

WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

- Tues 24th DoTerra Kids Health 101. Drop in. Dining Hall 3.30 – 4.30pm (monthly)
Sat 28th Kindergarten Volunteer Morning 10am-12pm. The more the merrier!
Sat 28th School Choir for Grown ups. 10 – 12 in the Chapel. All welcome.

FEBRUARY

- Weds 1st Class 2 Parents Evening
Fri 3rd Coffee morning. Kingfisher Café. After drop off (monthly).
Mon 6th 8 pm – 9 pm Kindergarten Parents Evening (please arrive at 7.45)
Tues 7th Class 6,7 & 8 Science and Maths Curriculum meeting. 6-7pm
Tues 7th Class 6 Parents' evening with Ben Seal 7-8pm
Tues 7th Upper School Curriculum – for Class 6,7 & 8 parents. 7 – 8.30pm
Wed 8th The Challenge of Rudolf Steiner film screening – part II. 7.30pm
Fri 10th Last day of term (normal finishing hours)
Sat 11th Creativity for the Soul – Workshop 10am – 1pm
Sat 11th School Choir for grown ups. 10 – 12 in the Chapel (fortnightly).

SCHOOL EVENTS

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

For all Kindergarten parents. Please note the gate will be closed at 8pm. Eurythmy teacher will share the how's and why's of Eurythmy and groups will meet in their own classrooms. Please sign up on the sheets outside your classrooms and let your class reps or teachers know by 30th Jan if there are specific things you want to discuss.

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

Class 6,7 & 8 parents are warmly invited to come and find out more about the middle school science and maths curriculum and the principles that inform our approach to teaching these subjects. With Sarah Wilson, our consultant member of the Senior Leadership team, and Emilie Graham our new middle school maths teacher.

Upper School Curriculum Information evening. Tuesday 7th February 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.

OTHER NEWS

New Teachers

We are very pleased to welcome Emilie Graham as our new middle school maths teacher and Aggie Forster as our new middle school Science teacher. You can meet Emilie at the forthcoming Science and Maths evening. Unfortunately, Aggie is not able to attend. Sarah Wilson will be answering questions about the science curriculum on her behalf.

Recruitment

We are advertising for Early Years teacher posts, to start this Easter and September, and Class 1 and 6 teachers to start in September. Please look on our school website for information and pass this on to anyone you think may be interested in applying.

Clothing and dress code - reminder for everyone

Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for their lessons inside and time spent outside. It is really important for their learning and health that they are warm and dry.

Whilst we don't have a uniform, we do have a clear **dress code** and you can find this in our School Handbooks on the website (or ask for a copy at school). We would ask all parents and carers to ensure that they are familiar with our rules as we have noticed that some children have been arriving at school inappropriately dressed. In particular, we would like to highlight **no ripped jeans, visible midriffs, skirts or shorts above the top of the knee, no make up, nail varnish or large logos**. Thank you for your co-operation.

If you are finding it difficult to manage to find appropriate clothing or are struggling financially, please speak to your child's teacher or come to the School Office to see whether we might be able to help. Children from low income families may be eligible for "Free School Meals", which also attracts additional funding for items such as the waterproofs for Kindergarten children. We also occasionally receive donations of spare wellies or other items of clothing, which may come in useful and run an occasional School Shop which also appears at our school Fairs.

New Year, New Library! By Rhiannon Kitchen (English Teacher)

We are just beginning to transform a free space (Class 7's old classroom) in the heart of the school into a library and quiet study room. The space itself is currently rather bare and although we have got a small but growing selection of books available, we need to create a haven of literature which is a comfortable and colourful space for our students.

We would love friends and families of SAB to consider the Library the next time they are creating a charity shop pile. The library not only needs a range of books both classic and contemporary but would benefit from some soft furnishings (cushions, bean-bags, throws, a sofa?) in order to add a sense of warmth to the room.

I am planning on starting to develop the space on Friday 20th January. If there are any volunteers that would like to come forward to help throughout the term then please get into contact with me directly on rhiannon.kitchen@steineracademybristol.org.uk - if you have any items that could help build the library into a desirable space then please bring them to reception and they can be sent in my direction. (chief library minion). Rhiannon.

