



# SteinerAcademyExeter Newsletter

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## Dates for your Diary

For meetings outside of school hours please use the West Garth Road pedestrian gate to access the site.  
All evening meetings start at 19.30 unless indicated

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> May - gates open 13.15	May day celebrations - parents invited for 1.30	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> May	May Fayre
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> May after drop off	PTFA Fayre Meeting in Thomas Hall	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent talk - evening talk
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Open morning for yr 7 2018/19	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1 farm trip
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent choir	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee and Questions
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May 14.00	KG May celebrations, please bring food to share	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 4 Dartmoor walking trip
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Community work day	Wk 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class 3 farm trip
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May bank holiday - no school	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Early Years Talk - State Funded Steiner Schools - Aegir Morgan
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> May after drop off	PTFA Fayre Meeting in Thomas Hall	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 6m play, parents invited
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 10 trip to Stratford	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 2 play, parents invited
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 7 and 8 parents' meeting	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Choir
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent choir	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term

## Class 9 work experience





## OVERVIEW OF THE WHOLE WEEK

This week has, I think, been an experience for everyone in class 9, with elements of both good and bad for all. The time we had taught us new and important skills that will be useful in the future. Throughout the week there have been a few injuries although only one serious one but overall the efforts of the student workforce have been a success.

The students' attempts at teamwork progressed throughout the week beginning with groups of teenagers in complete disarray and ending with each separate team working smoothly and clearly communicating with the others. We have learnt the difficulties and strengths of working in these kinds of environments. We were challenged and pushed, with the end result being a great one.

The engineers did a great job with both climbing frames, even though they had to redo each of them a few times, they got through. The conclusion of the week was a success with the upper school climbing frame built and the lower one too. The builders have nearly done all the sleepers with only a few tweaks left to do.

The week as a whole has been an experience that class 9 will not forget and can take with them in the future when they go off and start their jobs after school. They have had great fun and all thanks to Steve Forrest who was the main leader of this activity week. **Maeve Salmon and Izzy Dix, Marketing team**

For further information and a day to day account please see the news articles on our website.

## **Meeting for parents to meet Governors on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 19.30 - 20.30**

### **Parent Education...Coffee and Questions...building our community**

As our school continues to grow and welcome more children and families into our community we would like to offer you increased opportunities to find out more about Steiner Education. Please find in this newsletter a series of dates and topics outlining parent education opportunities coming up. Please endeavour to come to at least one (or all!) as the more informed you are about what we are doing here and why, the stronger our community will become. The sessions will start at 19.00 and will comprise of a 45 minute talk and a space for questions. We will have 1 every half term dates for next school and topics will be released in Sept. As with the Early Years talks these events are not suitable for children.

The Early Years education talks that Tara Milford has been running have been well received and attended and the new "Coffee and Questions" forum that started last month likewise drew in a solid crowd of interested parents.

"C&Qs" offers parents an opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the school and Steiner Education. The most recent session focused on the question of GCSEs and what part they play in our educational approach and provision.

To summarise the C&Q meeting briefly:

Currently the school offers 8 GCSEs - Maths, English Literature, English Language, Science (double award), French, History or Geography and Art and Design. All students are expected to take all subjects. Recently the Upper School steering group, which oversees the development of the Upper School, has been looking at our provision and identifying ways in which we can still offer the full suite of GCSEs whilst allowing there to be greater breathing, flexibility and space in the curriculum. We have been considering offering differing pathways for our students which would allow greater choice of the number of GCSEs taken and potentially opportunities for other qualification types. There is more work to be done before we can present a concrete picture to parents and students, but watch this space.

We very much hope you are able to join us for further parent education opportunities this year and beyond. **Aegir Morgan, Vice Principal**

#### **Dates for this term**

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May 19.00 - Parent education talk - What is a Steiner School - Aegir Morgan - open to all**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May 09.30 - Coffee and Questions - open to all**

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May 19.00 - Early years talk - State funded Steiner Schools - Alan Swindell - open to Kindergarten and class 1 and 2 parents**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June 09.30 - Coffee and Questions - open to all**

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> June 19.00 - Parent education talk - what is a main lesson - open to all**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 - Early years talk - Simplicity parenting - open to Kindergarten and class 1 and 2 parents**



**PTFA May Fayre Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**11 am - 4 pm**



Our school needs our support! Any time or energy you can spare will be warmly appreciated by your school community. Remember all money raised goes directly to benefit/enhance our children's educational experience. So please participate generously!

Please find out which parent in your child's class is attending PTFA meetings to sign up for a slot on the rota for your class' stall/activity.

