and 5.

Although we love our children dearly and we like to spoil them, we sometimes forget the guidelines which School has laid out in the Parents' Handbook. Therefore, we would like to remind you about what is requested there, when it comes to snacks and lunches. Please would you ensure that there are no sweets and chocolates in your children's lunchboxes.

Last Friday we had a Fire Drill. One of the things we found out was that some children didn't have proper indoor shoes and therefore had wet socks afterwards! Could you please make sure your child has indoor shoes and proper clothes to go out into the mud and rain.

If you have any questions for me as Chair of Faculty, please feel free to talk to me. The best way is to make an appointment! Hope to meet you then!

... And a Happy New Year!

Greetings,  
*Clara Vormer*

*Dear Mr Aylesworth,*

*A very warm welcome to the Cambridge Steiner School! We all hope that you have had a nice time with Class 4/5 and that you will also enjoy yourself in Cambridge.*

### Congratulations...

To all the happy families who have had their baby within the last month...

- Anne and Prakash (Kash) Patel have a baby boy, a brother for Milan;
- Rupert Gatti & Alessandra Tosi have a baby girl, Sofia, a sister for Anna and Nico;
- Athena & Snir Dinar have a baby girl, Florence, a sister for Sefi.

We all wish you the best for your family's future!

WOW!

In December we raised **£2486.45!**  
£1607.45 at the Advent Fair, and £879 at the  
Pinocchio show. **Well done. Thank you for all  
your help!**

## School Maintenance

Hi everyone,

You may have noticed our new maintenance  
'Work To Do List' in Reception. We plan to have  
occasional Work Days throughout the year for  
volunteers to come along and whizz through the  
list, but in the meantime we would be very  
appreciative of any help you can give us – if you  
think there's a job you can tackle (big or small),  
please let us know!

Thank you very much!

*Laura*

## Volleyball

Fight the winter flab and have some fun.  
Come and join us for volleyball at the Leys  
School Sports Centre at Trumpington Road  
on:

- Sun 24th Jan at 1-2 pm
- Sun 21st Feb at 4-5 pm
- Sun 28th Feb at 1-2 pm
- Sun 14th March at 4-5 pm
- Sun 21st March at 3-4 pm
- Sun 28th March at 3-4 pm
- Sun 25th April at 3-4 pm

All welcome. Please ring or email Charlotte  
on c.351-290 or  
charlottemforbes@googlemail.com if  
interested.

## Easy Fundraising

**W**e just want to remind you of our  
fundraising opportunity! You can help the  
school by going through the  
www.easyfundraising.org.uk website to do your  
internet shopping. Sites include Amazon, E-bay,  
Natural Collection and many, many more. The  
school will get a percentage of the amount you  
spend!

## Lice and Nits

After several months of trying different  
things, and loads of combing, we can finally  
declare our children lice and nit free for  
sure. We tried several chemical products,  
but after each treatment and thorough  
combing over weeks we still found naughty  
nits and leery lice. We then found "Nyda"  
which works mechanically and suffocates  
the lice and it "just worked". Nyda also has  
the benefit of being fairly well tolerated by  
most people - none of our family suffered  
any side-effects from it.

Nyda is available from most chemists and  
cost us £10 per package with two bottles in  
it. We needed between half and one bottle  
per head of hair - best £20 we ever spent.  
For combs we have found the Nisska comb  
to be the best, although difficult to buy in  
this country.

We are very happy to have gotten rid of the  
lice before the start of term so that our  
children will not pass them on to others,  
and we hope our story might help you and  
yours if afflicted with the tiny wee beasties.

*Mike and Stephanie*

**CRAFT group** Thursday evenings at  
Thelma's House, at 14 Station Road, Fulbourn.

We start at 8 pm and finish at about 10 pm,  
everyone is very welcome, there is of course no  
charge, anyone wishing to bring biscuits etc is  
very welcome, last night we had Steffi's  
marvellous pumpkin pie.

People can make what they want to, even mend,  
knit, sew anything that is what they want / need  
to do, there are various books on Steiner craft  
and so on to look at, and hopefully when more  
come there will be more skills brought too so  
more human resources. Please could everyone  
bring their own materials and if anyone needs to  
know where to buy things telephone me on  
01223 881722.

*Thelma*

## To all women in our community

I, Elke, am blessed with living in a magical place (with a sauna) south of Cambridge (Great Abington) which is an oasis of peace and nature.

I would like to share this with the women in our community by organising an evening of getting together with a sauna and a simple, healthy meal afterwards.

The first one could be on Friday 26th or Saturday 27th of February, 6-30 - 7pm.

Cost: just a donation in the hat towards fire wood and food.

If you are interested, drop me a line on [vanengelandelke@gmail.com](mailto:vanengelandelke@gmail.com) or 07590 756 021.

Baby cot to give away and cot canopy (pole and fitted red muslin) for sale.  
Contact Stephanie and Mike on 01223 214692 or [stpephanei@camtango.com](mailto:stpephanei@camtango.com)