Pupil Premium – Reminder

If you're on a low income, you may be eligible for Pupil Premium. You can check your eligibility on the government or council website. If you are eligible, please let us know via the form we sent out on Parentmail on 5th December 2016, then bring your evidence to the school office for us to copy. Once we have received and verified this, your child will be entitled to free school meals and be supported financially for school trips and some clubs. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have a growing mound of lost property taking over our print room. Please come and rummage after school on Wednesday 25th Jan.

Coming this term...



'The Challenge of Rudolf Steiner' – documentary screening

- Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm - Part 2

Both parents and staff have said they were very inspired and surprised by part I this week. All parents and carers are welcome to come and watch the 2nd part of the documentary film by Jonathan Stedall on the worldwide initiatives inspired by Rudolf Steiner. You don't need to have seen the first half to see the second half. Put the date in your diary!

Kindergarten VOLUNTEER MORNING - OAK CLASS 28th Jan 10am -12pm

We need your help to make our children's play areas beautiful and inspiring, more hands make light work.

1. Finishing the new path- including digging out and lots of concreting for the slabs
2. Cutting in (making a gate) to the fence going in to the garden directly outside oak class
3. Lily (Oak teacher) would like some kind of structures for the garden for playing with/on - tripods, den structures, climbing frame, swings etc

Please just turn up at Oldbury Court Road and email anna.pope@steineracademybristol.org.uk if you're able to come and help. Tea and biscuits for all willing workers!

School Choir for Grown ups. Fortnightly Saturdays 10am – 12pm in the Chapel.

Just turn up at the Oldbury Court Road entrance. Always welcoming, fun and enriching for adults of all abilities. No sheet music is used. We learn songs from around the world and in connection to the seasons. Come and try, bring a friend. £7 drop in or £5 if paying for a number of weeks. Usually run by Jannah Warlow, John Barbour is currently standing in as teacher this term (covering maternity).

DoTerra Kids Health 101. Drop-In. Tuesday 24th January. 3.30 – 4.30pm. Dining Hall.

This is a new monthly drop in for parents and their children. Emma Robbins, a parent at our school, is offering advice and chat about health issues. She specialises in essential oils, nutrition and more broadly, self esteem and positive thinking. Whatever your question, pop in. Tea and biscuits provided. She will be inviting expert guests to future sessions.

What's happening at St. Matthias?

St. Matthias is the name of the school site, out of school hours, when it becomes a community hub. During evenings and weekends, the school is host to workshops, classes and other events. We [hire](#) out a number of the school spaces and What's On here can be seen on our new St.Matthias website.

www.st-matthias.org.uk - Yoga, Dance, [workshops to develop your creativity](#), singing and more. If you're interested in hiring a space for classes or other events, or are looking for **workspace** for an individual or organisation, please email hello@st-matthias.org.uk

NEW After School Clubs for Term 4 – SIGN LANGUAGE - CIRCUS - ANIMATION

Ever wanted to learn **Sign-Language**? Well now you can! From Kindergarten to Adult. **Monday** afternoons 3.30 – 4.45pm. Kindergarten children must be accompanied by an adult. £5 per child/week in classes 1 – 8. £5 per child/adult for kindergarten age.

Our lower school Circus Club has got off to a great start so we are bringing it to Middle school too! **Holly from Luna Circus will run Circus Club for class 6,7 & 8** on a **Friday** afternoon 3.30 – 4.45pm. When it is fitted, the club will also involve aerial circus skills and after Easter it will grow to include Physical Theatre. Please keep an eye open for the Term 4 Clubs form in Parentmail and book your places.

We're hoping a middle school **Animation club** will also be starting in Term 4. Watch this space...

And finally...



[helpfulpeeps](http://www.helpfulpeeps.com) is a way of connecting with your community and helping each other out. Ask for help, and offer help to those around you. Just go to www.helpfulpeeps.com and register.

Thanks to Mark Ellis-Jones for flagging this up.