#### List of Stalls/Activities by Class

**Kg Cherry Tree** - Cafe

**Kg Spindlewood**- Pre-loved

**Kg Elmwood** - Flower crowns & God's eyes

**Kg Redwood** - Paper crafts, soap making & fishing game

**Kg Silverbirch** - Pottery & lucky dip apron

**Class 1V**- Fairground games

**Class 1M**- Puppet Show

**Class 2**- Books & Bric-a-brac

**Class 3** Cafe & craft stall

**Class 4** - Pizzas

**Class 5** - Plants

**Class 6W** - Pupils' Business Maths projects: stalls & activities

**Class 6M** - Pupils' Business Maths projects: stalls & activities

For other stalls please email Lucy at [l.vanrijbroek@btinternet.com](mailto:l.vanrijbroek@btinternet.com)

#### Ways to Help Before the Fayre

- **Donate pre-loved clothes, books, bric-a-brac (no large items), plants or seedlings.** Leave them in Reception in Thomas Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> or Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. (Clothes preferably on hangers if you have them, NO towels, bedding or curtains please).
- **Donate food** for cafe. Cherry Tree will be asking each class which food to contribute. Bring it in on Fri afternoon or Sat before 10am.
- **Donate raffle prizes, hamper donations, lucky dip apron gifts.**
- **Flowers & foliage** for decorating the site- bring before 10am on the day if it will wilt.
- **Lend gazebos or bell tents** (especially for Parent and Child Quiet Area)
- **Set up on Friday afternoon:** unfortunately as Upper School is in session till 3:45 children will not be able to accompany you. After School Care is available. Chalkboards will be available to design your stall sign.

#### Other Ways to Help On the Day

- Fayre Crier
- Car park marshalling
- Clearing up
- Help on any of the above stalls/activities!

**Raffle Tickets will be available to buy from 1<sup>st</sup> May!** See Alison Whittall, Class 1M or a PTFA member.

Finally bring your family and friends and enjoy the day celebrating another vibrant year with our growing school community. Highlights include: May pole dancing, storytelling, puppet shows, fairground games, craft activities, live music (including performances by students, staff, parents and professional musicians) and delicious food!

Thank you! (Elli Shepherd - PTFA Fayre Coordinator, Mum to Noah in Class 6M & Evie in Class 3)  
Please email me at [shepherdsnest@live.co.uk](mailto:shepherdsnest@live.co.uk) with any questions.

## Kindergarten Drop Off Time

A reminder to all kindergarten parents that staff are not available to supervise children until 9.05, when the doors open. Until 9.05, all children must be supervised by their parents or booked into breakfast club at The Ark.

## May Day Celebrations - 2 dates!

Class 1-10 parents are warmly invited to join our May Day Celebrations on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, from 1.30pm. The gates will be opened at 1.15 but please note that there will be no parking available on site.

Kindergarten will hold their May celebration on Friday 4th May, from 2pm. Please bring food to share. Again, no parking will be available on site.

**Ticktastic!** As you may be aware, it's tick time of year. With the sun and the moisture there are already reports of ticks. Please encourage children to wear long sleeves and trousers, especially on days when they are in the woods. Please remember to check your children for ticks every night - best site to send parents to? For further information please follow the link below.

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## Travel Plan Working Group Parking sub-group

### West Garth Road

The new procedures for drop-off and pick-up in West Garth Road, although not entirely perfect, have proved to be a great improvement on the somewhat chaotic state of affairs we had before. They have met with general approval from parents and carers which is very pleasing. It also appears that complaints from residents have stopped which is also very pleasing. So the current procedures will now continue. If there are any major difficulties that arise in the future, please let us know and we will review the situation.

### The Lay-by at the Main Gate

It might be worthwhile to remind everyone that the school would like this area kept for the use of those parents and carers taking children to and from the Kindergarten only.

More importantly, it is hoped that, to go some way towards easing the congestion morning and afternoon, if cars could be parked in echelon (that is in 'herring-bone' fashion) on the side nearest to the school. We realise that there are no lines marked for this as they are on the opposite side of lay-by but if the first one or two parents or carers park that way then others hopefully will follow suit. The siting of the person on duty at the gate during those times will 'tweaked' to assist with any difficulties.

### Walking and Train Champions

We need people to take on these roles. Obviously, they would need to be someone who walks to school and someone who takes the train respectively. But if you are a proponent of either of the ways to travel to school now is your chance to organise and encourage others to join you.

