



SteinerAcademyExeter Newsletter

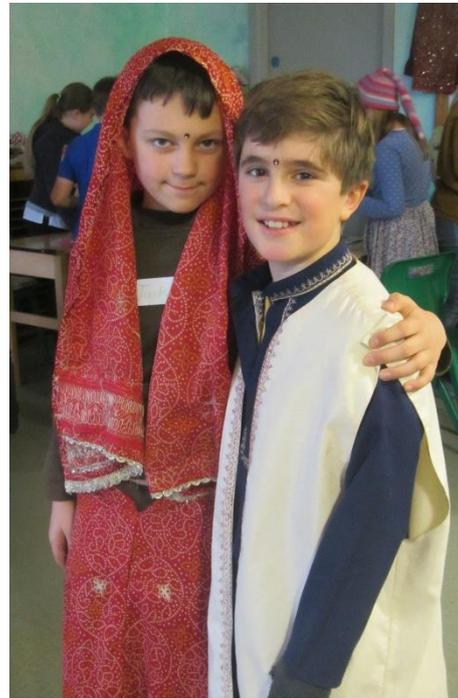
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Dates for your Diary

Sat 17 th Nov 10.00 - 16.00	Work day		Thurs 22 nd 09.30	Parent Forum
Mon 19 th - Fri 30 th Nov	Class 10 Mocks		Sat 24 th Nov	Advent Fayre
Mon 19 th Nov 09.30	Parent Forum		Thurs 29 th Nov 16.30 - 20.00	Classes 8 and 9 subject teacher parents' evening
Tues 20 th Nov 18.30	Parent Forum		Thurs 29 th Nov 19.00	Class 1Z biography evening
Wed 21 st Nov	Class 9 & 10 Drama with the Police (County Lines)		Sat 1 st Dec 10.00 - 12.00	Kindergarten Open morning
Wed 21 st Nov 09.15	Friends Fayre meeting, Thomas Hall		Thurs 13 th Dec	Class 10 Subject parents' evening
Wed 21 st 14.30	Parent Forum			

Class 5 are Cultural Champion's





To conclude class 5's Ancient India main lesson Sandhya Dave a Cultural Champion visited the class and brought the festivals, smells, sights and dress of Ancient India alive. Thank you Sandhya!
Class 5

ATTEND TODAY, DISCOVER TOMORROW

Attendance Matters: We know that there is a direct line between your good attendance and punctuality in school, and your success in education and the discovery of your future.

Be in, be on time.

Our current attendance is 91.4%

Our target attendance is 95.0%

To advise us of an absence you can: Email: absence:steineracademyexeter.org.uk
Phone: 01392 757371 -select option 3

Wanted

Do you have any spare rugs, pillows, blankets, chairs/stools and other things like that to help furnish and finish the nurture yurt space? Please drop them into reception. Thank you. Maya de Freitas, Nurture Team.

Theatre visits

On Wednesday 3rd October, the Drama GCSE students visited the Theatre Royal Plymouth to experience the dynamic theatre performance 'The Unreturning' by Frantic Assembly. Let's find out what some of the students wrote in their theatre evaluations:



“The Unreturning is a play about war veterans not being able to adjust to life at home. It was written by Anna Jordan in 2013. The whole play was performed by four actors. Jared Garfield as George, Joe Layton as Frankie, Jonnie Riordan as Nat and Kieton Saunders as Finn. The play was an action drama about four men trying to cope with PTSD and trying to readjust to home life.” **Matty**

“Two actors in particular impressed me: Frankie and Nat. They took on such difficult roles. One moment tore me in half as though I felt their pain. Their facial expressions, speech and actions were so powerfully performed. It was as though I was experiencing their pain and emotion, they truly acted out their storylines.” **Karina**

“The actors of The Unreturning were brilliant. The character George, who was a World War One soldier was frightened about what he saw and he wanted to see his wife Rosie again. Jared played this part beautifully.”

