



# SteinerAcademyExeter Newsletter

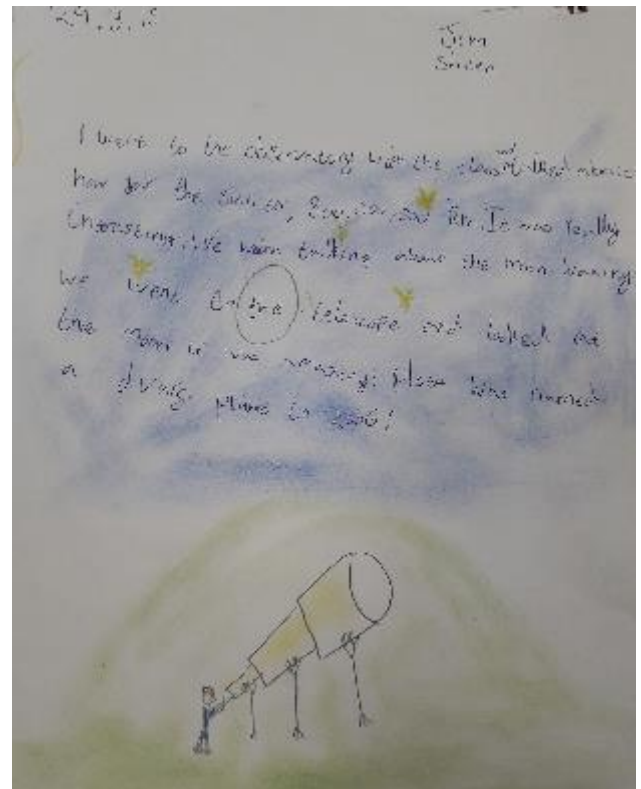
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## Dates for your Diary

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

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school		Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May bank holiday - no school
Mon 16 - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Class 9 mock mocks		Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 10 trip to Stratford
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent choir followed by parking meeting		Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 7 and 8 parent's meeting
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> May - gates open 13.15	May day celebrations - parents invited for 1.30		Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee and Questions
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Open morning for yr 7 2018/19		Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Ten Tors
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent choir		Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> May	May Fayre
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Community work day		Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent talk - evening talk

## Looking for the stars - Class 7



To support the work of Class 7 in their astronomy main lesson a group of families from Steiner Academy Exeter went to

the Norman Lockyer Observatory in Sidmouth last Sunday evening. We had a wonderful talk about the Earth, Moon, & Planets followed by a planetarium show and telescope tour. Definitely worth a visit - they run tours and talks throughout the year. <http://normanlockyer.com/>

### The sky is a mirror to the past

We are entombed in a Starburst cast

The moon seen through a blue haze

The sun shining with a fiery blaze

Saturn swirling in the dark

Pluto trying to make its mark

The moon controls the seven seas

The secret to the universe who holds the keys

The more we find out the less we know

Things hiding never to show

Mars as red as a bloody sky

Neptune blue but it is just a lie

Venus a half to another

Mercury cried I do not have a brother

Jupiter the father to four

Golden like the Earthly shore

Sapphire and Lauren



### A Christmas message at Easter??

Have I got my seasons mixed up? I do understand how confusing these things can be for the children. `Is this the one where we jump over the fire?` is a common question at Michalemas. `No, that was St.John's. `Is this the one with the dragon?` `No, that was Michaelmas, this is Whitsun.` `Ah, the one with the doves!` Which means that Easter is the one with the gloomy mood because the holiday is starting and the celebration because its over! Well, kind of...

The Easter tradition is probably strongest within the Russian Orthodox Church, with a very grim Good Friday experience and an Easter Sunday celebration to rival anything we do at Christmas. Perhaps that is why every Russian doll contains....another Russian doll. It is the same with festivals. Look inside a great festive tradition and what do you find? That's right. A hidden message that accompaniers you through the year, or at least to the next celebration. At school we try to find age-appropriate ways of celebrating Easter. It is not always easy resisting the temptation to hide chocolate eggs before Good Friday. Nor, thankfully, is it easy to stop children drawing hares, flowers, butterflies and everything related to spring. My guess is that more yellow gets used in children's drawings at Easter than at any other time of the year.