### Other Ways To Travel

Please do consider if you come to school by car if there is some more environmentally-friendly way to do so. Car-sharing would help and there are savings to be made on the buses by buying a ticket that covers all bus travel for a certain time. Think of the reduced stress! The various daily/weekly/monthly/termly bus fares Stagecoach have available are outlined below. **Francis Boyle, chair.**

## Exeter Stagecoach Bus fares from end of April

**Megarider /plus tickets entitles passenger to:**

Unlimited travel on all Stagecoach buses in the defined area (see map)

Where to buy:	From the bus driver (1 week only), at the bus station or <a href="https://www.stagecoachbus.com/tickets">online</a> @ <a href="https://www.stagecoachbus.com/tickets">https://www.stagecoachbus.com/tickets</a>
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**Student termrider tickets.** You can buy and use your termrider ticket for each term. As well as being able to travel to school or college, you'll be able to use it anywhere, at any time. Our tickets cover all schools and college term dates - they also provide some extra weeks of travel for no additional cost.

	Megarider (Exeter)	Megarider plus (Exeter Plus)	Child Fare	** NEW FARE*** Group Ticket (up to 5 people travelling together)
Dayrider	£4	£6	£3	£8
1 week	£14.50	£22.00	N/A	N/A
4 weeks	£55.99	£84.99	N/A	N/A
13 weeks	£174.00	£264	N/A	N/A
52 weeks	£652.50	£945	N/A	N/A

Termrider tickets are valid for:

- Autumn Term - 1 September to 31 December
- Spring term - 1 January to Easter Sunday
- Summer Term - Easter Monday to 31 July

Cost Exeter zone = £156 or Exeter Plus zone = £226

### Old IT Parts Wanted



We are on the lookout for any old or unwanted computer/electrical items for our IT students. Anything from monitors, keyboards, mouse, hard-drives, PCs, printers, anything that we can disassemble and re-assemble. We also need monitors to increase the availability for student use. Condition is irrelevant, if it is broken we will try to fix it and if it works we will use it. Anything you do have to donate, please drop it into Reception. Thank you very much, Danny Parcell, IT Lead

### Performer of the Term

Last Saturday Glafira (class 5) was delighted to find out that she was a Performer of the Term at Pauline Quirke Academy. It's an absolute pleasure to watch her confidence grow and her true talents gradually unveiled. Musical Theatre is Glafira's favourite block of lessons. She enjoys acting too. In a current play, based on 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo, she plays a character with a deep West Country accent and she also sings solo!!

We wish Glafira all the best and also much further success in Performing Arts. You are a Star! Well done!



### HOST-FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED THIS SUMMER!

A great wave of enthusiastic students is ready to attend the language school at SAE this summer!

They are almost teenagers and young people but also children with their parents, who would like to come to our language school in Exeter as they find here a safe, welcoming environment and an effective language experience. Fostering a foreign student is enjoyable for the whole family! It is a great experience for our own children and brings in some practical (financial) benefits in return to your care.

We need more host-families now to make sure that we can admit enough students into the next language school 2018!

If you can help, please sign up at Reception or contact directly Bernadine Chelvanayagam, the new host-family manager, who is also parent in class 3 and kindergarten.

Bernadine or Valerio will be happy to have a chat and introduce you into the world of festering foreign students! To find out more please call Bernadine on 07855 368809 or email to [bernadine\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:bernadine_1@hotmail.com) You can also contact Valerio direct on 07595 450213.

## Eurythmy Youth festival

I am one of the lucky 6 that got to represent our school in the Eurythmy youth festival in London. Every rehearsal I could feel the group coming together more and more. When we got there, we went to a park with fountains and ate our lunch, then to Steiner House to watch the first day of the festival with all the schools.

After we got one more rehearsal on stage, we ate chips but could not finish them all, so we gave two big boxes to the homeless on the streets of London. We went straight to Temple Lodge B and B where we slept the night. In the evening we sang songs and had a story.

We woke up early and packed to leave to go to Steiner House. We went up the big spiral staircase, up and up and up to the third floor. As I walked up I peered my head down to see how amazing it looked from the top. We dropped our bags off to go to the British Museum to see the amazing Egyptian things. When we got back we had to change for the show.

Then Patricia said it was time, all our tummies sank. We walked in and sat down, they called our name, all our tummies sank again, we felt sick. We got up and did it. I looked at my friends faces and we all looked amazed that we was actually on the stage in Steiner House performing. The rest of the show was inspiring and the way the performers moved was amazing, life changing. We got pizza for our last meal together...again we couldn't eat it all, so we gave one box of Pizza to the homeless and went home.

