



# News Bulletin

## 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

| Diary Dates    |  |
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| End of Term    | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022—<br>3:15pm |
| Start of Term  | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022            |
| World Book Day | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022              |

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete the first half of the Spring Term, we sadly have to say goodbye to our current Head Teacher Nicola Forder. She has a few words for you all:

*I trust my good wishes find you all well. I wanted to take this final opportunity at the close of the half term and the official end of my Headship at Bristol Steiner School to send my appreciation to you all. Whilst my time has been unexpectedly short, it has also been rich and all the better for your welcome in to this special community. I will cherish the many good memories of the last year and wish you warmth and happiness in return.*

We wish her all the best for her future.

As I will be taking on the role of Acting Head until the end of the summer term it is only right that I introduce myself formally. When I left school at 18, there was only one direction that my passion and career would be heading – into Music and Teaching. I completed my BA in Music (Hons) and my BEd at Christ Church Canterbury and in a combined 4 year course and swiftly took up my first appointment as a Primary teacher in East London. My passion for music has led to performances in Orchestras around Europe, at weddings, and at one point, a member of a popular south West Hillbilly band. I have worked in a variety of schools from Pre-Schools and day nurseries to a Prep school and more recently a Bristol based Specialist ASC/ Behaviour provision. I have recently become a member of the Dyslexia Guild and can now teach as a specialist SpLD tutor, and I am in the process of completing my Specialist assessor qualification.



Although I have only been at Bristol Steiner School for a few months, I can say that the staff team here are the most compassionate, caring staff I have ever worked with. Their knowledge of your children and their genuine empathy enables them to support the pupils in a way that I have never seen before. I have been quite humbled by the ethos and values of the school and support of the parent body.

This term specifically has been incredible challenging for staff due to Nicola’s resignation and the impact COVID has had on staffing. They have worked incredibly hard to support and cover within school when necessary to ensure your children have received the appropriate care and attention, I would like to thank them for their support of each other.

### World Book Day

On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. This is an opportunity for the children to celebrate their love of literature and dress up as a character from their favourite book. We will celebrate collectively in a whole school assembly on the day, and there will be various happenings in classes throughout the day. If your child will be dressing up, please ensure that you bring in £1 which will be donated to charity.

We seek to develop a love of reading at our school, and World Book Day will see us launch a “Reading Meadow”: a display that the children will add flowers to throughout the summer term. Whenever the children read at home, please remind them to come and add a flower to our meadow with their name and the title of the book they read either with you, or independently – we will do so in school too! We hope to have a meadow full of flowers before the end of the summer term.

### Parent/ Pupil Survey

We will be sending out parental questionnaires next term and also be completing pupil surveys in school where appropriate. These results will help us identify not only the areas of success but also areas for future development, we welcome any additional feedback on these surveys when you have completed them.

With very best wishes,

Lorraine Swords (Acting Head Teacher)

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