But back to that Christmas message. On Christmas Eve millions of people in this country settle down to soak up a profound Easter message without even knowing it. In two back-to-back prime time specials we see our hero `die` and be `born again`, we see him resurrect against all the odds, give life to something that was dead and buried but now bursts forth with vibrant new life. *Dicken's Christmas Carol* has long been a favourite at Christmas time, but since the early 1980's it has been joined by Raymond Briggs *The Snowman* (and now with his dog). They are Easter tales, smuggled into our homes in tinsel and wrapping

paper. They both tell us that hope and redemption, neither of them the exclusive right of any religion, live in the unlikeliest of places. Watch closely this Easter. Any sightings of the Christmas story? It wouldn't surprise me. Inside every great festive tradition is another one, inside all of us is the possibility of redemption, rebirth and hope, sometimes against all the odds. `Is this the one where we jump over the fire? ``No, it's the one where we go through the eye of the needle`, or as Tiny Tim might well have said: Happy Easter one and all! **Alan Swindell**

## Class 1 M in the meadow



## A call for loose parts

The Site Development Group (SDG) is currently working on ways to enhance and enrich the children's play opportunities and experiences across the entire school. One outcome of this work is a desire and a need to facilitate the deepening of open-ended, movement-rich play through the use of loose parts that the younger children (Lower School) can build and create with. Thus, we would very gratefully receive any donations of wooden blocks, planks, boards, timber, plastic or metal pipes and tubes, car/ tractor tyres, wooden crates, chests, boxes, sleepers and pallets.

Also, if you work for a company that might be able to help provide these kind of items, or if you know someone who does, please let me know so that I can approach them. We are also looking for soil and wood/bark chippings.

Please liaise with me if you have any leads or any questions. Many thanks in advance. **Daniel Friedeberg** (on behalf of SDG) - [daniel.friedeberg@steineracademyexeter.org.uk](mailto:daniel.friedeberg@steineracademyexeter.org.uk)

## Keeping our children safe in West Garth Road (WGR)

Thank you to all the parents who filled out the feedback on the new parking rules in WGR. We had a small and brief meeting to look at the feedback, we had hoped for a few more attendees but the timing so close to the end of term seems to have prevented this.

Overall the response was very positive and the majority feel the new rules have made WGR a safer place. There are still some issues and things to consider which we would like to do in a meeting after parent choir on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> April (10.30).

We would like to hear from any parent who can help at pick up or drop off to continue to provide support in WGR. Pick up is most important and if you can be available from 3.30 - 3.55 that would be fantastic. Please contact [katie.young@steineracademyexeter.org.uk](mailto:katie.young@steineracademyexeter.org.uk) Thank you to Julia, Elli and Jo who have been fantastic help!

We identified a few areas that need to be looked at during the next meeting;

- pick up and in particular how the drop off zone works - possibly having a shorter drop off zone
- parking in the side roads off WGR
- Cowley Bridge Road and layby

We had some suggestions for long term plans such as road marking, lolly pop ladies, changes to the parking restrictions and approaching the university. Many of these are already being looked at in the Travel Plan meetings, many will cost money and need agreement from the neighbours. If you are interested in these long term plans please attend the Travel Plan meeting on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. Contact Alice Knight for more details [alice.knight@steineracademyexeter.org.uk](mailto:alice.knight@steineracademyexeter.org.uk)

## Budding drama stars



Two Class 1 students, Corey Knight and Lottie Greatorex, took part in a drama at the Barnfield Theatre last week. A mashup of Grease, Wizard of Oz, Phantom of the Opera, Oliver and others, the 6 year olds displayed great stage presence, learnt lines and songs and worked as part of the drama company of students aged up to 11 years old to perform their roles with great aplomb.

### May Fayre

Is on!! Thank you for all the support offered and expressed to the PTFA. There are still classes who need to contact us with their plans and are still looking for more support and ideas please contact [ptfa@steineracademyexeter.org.uk](mailto:ptfa@steineracademyexeter.org.uk) or attend the fayre meeting every

Wednesday starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Could anyone make a Maypole?

Elli Shepherd on behalf of the PTFA

### "May Fayre - A shout out to musicians all!

If you play an instrument, sing, play in a band or group or know someone who does and you or they would like to perform at the Fayre we would love to know! We are currently putting together a programme of music and would love to hear from anyone interested in taking part. Paul Johnstone will be there on the day to stage manage and support. It's a friendly and informal stage and all music is warmly received. Contact Claire Steer at [clairestar1@gmail.com](mailto:clairestar1@gmail.com) or text 07714735940"

## Parent Choir

Parent choir will continue in the summer term, and we will be looking to work up some pieces to perform to the school community at the end of the summer term. All are welcome! Even if you haven't been able to make the first three pop-ups of this term, you are very welcome to join the journey with us in the summer term (it would be great if you could make the majority of the dates, so you can keep up, but of course absences from time to time will be understandable). Look forward to starting singing with you all again after the Easter break!

Summer term parent choir dates: 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> (extra celebration April, 4th, 18th, 25th May, 8th, 22nd June, 6th, 13th July.



**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

## Cycle security Advice

The police have informed us that there have been a spate of cycle thefts in the area, including thieves cutting through padlocks to steal bikes, this includes a bicycle stolen from the rack adjacent from the stream just inside the Main Gates. The police advise that cycles should not be left for extended periods of time on cycle racks that are in unobserved locations. Therefore we would recommend that all bicycles belonging to staff and students are locked up on the cycle racks opposite the Reception and Admin Office at the front of Thomas Hall.