I know I didn't want it to end, it was a blast! Thank you again Nicholas, love Chloe Hawker Class 6W

**I have some lovely photos of the children visiting London but I am unable to print them here as parents have not been on to Arbor and consented or declined for their child's photos to be used.**

## COMMUNITY WORK DAY 5th May 2018

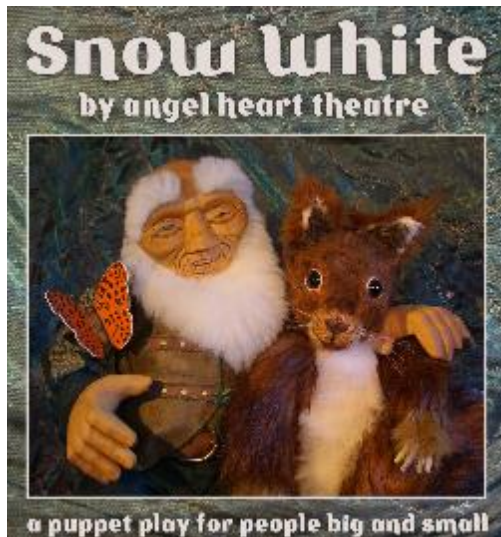
Please come along to our community event to help make a difference to your child's school environment. We ask that you bring along food to share. We aim to make a hearty soup, bread and salads to compliment. Tea and coffee is supplied. We ask that if you bring your children then they need to be under your close supervision at all times.

Tasks that we aim to get involved with are as follows:

- Beautifying our site for our school fair on the 12th May 2018
- Tidying and clearing debris from our lovely stream
- Clearing surface rain water gullies and drains.
- Painting internal circulation space walls
- Continuing to sand and oil kitchen work surfaces in classrooms
- Cleaning windows
- Clearing and sweeping steps
- Tidy through main car park of growth and debris
- Distribute wood chip to key areas
- Repair welly rack pegs
- Help Daniel and Danny, our games teachers, to prepare site and erect our new children climbing frame
- Plus many other small tasks around the site

We look forward to seeing you on day, **School facilities team.**

## Puppet Show: Snow White and The Return of the Little Things



The Angel Heart Puppet Company will be visiting the Steiner Academy Exeter on **Saturday the 28th of April at 2pm.**

**Tickets are £6 each.**

This well-established company retells traditional tales with handcrafted puppets and original music. There will be a meet the puppets session following the show. Book early as there are a limited number of tickets. Tickets can be bought using the online booking system below or alternatively by calling 0785 536 8809: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ptfasae/> Please feel free to invite friends and family.

### Harp lessons available

Luc Walpot, who has had many years experience teaching harp to pupils from the South Devon Steiner School came recently to give a very magical and informative demonstration of the harp to some of our younger pupils. Luc would be very happy to teach any of your children from Class 3 upwards if they would like individual harp lessons. Harps can be rented from Luc for a very reasonable price. Lessons are £15/half hour and take place in school during school time. Please email Fran Andre (Upper School Music Lead, and Co-ordinator of Instrumental Lessons) at [fran.andre@steineracademyexeter.org.uk](mailto:fran.andre@steineracademyexeter.org.uk) if you are interested.



## Community News, Events and Advertising

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### Making space for Baby... would you like a fish tank?



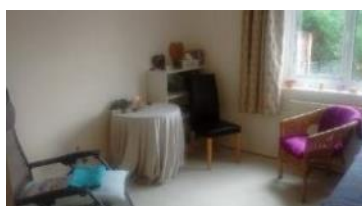
3 years old panoramic 64L fish tank for sale - £30 ONO

The dimensions are 60cm x 33cm x 42cm high. Included are some / all of the following depending on what you would like:

- Internal filter and 3-6 months worth of filter sponges
- Bubble filter and airline (will need a small air pump)
- Heater and thermometer
- Real wood and rock, live plants
- Sand substrate (in the tank already)

And... 1 bristlenose ancistrus, 3 shrimp, 3 assassin snails (that keep down the population of pond snails that appear every so often!), 1 lampeye, 1 neon tetra and a selection of guppies.

I also have this Greek-ish temple ornament (20cm high) that came as part of a purchase - free to anyone who wants it. Any questions or if you are interested - come see me in my classroom - 6W.  
**Jenny Wragg**



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## Free trial piano sessions for S.A.E. pupils

On Tuesday afternoons with James Knight, one of the piano teachers at S.A.E.

Member of Incorporated Society of Musicians ([www.ism.org](http://www.ism.org)) and Association for Steiner Waldorf Music Education (<http://waldorfmusic.org/>)

### Sessions by prior arrangement

For more information please contact:

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Steiner Academy Exeter

# MAY FAYRE

Saturday 12th May  
11am – 4pm

Cafe, Crafts, Music and much more  
Admission Free

## A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT

Cowley Bridge Road, EX4 5AD

Parking very limited. Public transport, walking and cycling advised. Bus route H  
20 minute walk from St. David's Station