



News Bulletin

26th November 2021

Welcome once again and a hello to one and all.

New Families

A special welcome to more new families, who have joined the school this half term. We have the pleasure of opening the doors to more children and parents from across the city; indeed increasingly from across the world, bringing a truly diverse and international feel to the school.

Advent Fair

As the seasonal weather arrives, as if conjured up in time for the festive celebrations, we look ahead to the Advent Fair this weekend. I have been warmed by the enthusiasm and love shown for this event as the community has rallied to hold the Advent Fair, despite the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in. Thank you to you all for your flexibility and commitment and for donating both your time, energy and gifts. A particular thank you to Emma Odeh, who as a member of staff and member of the parent body has worked wonders as a key partner of the school to make this happen. This extends to other staff members too, who have been supporting Emma behind the scenes. We really look forward to welcoming you on Saturday. Festivities begin at **1:30pm and finish at 3:30pm**.

When on site, please be advised that the play areas in the Kindergarten and Magic Garden are not available for children to use. This is for insurance purposes, as supervision cannot be guaranteed.

Inset Day

There is a Inset day planned for Monday 29th November. Children return to school on Tuesday 30th November, when the Advent Spiral will take place. This festival is not attended by parents.

Breakfast Club

Our popular Breakfast Club continues to go from strength to strength. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to transition smoothly in to school and provides the chance to ground and connect. The Breakfast Club is held in the round room (Parent & Child Room), an inviting and intimate space in which to start the day. The children have a choice of freshly made porridge with cinnamon sugar and/or toast with yeast extract or apple and pear spread. **Sessions run from 7:45am - 8:30am, Monday - Friday.** We are currently full on most of these days, but have availability on a Monday and Friday. Please contact India via reception@bristolsteinerschool.org to register your interest.

Begin Well

In the previous newsletter, I shared with you all details of an exciting opportunity to run antenatal classes at Bristol Steiner School. The intention is to begin to establish this offer in to the Spring term. Full training provided. If you are interested and are able to commit to leading a course, then please contact Reception.

Diary Dates	
Inset Day	Monday 29th November
Main School Advent Spiral	Tuesday 30th November
Kindergarten Advent Spiral	Wednesday 1st December



Kindergarten Transition Parent's Evening

On **Monday 6th December, at 5:30pm**, we are holding a transition Parent's Evening for families wishing to find out more about learning and life in the Main School. At this time of year, submission begins for statutory school age applications and so this evening is also for Kindergarten parents of children who turn statutory school age in the academic year 2022. A number of you will, I am sure, be thinking carefully about the school of choice as your child enters the reception year and their journey beyond. We very much hope that this will be with us at Bristol Steiner School. The Parent's Evening will be to share with you what a Steiner Waldorf education offer would look like for you and your child. Any parents wishing to attend, please register your expression of interest with India via reception@bristolsteinerschool.org, by **Friday 3rd December**. *Please note that the transition parent's evening is to be attended by parents only.*

Class 4 Teaching Post

Firstly, I would like to begin by thanking Erika enormously, since stepping in to the role of class teacher until such time that a full-time Class 4 teacher replacement is appointed. Erika has been working incredibly hard to meet the children and their needs and they have responded to her love, attention and great care.

The recruitment process in the meantime is progressing, with the aim of completing the process and appointing a strong, talented Steiner teacher before the end of the Autumn term. Once I am in a position to provide parents and the wider community with further information, I will do so.

Tempest Photographs

In a change to the previously advertised date, this will now take place on Wednesday 1st December. As advised before, if your child does not usually attend Kindergarten on this day, you are invited to accompany your child/ren into school, so that individual and class photographs can be taken.

Woodwork

It is a special moment of the year to harvest some wood from the garden for our Woodwork lessons, coppiced wood in a city school, we are very fortunate to be able to do this. Thank you to John for taking special care with the wood for us to use.





Celebration of Work



And finally...

As we hurry towards the Christmas season, I wish for you all to hold in your minds the intention to cherish this special time of year. Winter marks the retreat of life as the close of the year nears. And yet, the symbolism of light, to which we are so closely linked at Christmas, is a reminder of the hope and rebirth of life that awaits just around the corner. Please do find a moment to appreciate the greetings of this season and our enduring connection with nature at this time.

With best wishes

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