

PARENTS WEEKLY BULLETIN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November	
Thursday 15 th November	Kindergarten Martinmas Festival – Cherry & Olive – 4.45 – 6pm
Thursday 22 nd November	Parents Forum with Joss at 2.30pm & 6pm

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Attendance last week - 94.1%
 Attendance overall this year - 94.6%



Attendance levels in the first week of term have been much improved, let’s keep up the good work, students who come to school every day do better at school and this can only improve their chances in life.

UPDATE - STEINER ACADEMY EXETER

The Ofsted report for Steiner Academy Exeter is due to be published later this week. We have previously written to parents forewarning them that the recent inspection at Exeter exposed serious failings in safeguarding and leadership in particular. It is likely that the reports publication may lead to further media reports criticising Steiner schools. We want to continue to reassure parents that any failings at Exeter are not reflective of our school here in Bristol. We remain confident that our safeguarding procedures are sound and that leadership at the Academy under Joss Hayes and her team is excellent. We will be carefully reviewing the report to further understand what happened in Exeter, and to ensure that something similar could never be repeated in Bristol.
Mark Ellis-Jones, Chair of Governors.

LAST CALL FOR SALT

Esther Willetts the Speech and Language Therapist is running a parent drop in service from 2:30pm to 3:00pm on the 13th November

This service is for parents who are concerned that their child's speech or language ability are not developing as expected.



Parents need to book 10 minute time slots using a Doodle Poll.

<https://doodle.com/poll/gqs398e9id3ef8uy>. Please contact the academy if all time slots are full and you would still like an appointment.

MARTINMAS CELEBRATIONS – CHERRY & OLIVE

Thursday 15th November 4.45 – 6.00pm

Contributions of gingerbread would be most welcome and if a few parents could bring along long safety matches/long lighters that would be really useful – thanks.



ADVENT SPIRAL



The Advent Spiral is an important part of the Steiner Waldorf calendar. It symbolizes finding light in the darkness.

Kindergarten will be celebrating this with the children on Tuesday 4th December. We are beginning to collect greenery to create our spiral, if parents have any greenery (moss, evergreen etc) we would kindly ask for this donation, this can be left outside Hazel classroom. We will also be asking for donations of red apples closer to the date.

KINDY WALKS

Walk volunteers, please sign up for walks-the sign up sheet is located in the foyer of KG. There is now a sign up sheet for the month of December. Thank you to the volunteers who have joined us this year so far.

IT'S GETTING COLD

Please dress up warmly

Remember your warm coat, hat, scarves and gloves

PARKING

Please be considerate when parking and do not park in front of people's driveways.

We had a complaint this week.

REQUESTS PLEASE

OLD CANDLES & CRAYONS PLEASE

We would love your old candles and crayons please for some great crafting. Doesn't matter what state they are in. Please bring them to Alicia Camp-Crates, Class 6b



OLD T SHIRTS PLEASE

Please can I have old t shirts, any size, long sleeved or short, any condition, but clean please.

Thank you v much, Charlotte Cook

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB



We will be starting football club from this Friday (16th November). The club will be run by myself, Manu, and will go from 3:45 to 5pm. The sessions will be a mix of training and games. Both girls and boys are welcome. Children will be expected to wear appropriate gym clothes (indoor football shoes are not a must). Respect for the others will be paramount.

Please be advised that at the moment I can only commit to every other Friday, and so it will happen on the following dates: 16th and 30th Nov, 14th December. I am liaising with other teachers to see if they can do the other weeks and will update you as soon as possible.

Please let the office know if you would like your child to join us.



DRAMA CLUB

Drama club will finish at 4.20 until after the our performances on the 8th Dec

POPCORN FRIDAY HAS RETURNED

Class 10 are raising money for their volunteering trip abroad and will be selling savoury popcorn every Friday break – just 50p per cup.



Thank you

STEM ACTIVITIES IN CLASS 8



We, at The Steiner Academy Bristol, have been fortunate enough to receive an engineering box from the James Dyson Foundation. Class 8 started out by learning about Dyson technology, the career diversity in engineering and hearing about the passion that engineers have for solving problems. Within small teams, the class started the concept phase of product design by brainstorming ideas and thinking about developing products that could be used to overcome societal issues. We will be moving into the design phase next, with students sketching out their ideas and prototypes, looking at

ways to improve their design by bouncing ideas off other team members and the rest of the class. We sought inspiration from the Dyson engineering box, by taking apart and putting back together different Dyson vacuum tools and the DC-39 hoover, investigating and questioning Dyson’s choice of materials, design and technology. Needless to say, we do have a few extra screws left over that we did not have at the start but they will be passed on to class 7 this week to see if they can find out where they go!

Job Vacancy
Clerk to the Governor

To include 18 evening meetings & 3 morning meetings each year

£2,283.80 per year

Job Description & Application Form online

www.steineracademybristol.org.uk/school-officer/recruitment

Bristol Steiner School Advent Fair



Saturday 24th November 11am-4pm

Candle dipping - Festive food - Crystal grotto - Children's craft activities - Christmas shopping & much more...

Admission £1 Children Free

Redland Hill, BS6 6UX. 0117 933 9990. www.bristolsteinerschool.org

Registered Charity No. 310257 Company No. 1131462



WINTER FAIR – SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER

STALL HOLDERS WANTED

The Winter Fair is taking place on Saturday, 8th December, 12-3pm. If you would like a pitch, please contact fairstalls@steineracademybristol.org.uk

or

[friends](https://www.facebook.com/friends@steineracademybristol.org.uk)

[@steineracademybristol.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/friends@steineracademybristol.org.uk) with

general queries. Reps will be in touch with classes soon.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

The fair wants you! Solo, duos, groups...all welcome to put the heart into the day. Please contact: cognoscosmos@gmail.com

SAMOSAS TEAM

Days are getting colder so it's time to get the samosa gang a team to get those lovely hot samosas delivered every Thursday. Contact the friends to be on the rota - thanks x

Let us know what you can offer by emailing: friends@steineracademybristol.org.uk. There will be a box in reception for dropping off prizes in the week before the Winter Fair.

WANTED - RAFFLE PRIZES FOR THE WINTER FAIR ON 8TH DECEMBER

Raffle prizes sought - unleash your creativity! A home-made Christmas pudding or a batch of yummy mince pies? Yes please! A hand-carved wand or an embroidered tree decoration? Perfect! A screen print or a jar of chutney? Love it! We're looking for hand-made treasures a-plenty for the Winter Fair raffle - and we know this lovely community of Steiner families has bags of creativity. We will also be delighted by any other raffle prize that your or your employer/friends/family might like to offer.

Let us know what you can offer by emailing: friends@steineracademybristol.org.uk.



There will be a box in reception for dropping off prizes in the week before the Winter Fair.



Christmas is coming, so whenever you buy online school will get a donation - simply register with Steiner Academy Bristol on the Easyfundraising website and remember to click to donate when you buy from the massive range of retailers. Easyfundraising.org.uk