“...they would lie on the floor and pretend to sleep. They somehow made it so easy to recognise where they were without having any small props. They just used physical theatre.” **Meg**

“The play used a rotatable shipping container as its main structure instead of buildings because it could be used as a house and the light could tell you where and what kind of environment it was set in. They projected a rippling sea effect while other characters stood on top or behind the ship container. Sometimes they projected what they were doing on an over-sized i pad.” **Louis**

Sundowning 11th October Theatre



“This performance by Kali Theatre was about a grandmother with dementia in a care home put there by her daughter. The granddaughter sneaks in and decides the grandmother is too cooped up and takes her grandma on a road trip to the beach.” **Samuel**

On Wednesday 7th November most of the Upper School visited the Northcott Theatre to see Henry V. It was an intense piece performed by The Tobacco Factory theatre company. As part of our Shakespeare week, each Class took a different focus.



Class 8 focused on writing a theatre review as part of their non-fiction studies.

Class 9 and Class 10 focused on the context of the play as well as the language. They relished the humour and puns that Shakespeare included for the characters.

Here are a couple of extracts taken from three theatre reviews from Class 8:

“At the Northcott Theatre, a group of remarkable people were joined together to perform one of Shakespeare’s plays, Henry V. As you take your seat, already there is an air of mystery with metal cages centre stage, with what appears to be stones underneath. Then it begins. Already there is strong acting,

expressions real and the emotions heart felt as it escalates with violence, gore and moments to move the audience.” **Kieran**

“The play began straight away with a dramatic scene and was played out very well with costumes perfect to the setting. Switching from scene to scene was amazingly planned and really quick which kept the audience interested. The actors also added humour from time to time in different scenes which appealed to everyone watching. The props used were perfect for the setting. So when they were sleeping on the battlefield the audience really knew what was happening.” **Tai**

“The costume and stage make-up was amazing because you could tell who belonged to the French army and who was the English army. The stage make-up was very good especially the blood on the actors. I would not recommend this to anyone under the age of 13 because of the use of the Shakespeare language, even I didn’t understand some of it.” **Kaide**

Jane Berry, English Lead

School Community Work Day Saturday 17th Nov

You are all invited to come to our school community Work this Saturday to help create and improve some wonderful spaces around the school. The list of jobs is growing, so hopefully there is something that your child's teachers have particularly asked you to be involved with, or something that you really think you can make your own.

- Make some 'mud kitchens' for KG out of pallets
- Emptying Room of Requirement to create a new classroom space for 7C
- Help Mike move locker desks into Class 2M
- Improvements to Class 2 welly racks
- Help Will rotate the yurt and build some steps to get in
- Put bark chip down on muddy areas
- Attach rush matting on second side of KG crowd barrier fencing
- Paint art corridor
- Help Phil put together white computer tables for Upper Breakout Zone
- Create a play log area, and drop zone around climbing trees in Class 1/2 play area
- Help Daniel bury the metal climbing frames deeper into ground
- Help the PTFA/Friends prepare for the Advent Fair the following weekend
- Preparing lunch and clearing up after (very important task!)

We ask that if you are bringing any power tools that they are checked over by Stuart before you use them, and that you show us that you are competent and it is safe to use them for the proposed task. Each task will have someone supervising everyone else on that task, please do not attempt tasks that you are unsure of, and note that not all tasks will be suitable for children to be present. Please wear clothing suitable for the task and weather conditions on the day (forecast is for no rain, but cooler than at present).

Please note children need to be supervised at all times, and remain the responsibility of the adults that bring them. No dogs please.

Please report to the Main Hall on arrival and sign in, and don't forget to sign out on departure. Please drop off any vegetables and food to share at the Main Hall. Tea and coffee will be available in the Main Hall throughout the day and lunch is at 1pm.

We look forward to seeing lots of you on Saturday, and don't worry if you can only stay a couple of hours, that's fine too... and remember many hands make light work. **Alice Knight, Facilities.**

Thomas Hall Reroofing

When the school moved to its current site there was not sufficient funding to completely refurbish Thomas Hall itself, which is a grade II listed building. At the time there was only sufficient funding to carry out a few repairs to the roof and gullies, but the majority of the roof and the entire second floor of the building were left almost untouched. It was hoped that we would have a few years before reroofing works would be required, but almost immediately it became apparent that reroofing works would have to take place as soon as possible, and ever since we have been in protracted discussions with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to try to secure the funding to enable us to completely reroof Thomas Hall. We are happy to tell you that we have finally received the go ahead to proceed with the works, which will be fully funded by the ESFA.

