



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 20 th June 16.00 - 18.00	Class 8 upper school induction		Wed 5 th July 09.30	PTFA Fayre meeting
Wed 21 st June 09.30	PTFA fayre meeting		Thurs 6 th July	New class 6 taster day
Wed 21 st June during school	Visit from West Midlands Eurythmy group		Fri 7 th July	Class photos
Wed 21 st June 19.30	New class 6 parents' evening		Mon 10 th - Fri 15 th July	Class 6 camp trip
Thurs 22 nd June 19.00 - 21.00	Subject teachers parent meetings		Wed 12 th July after drop off	PTFA meeting - Thomas Hall
Thurs 22 nd June 19.30	Kindergarten parents' meeting		Tues 11 th July	Class 8 play - Tempest
Fri 23 rd June	St Johns parents invited at 12.45		Wed 12 th July	Kindergarten meeting with new parents and current parents
Sat 24 th June 10 - 4	Work Day		Wed 12 th July 19.30	Class 5 parents' evening
Wed 28 th June 19.30	Class 6 parents' meeting		Thurs 13 th July	Class 2 beach trip
Wed 28 th June 09.30	PTFA Fayre meeting		Sat 15 th July	Summer Fair
Wed 28 th June - Sat 1st July	Olympics for class 5		Mon 17 th - Wed 19 th July	Class 4 trip to Dartmoor
Sun 2 nd July	International Summer School begins		Tues 18 th July 09.30 - 11.00	Parent and child picnic
Tues 4 th July 19.30	New class 1 parents' meeting		Thurs 20 th July	End of term: all finish at 2pm no afternoon care. End of term picnic, parents welcome at 13.00

"O brave new world, that has such people in't."

"Hell is empty, and all the devils are here."

SAE Class 8 presents:

THE TEMPEST

A PLAY BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

TUESDAY 11TH JULY 6.30PM

Staffing update

The annual round of teacher recruitment is in full swing. In a growing school like ours there are always more people arriving than leaving, which has got to be good news.

At the lower end of the school parents have already been informed of the new class one teachers who will be taking up their posts in September: They are Mike Marks and Vicky Priddle.

Vicky has worked in the academy for the last three years. She began as a learning support assistant in Kindergarten, became assistant to class one the following year and is now a `Teaching Apprentice`, based mainly in class two. In the latter roles she has had plenty of opportunity to step up from assisting and is very used to carrying a class in her own right. She will be a familiar face to many of you and to some of the children. She is currently completing the Steiner Waldorf Early Years training course.

Mike is joining us from a local primary school. He has almost five years' experience as a class teacher and at various times has taught music, snowboarding, football, yoga, and outdoor activities. We are not yet sure how his status as a qualified ski instructor will fit with the class one curriculum, but we are working on it!

Next year for the first time we will have two class sixes (Year 7s). One will be our `home-grown' class with Jenny Wragg. To the new intake, coming from a total of eighteen different local schools, we welcome Jenny Mathers as class teacher. Jenny comes with nearly ten years of experience in schools in a variety of roles. For the last two years she has been working here at the academy, most recently as a `Teaching Apprentice' in the current class six. Jenny is a qualified Thrive practitioner and, having worked in a range of classes here, including two class sixes, is well placed to pick up our newcomers.

At the upper end of the school Jane Pickering will be extending her teaching of science alongside maths. She will also become Class Guardian to next year's class 9 (the current 8).

Jane's new science colleague for life sciences (biology) will be Steve Forrest. Steve will also be teaching geography in the upper school. The students are already getting acquainted with Steve, he is in school one day a week for the rest of this term as a volunteer. His specialisms are environmental science and sports instruction. He brings with him over twenty years of experience as a Royal Marine, where he has carried a range of teaching and instructor roles.

Supporting Jane in maths teaching next year will be a welcome returnee: Paul Lawton. Paul made a lively connection with the students from class 7 upwards last year and I know they will be glad to have him back.

Our music department is already benefiting from the return of Anna Goudge, from maternity leave, and the continued presence of Fran Andre. Fran originally came as maternity cover for Anna and it is great news that they will continue to build the musical life of the school together.

We will also be expanding Nicholas White's eurythmy post. It will still not be enough to provide eurythmy throughout the entire school, but we are getting there slowly.

Sadly Paul Hougham will be leaving us at the end of this term. Paul joined us just under two years ago as class teacher to the then class 7. He quickly added English Lead to his job description and has played a key role, not only in shepherding his class, but also strengthening English teaching at the top end of the school and in setting up our new Assessment Framework. There is no doubt that he will be greatly missed, but he has set a clear bench-mark around standards and expectations that will be a valuable legacy for his successor. We will ask Paul to contribute a farewell piece to the newsletter before he departs for foreign climes and once he and his class emerge from their production of *The Tempest*.

We have processed a strong field of applicants for a part-time English post and will be meeting and interviewing them next week. There will be some input from the students during this process: we know them to be shrewd judges of who and what will work best for them.

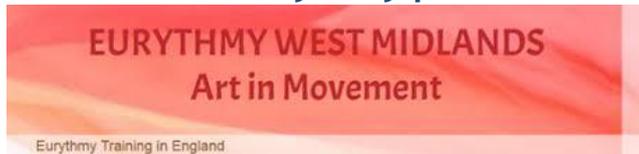
We will also be interviewing for a range of Teaching Assistant posts in the next few weeks and some existing posts will change in order for us to meet the demands of a new school year and an additional 60 - 70 students. **Alan Swindell, Principal.**

Class 8 trip to France

Phew! What a journey. Class 8 can be justifiably proud of themselves individually and as a class. They charmed those they came in contact with, shocked themselves about their lack of conflict and drama, and undertook an immersive journey in the French language, landscape, and its culture. Many thanks to Tracy, Avrati and Danny for holding this journey with me. **Paul Hougham, class 9 teacher**



Invitation to Eurythmy performances:



Wednesday (21st of June) at 10:30 AM the graduating class of Eurythmy West Midlands will be performing the fairytale Snow White and Rose Red, for the children in kindergarten to class three (ca 30 minutes).

