

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Thurs 2 nd	Candlemas
Fri 3 rd	Coffee morning. Kingfisher Café. After drop off (monthly).
Mon 6 th	8 pm – 9 pm Kindergarten Parents Evening (please arrive at 7.45)
Tues 7 th	DoTerra Kids Health 101. 3.30 – 4.30. Dining Hall. Drop in. Free.
Tues 7 th	Class 6,7 & 8 Science and Maths Curriculum meeting. 6-7pm
Tues 7 th	Class 6 Parents' evening with Ben Seal 7-8pm
Wed 8 th	The Challenge of Rudolf Steiner film screening – part II. 7.30pm
Thurs 9 th	Class 8 Art Trip to London. Tate & White Cube Gallery
Fri 10 th	Last day of term (normal finishing hours)
Sat 11 th	Creativity for the Soul – Workshop 10am – 1pm
Sat 11 th	School Choir for grown ups. 10 – 12 in the Chapel (fortnightly).
13th – 17th	HALF TERM

MARCH

Wed 1 st	Volunteer induction morning 10am – 12pm
Tues 7 th	Upper School Curriculum – for Class 6,7 & 8 parents. 7 – 8.30pm

SCHOOL EVENTS

Candlemas 2nd February.

This is a festival that is exclusively celebrated by the younger classes, including the Early Years. Originally a Celtic festival to mark the midway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, the church later chose this time to renew and bless all its candles, hence the name Candlemas.

At Michael Hal Steiner School children often make an 'earth' candle, made up from collected and melted candle stubs and poured into a hole dug in a special spot in the school grounds. As we did with the lanterns at Martinmas, with the earth candle we recognize the elemental world hard at work behind the scenes in nature. It also marks the very first inklings of spring.

Some classes will do Candle Dipping together to celebrate Candlemas today and tomorrow.

Kindergarten parents evening. Monday 6th Feb 7.45 – 9pm

Details in last week's bulletin. Have you signed up on the sheets outside your classrooms?
Please sign up by Monday.

Middle School science and Maths. Tues 7th February 6-7pm.

Details in last week's bulletin. Is this in your Diary yet?

Upper School Curriculum Information evening. Tuesday 7th March* 7-8.30pm

This session will focus on what is being offered here for GCSEs. Whilst this is primarily aimed at families of Class 8 children, families of Class 6 and 7 children are also very welcome to join.

*Printed as 7th Feb in last week's Bulletin. Sorry for any confusion.

New inductions for Volunteers! – 1st May 10am-12pm with George Rose

If you are interested in volunteering here, please come along for a morning with George (volunteer co-ordinator) for everything you need to know. Please email george.rose@steineracademybristol.org.uk



'The Challenge of Rudolf Steiner' – documentary screening

Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm -- Part 2. By Jonathan Stedall

Watch the trailer at <http://rudolfsteinerfilm.squarespace.com/>

OTHER NEWS

Volunteering together. Thanks to everyone who came and helped transform the kindergarten gardens last weekend. Please go to the [website blog](#) for one parent's account and some lovely photos!

Why are you late to school?

Last term 127 pupils arrived at school late at some point (not pre-arranged or medical). That is a considerable amount of learning missed for no significant reason. The top three most frequently late people clocked up 373 minutes (6.2 hours), 257 minutes (4.2 hours) and 235 minutes (3.9 hours) of lateness! That's a huge loss and disruption to the child who is late and their class mates and teacher.

Please make sure your children arrive at school by 8.30am in the morning. Thank you

School Governors Wanted

Want to get involved in running the school?

The Governors are looking to recruit some Associate Governors to the Finance & Resources Committee.

We are looking for people with **skills in Finance, HR, Legal, or PR / Communications**. The role involves one evening meeting 6 times a year and some other work in between.

If you want to know more (or know anyone in the local community who may be interested) please contact Anna for an informal chat on anna.mapson@steineracademybristol.org.uk

Changing your Kindergarten sessions for Term 4.

If you would like to change your child's sessions for next term please let your teacher know by **Monday 6th February** so they can plan for next term. *Many thanks*

Mobile phone use around the school site

Please could parents, carers and other family members attending for drop off and pick up at school please remember that we promote the school as a **mobile-free zone wherever possible**.

We would be grateful if you could put your mobile phones away before you come in through the school gate and not make calls and send messages whilst you are on the school site.

We are very grateful for your co-operation with this.

Pupil Premium reminder

If you haven't brought your evidence of benefits to the School office, please do so. We cannot access Pupil Premium funding until we have the evidence logged.

CREATIVITY FOR THE SOUL

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Ignite your Creative Fire

If you want to access your creativity but don't know where to start, or would like to find ways to support your creative practice and shift any blocks, come and give this relaxed workshop a go. By letting go of expectation and self-limiting thoughts, we can liberate our joyful, naturally creative souls. We will free ourselves up with some simple writing activities, share thoughts over homemade cake, and sculpt with clay.

No experience necessary, any queries please email pippa.onestory@gmail.com.

£20 per person 10.00am – 1.00pm

St Matthias, Oldbury Court Rd, Fishponds, BS16 2JP

Limited spaces – please book at <https://thecreativesoul.eventbrite.co.uk>



Looking for Half Term activities?

OUTDOORS PROJECT FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Bouldering - Stone Age Tool Making - **Natural Dye + Printing Workshop** - Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt - **Catapult Assault** - Shelter Build - **NEW MEGA NERF + more Nerf!** - Big Swing

LOCATION: **St. Andrews Park** and **Mina Road Park**

BOOK: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/holiday-clubs/

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SUMMER TERM NOW BOOKING

Due to public demand our Summer Term (April-July) After School clubs are now open for bookings.

Early bird discount until 13th February.

Book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/after-school-clubs/

See What's on at St. Matthias...

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