



SteinerAcademyExeter Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Sat 3 rd Sept 10:00 - 13:00	School open day - all invited to taster sessions and tours of the school		Fri 7 th Oct 10.00 - 12.00	Open morning for prospective parents
Mon 5 th Sept	Class 2 - 9 return to school		Sat 8 th Oct	Ceildh for all families
Mon 5 th Sept 10.30	Class 1 transition picnic/walk		Wed 5 th Nov 9.30 - 11.00 and 19.00 - 20.30	PTFA meeting in Thomas Hall
Mon 5 th Sept 15.30	Kindergarten picnic		Tues 11 th Oct 19.00 - 20.30	Yr 7 open evening for prospective parents
Tues 6 th Sept	Class 1 and Kindergarten return to school		Wed 12 th Oct 19.30	Kindergarten parents' evening
Wed 7 th Sept 9.30 - 11.00 and 19.00 - 20.30	PTFA meetings in Thomas Hall		Thurs 13 th Oct	Class 8 parents' evening
Tues 13 th - Thurs 16 th Sept	Individual photos		Mon 17 th - Fri 28 th Oct	2 week half term
Thurs 15 th Sept	Class 9 parents' evening		Fri 4 th Nov 10 - 12	Open morning
Sat 17 th Sept	Work day		Sat 5 th Nov 10 - 12	Reception open morning for prospective parents
Wed 21 st Sept 9.30 - 11.00 and 19.00 - 20.30	PTFA Fayre meetings in Thomas Hall		Thurs 10 th Nov	Martinmas - lantern walk for classes - time tbc
Wed 21 st Sept 19.00 - 20.30	Yr 7 open evening for prospective parents		Fri 11 th Nov	Martinmas - lantern walk for Kindergarten - time tbc
Wed 21 st Sept 19.30	Class 2 parents' evening		Sun 27 th Nov	Advent Spiral for Kindergarten, parents invited - time tbc
Wed 21 st Sept 7.30	Class 1 parents' evening		Mon 28 th Nov	Advent spiral for classes parents invited to younger classes - time tbc
Thurs 22 nd Sept	Class 6 parents' evening		Fri 2 nd Dec 10 - 12	Open morning
Wed 28 th Sept 19.30	Class 5 parents' evening		Sat 3 rd Dec	Advent Fair
Thurs 29 th Sept	Michaelmas parents invited further details to follow		Sat 10 th Dec 10 - 12	Reception open morning for prospective parents
Wed 5 th Oct 19.00	Class 7 parents' evening		Fri 16 th Dec 13.00	Parents invited to Christmas celebration
Thurs 6 th Oct 16.30 - 17.30	Class 4 parents' evening		Fri 16 th Dec	Last day of term. School finishes at 14.00 no afternoon care

Message from our Principal

A warm welcome back to all our children, students and parents as we embark on our FOURTH year of life. Hopefully you will find the staff refreshed from their holidays but also enlivened by the three days we spent together at the end of the summer break. We took time over these three days to welcome several new colleagues, to prepare for Saturday's open day for prospective parents, and to remind ourselves of what we are trying to achieve together. We also sang, did eurythmy, played some very combative games, cleaned and tidied, unpacked boxes, moved things from A to B (and sometimes back again) and hopefully prepared for the return of the children, including over 60 new additions.

These new comers will be in our brand new kindergarten (our fifth), led by Katherine Mee, our new class one with Frances Dathan and our new class six with Vicki Watts. Also new is the parent and child group's location in the Thomas Hall, the ICT suite next to the library, a fully-equipped science lab., our web site, the four upper school subject rooms (one each for maths, English, geography and history) at the rear of the school, a mini grand piano, several interactive white boards and probably lots more that I should mention, but things move very quickly around here during the `quiet` summer months.....

More on all of this in coming weeks, including a proper welcome to new colleagues and a fuller update on what is happening in and around the grounds, but for now: welcome, it is that time again when parents can relax just a little, knowing that school is once again going to share the task of meeting your children's needs. Alan Swindell, Principal.



Changes to school opening times

After careful observation and consideration over the last year we have decided that from September the school site will be open and the playgrounds supervised from 8.45. School will continue to start at 9.00. If you need child care outside of 8.45 - 15.45 (15.30 for kindergarten) the ark@Steiner run a breakfast and after school club on site. Please email for further information admin@exwickark.co.uk or phone 01392 425551.

Open Day

Our annual big open day is Saturday 3rd September 10.00 - 13.00. We invite all current families and prospective families to attend. This year there will be a chance for you to experience Steiner School, we will be holding taster sessions from Kindergarten - upper school and will be offering upper school science, main lesson for class 3, 4 and 5, subject lesson for 6, 7 and 8, and an introduction to numeracy and literacy. There will also be tours, Q&A sessions, DVD showing and cake available.

It is also a chance for our children to ease themselves back into school. The main hall will be open and you will be able to sign up for tours and taster sessions. We hope to see you and any interested friends there!