At 3 PM and they will perform a program for classes for four to nine, with extracts from Alice in wonderland and music from Stravinsky (ca 45 minutes).

Parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend these performances. I saw this group perform last Friday at the South Devon Steiner School, and was very inspired by their work and highly recommend it.

The performance at 3 PM will be quite full (due to the large number of students) so only a limited number of places will be available for it. As seating is limited, if you're interested in coming, please email me to let me know. Nicholas White, Eurythmy Teacher

nicholas.white@steineracademyexeter.org.uk

Summer Dress Code Reminder

In the hope of warmer weather, a reminder and clarification about the school's dress code. Hopefully this will help you with your own child and prevent some of those breakfast table arguments!

- Tops should come below the waist and cover the shoulders. (No bare midriffs. No strap tops).
- Pupils should wear a top at all times.
- Shorts and skirts should be at least mid-thigh.
- Footwear should be sensible and appropriate to the season.
- The `no straps` rule does allow for vest tops with thicker straps.

Not specific to summer, but always worth repeating, please remember:

- No torn clothing
- No jewellery in classes 1 - 7 or to excess in 8, 9, 10.
- Those with pierced ears in younger classes can wear studs,
- Jewellery worn in other pierced areas of the body (other than ears) is not allowed. Piercings are only acceptable in earlobes, maximum one per ear!

TEFL TEACHER - Urgently needed

For the summer language school in both or one of the following periods:

- Monday 10/7 to Friday 21/7
- Monday 24/7 to Friday 11/8

If interested please call Valerio on 07595 450213 or email vlromoli@me.com



Whitsun in Redwood

What a delightful Whitsun we had today.....doves began to fly into kindergartenthe table was beautiful with all the flowers from parents....more than one child was heard to say 'Whitsun is my favourite day of all the year'.....and Father Christmas doesn't even visit!

At lunch I lit each child's tea light with the message 'Here is a message of peace and love from the white dove flown in from above' Ruth Chadwick, Redwood



St John's, Friday 23rd gates open at 12.30 for a 12.45 start

At the height of midsummer, close to the solstice, we celebrate the festival of St John. The sun is at its highest, the days are at their longest and it is the time when inner work and concentration are most difficult, requiring the power (represented by fire) of transformation and purification to gain strength. We celebrate by lighting a special fire, wearing red, singing and playing games. It is also possible that at this magical time of year, as Shakespeare well knew, fairies may visit!

Children and parents are encouraged to wear fire colours on Friday.

All welcome! Kindergarten parents are invited to pick up their children at 12.30 and join us outside Thomas Hall for a 12.45 start. **Simon Berkley, Festival Group**

Summer Fayre



PTFA fair coffee and craft mornings - please come and get involved Wed mornings 9.30 - 11.00 in the panelled room - lets make the summer fair fun!

Donations needed for fayre craft team and fayre Wed workshops please check your cupboards for fabrics, sting wool, ribbons, fleece and scraps. Wire hangers, old clothes, tights and socks, curtains and sheets.

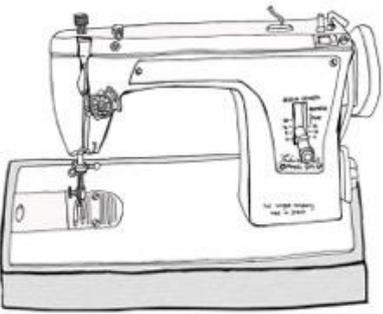
Think Summer colours: white, yellow, green, light brown, blue, orange, red.

Any natural pine cones, stick and peddles (flat) also welcome. Collecting point at reception. **Sophie Simon, PTFA**

Study Group Tues 9.30 - 11.00

Study Group will be held every Tuesday of the next half term 9.30-11.30am. Everyone is welcome. Everyone. John Burnett is a very experienced class teacher and was course leader of the Plymouth University Steiner BA course. He will be with us and has kindly offered to answer questions we may have regarding the literature we will be discussing together. We will meet in the Panelled Room in the Thomas Hall building.

Please spread the word. Please come, if you have any questions ask myself or Rebecca Collett. But if you really have questions....then come, just come. **Jo Portingale, Mum in KG**



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Monday 9.30 - 10.30

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chantal@nourishandnurture.me



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James Knight Tel: 01392 966921/07766 540595 Email: j.i.knight@live.co.uk

THE WORM IS TURNING. A film highlighting Small scale ecological farming.

STEINER ACADEMY EXETER on the SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2017 at 7:00PM till 9:30PM. The Film makers will be hosting the screening and there will be time for Q&A's following the film.

With so many great initiatives in and around Exeter, we feel this is a wonderful opportunity to bring together like-minded, motivated people, to witness an inspirational film. We are charging a fee of £2 per person to cover Venue costs, we hope this fee will open this event to a wider audience. Kayleigh Diggle.

Here is the Ticket link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/kayleigh-diggle-14203940428>

Here is the Facebook page event link:<https://www.facebook.com/events/177601809440255/?ti=cl>

Here is the link to the website for more information on the film:<http://thewormisturning.com/thefilm.html>

House share wanted

Are you looking for companions to house share in Exeter or surrounding areas? House sharing can be meaningful to promote sociability, collaboration and many skills children need for their future. It is also a great economic tool, since rents in Exeter are raising rapidly. If so, please leave a message at 07572794721, **Kat, parent in class 9**

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