You will have seen the scaffolding going up around Thomas Hall in the last couple of weeks, and we are delighted to inform you that Marks Brothers Roofing will start next Wednesday/Thursday to strip off the old slates, saving those that we can for reuse on the principle elevations, and then repair original rafters and beams, insulate where possible and then re-slate the areas of roof from the 'Link Bridge' around to the front of Thomas Hall by the top car park. This phase of the works will hopefully be complete by Christmas, with a further 2 phases next Easter and next Summer. Once completed we will have a roof that will be wind and water tight, be insulated to a higher standard and hopefully ready for us at some stage in the future to look at converting the second floor of Thomas Hall into useful space for our expanding school.

We shall try to keep disruptions to a minimum, but we are sure that you will understand that we will need to restrict access to certain areas in order for the works to be carried out safely. Most restriction's will be temporary, but we will be completely restricting access to an area to the rear of Thomas Hall from the link bridge around to, and including, the area of tarmac/grass adjacent to the Class 1/2 wooden fence, and then around to the front of Thomas Hall for the duration of the works. This restriction is necessary to create a secure compound for equipment and materials, and we would request that no one accesses this area for any reason unless authorised to do so by the Health & Safety Lead, Adrian Hilliard, even when no work is taking place on the roof. Please note that the Link Bridge itself will remain open for most of the works, but will have to be closed when works are happening in the immediate vicinity.

We are expecting to find out more about the history of the building as the works progress, and no doubt there will be a few surprises along the way. We shall try to keep you informed of anything significant over the next few months, but if you are interested in finding out more about the history of Thomas Hall then please contact Alice Knight, for a potted history of Thomas Hall. **Alice Knight, Facilities.**

Advent Fayre

Its only 9 days to go!! 24th November 2018, 12 noon until 3.30 pm

There are many wonderful things being organised for the fayre. Thank you to those people who are doing so much already.

There are two areas which need people as priority now.

1. We need parking wardens, taking a one hour slot. They are needed on West Garth road as well as on school gate. We need to be able to reassure the police that the parking is safe, respectful and allows the big double decker bus to get up and down the road!! If we cannot get enough

volunteers to take on this important role, then we cannot go ahead with the fayre. If anything were to go wrong this time then the police may stop us having a fayre again in the future. At the last fayre the bus was blocked getting through due bad parking. This is a job for our bravest adults please, as they may need to ask someone to move their car.

The rota with Gem Marta, either on facebook or contact her on marta_gemma@hotmail.com

2. Serving food in the hall needs as many helping hands as can be given. Classes 7 are leading this, but much more help is needed; especially from anyone with experience of the main food event at our fayre. Older student as well as parent help will be gratefully received.

You will see below a slightly updated list of activities.

Pre loved items to be delivered to the kindergarten cabin at drop off on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd of November

Foliage for wreath making to be dropped to class 5 on the 22nd and 23rd November

Food donations to be taken to the hall on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning: Please could you bring as follows:

Kindergarten Biscuits and cakes

Class 1 Savoury dishes eg quiches, savoury bakes, falafels, pizza trays

Class 2 Salads

Class 3 Breads and butters including a few gluten free

Class 4 Biscuits and cakes

Class 5 Savoury dishes

food items.

Class 6 Salads

Class 7 Savoury dishes

Class 8 Healthy squashes, diary free milks and juices

Class 9 Breads and butter

Class 10 Salads

Please fully label all donated

<u>Activity</u>	<u>To be led by</u>
Hall food	Classes 7 led by Jo C
Parking and first aid	Gem Marta
Pre loved	Elmwood led by Jo A and Anna
Pocket apron	Jackie K
Candle dipping	Class 3 Julia M
Stars and snowflakes	Classes 2
Business projects and publicity	Classes 6 supported by Caroline and Jess
Puppet show	Class 2V
Storytelling	Chris and Ian
Parent and child room and activities	Tara
Wreath making	Class 5 led by Serena

Angel garden	Marianne Siddons with help from Silverbirch and Redwood
Music and stage	Claire and Paul

Best wishes from the Advent Fayre team.



 **Steiner Academy Exeter**

ADVENT FAYRE

Saturday 24th Nov
12pm - 3:30pm

Xmas Market, 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