Update from reception

Absence: If your child is off due to illness please inform the school as soon as possible in the morning and before 9.00. You can do this either by phoning **01392 757371** (choose absence and leave a message) or email to absence@steineracademyexeter.org.uk.

After reviewing our procedure we no longer require you to fill out a form about an absence due to illness. If your child isn't in school and we haven't been notified, we will still phone you to find out why. This will then be followed up with an email and text. **If we haven't heard from you within a week your child's absence will be unauthorised.**

Arriving after 9.10: We expect children to be onsite at 9.00. If your child arrives after 9.10 you or your child **MUST** visit reception to let us know they have arrived. If your child arrives after 9.30 this is classed as an unauthorised absence and will impact on their attendance record, as well as disrupting their start to the day.

Medical appointments: We expect that all routine doctor and dentist appointments are made outside of school hours. If this is not possible and your child has to attend an appointment during school time, you will need to give the school 24 hours' notice and fill out and sign a form which are available at reception. For emergency appointments you must inform the school as soon as possible and arrange to fill out a form on the day.

Who's who and where

Kindergarten:-

It's nearly all-change in the early year's department as we add our fifth kindergarten and take in a new Reception group across the department.

Keeley Thomson will be moving from Sunbeams to **Redwood** to assist **Ruth**.

Helen Wilkins will be moving from Redwood to **Moonbeams** to assist **Cathi**.

Julie O'Day will remain with **Theresa** in **Silver Birch**.

Samantha Buckle will be moving into **Spindlewood** to assist our newest kindergarten teacher, **Katherine Mee**.

Genevieve Keys will be joining the early year's staff as assistant to **Chloe** in **Sunbeams**.

Andrea Bomanson will remain as learning support assistant for the early year's department.

Lucinda Martinez will remain as learning support assistant in **Redwood**.

Lower school:

We welcome **Karen Grattan** and **Zoe Collins** to join **Frances Dathan** in **Class 1**.

Vicky Priddle will continue to assist **Simon Berkley** in **Class 2**

Further information about new staff and photos will follow. **Jenny Salmon**, Resource Manager.

School Meals Menu

Due to technical problems at the point of going to press we haven't been able to update parent pay for you to book and pay for school meals. We will send another email out once these issues have been resolved. Please email lou.dudley@steineracademyexeter.org.uk with choices for the first week.

Week 1

Mon

Roasted red pepper pasta with a yogurt and dill coleslaw

Homemade custard and crumble

Tues

Cheesy lentil wedge with a light parsley sauce

Fruit salad

Wed

Fees Thai coconut curry with butternut squash and sweet potato

Yog and fruit compote

Thurs

Italian meat or veg balls tagliatelle

Fruit

Fri

Pizza with salads Biscuit

Week 2

Mon

Pasta pesto with a crunchy green salad

Homemade custard and crumble

Tue

Veg pie with mash and gravy carrots and broccoli

Fruit salad

Wed

Tortilla with veg fried rice

Yog and fruit compote

Thurs

Meat or veg sausage roll with couscous and salad

Fruit

Fri

Pizza and salads

Biscuit

Jacket potato, salad and cheese always available

After school clubs

There will be no after school clubs in the first week they will all start in the week beginning 12th Sept.

Music lessons

Hello Everyone.

I hope that many of the children who started instrument lessons last year are carrying on this year. We are aiming that instrument lessons will start on the week beginning the 12th September, so contact your instrument teachers, if you haven't already, as soon as possible if you would like to carry on.

For anyone new to the school or anyone who would like to take up lessons this year, we currently have on offer the following instruments;

Flute

Piano

Guitar

Ukulele

Saxophone

Clarinet

Drum kit

Singing

Violin

Cello and double bass

Trumpet (other brass available too)

Please note that instrument lessons are only offered during school time to class 3 and above and for drums particularly, class 4 and above. All instrument lessons here at the academy are £15 for half an hour. (Many teachers will offer a shared lesson as an option) We aim that main lesson time remains undisturbed by instrument lessons and from break time on-wards all lessons are on a rota system so that no child consistently misses the same subject lesson every week.

If the instrument you would like to learn is not currently on offer, please e-mail us anyway as we will expand possibilities and seek out new teachers if there is demand.

I am signing off for a few months to have a baby and I will be back part-time in the summer term so I am handing over to Fran Andre, our excellent new music teacher. Please contact her for any music related questions. Her email is; fran.andre@steineracademyexeter.org.uk

Anna Goudge, Music Lead

P.S If anyone has an adjustable piano stool kicking around that they would like to donate/sell to the school, please bring it in. We are also in need of basic acoustic guitars in good condition.



Bureau for sale

Offers over £150 to be sent by email

to caroline.fisher@steineracademyexeter.org.uk by 10/10/16

Currently available to view (and take measurements) in reception

It is probably English and late 19th Century.

Sold as seen, buyer to collect

Travel help!

Dear Parent's and staff we are a family with a daughter in class 8 we live near Tiverton Parkway train station and wondered if there was anybody near there who would like to lift share? Helen & Stuart Kearney 01823 674 386

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school. Please find attached the first newsletter of the term.