## Lunch Menu

Please remember to book and pay via Parent Pay for your child's school meals. We now have over £3000 owing to the school for school meals. We now need to be more proactive about collecting this money and will be contacting parents by phone and email to remind them about their outstanding payments. If parents don't contact the school to discuss a payment plan we will be sending letters home to ask you to provide packed lunches for your child. If you have any questions please contact

[finance@steineracademyexeter.org.uk](mailto:finance@steineracademyexeter.org.uk) The catering and finance team

Day of Week	Week 1 16 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> April 14 <sup>th</sup> May		Week 2 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 8 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
	Main	Desert	Main	Desert
Mon	Pistou pasta (French pesto) with salads and roasted veg.	Fruity Flapjack	Ratatouille with pasta and peas	Fruity flapjack
Tue	Veg Gratin with seasonal greens and roasties	Apple and berry strudel	Sweet and sour veg with rice	Apple and berry strudel
Wed	Hearty veg soup with chunks of cheese and homemade bread	Homemade cake	Hearty veg soup with chunks of cheese and homemade bread	Homemade cake
Thu	Quorn or organic meat sausage with mash and gravy and peas	Fruit	Veg or organic chicken pie with seasonal veg	Fruit
Fri	Pizza and salads	Biscuit	Vegetable burritos with wedges and salad	Biscuit

## Photos of Thomas Hall in the Snow March 2018



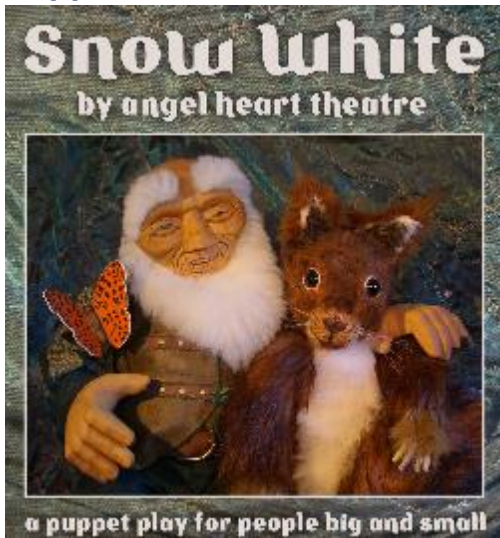
20 x 80cm panoramic photo print of Thomas Hall in the snow (for you to mount and frame yourself) - £10



I have not been able to find a company who will do a large print of the whole panorama, but I can get an 5" x 12" print with it shrunk to fit (so the photo will only be about 2cm high but 30cm long - price £4.

All profits to the school - please contact [alice.knight@steineracademyexeter.org.uk](mailto:alice.knight@steineracademyexeter.org.uk) if you are interested.

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



Saturday 28th April 2018, 2- 3 pm followed by Meet the Puppets and light refreshments

Dear Families, We are delighted to welcome the wonderful Angel Heart Theatre Company to our school who will be performing their own version of the Grimms' fairy tale 'Snow White', with a range of beautiful handcrafted puppets and original music. The show will be followed by an opportunity to meet the puppets and light refreshments will be available.

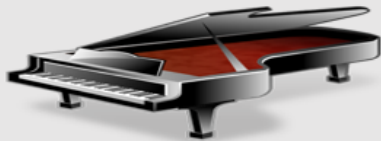
This is a family show recommended for ages 4 - 104!. Tickets are £6 for adults and all children over 1 years old (this is because of the recommended age for the show and also because we need to cover the costs of the theatre company). All proceeds will go to the PTFA. Please feel free to invite family and friends. There are

a limited number of tickets which can be bought directly from: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ptfasae/>

Alternatively, if you would prefer to purchase tickets by cash please contact Bernadine, Class 3 and Kindergarten (0785 536 8809 / bernadine\_1@hotmail.com)

## Community News, Events and Advertising

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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:

James Knight

Tel: 01392 966921/07766 540595

Email: [j.knight@live.co.uk](mailto:j.knight@live.co.uk)

## Isabel's skydive

Hello. My name is Isabel Clarkson and I am 16 years old and a student in Class 10. Sadly, last year my grandma passed away from dementia. Dementia is a progressive disease that becomes more deleterious over time.

As I am very passionate about stopping the perils of this horrible disease, on April the 2nd this year I am doing a 15,000ft skydive in memory of my grandma and to raise money to help support people with dementia. I spent 9 years of my life watching the disease slowly eradicate any trace of who my grandma was. I don't think I'll ever be able to fully comprehend how an illness can completely erase and replace who someone is and how they behave.

Whilst she was ill she lived at Hembury Fort House where she was extremely well looked after and I can't thank Caroline, Matt and their wonderful team of staff enough for everything they did for her. It became her home and I am beyond happy that she was able to die there surrounded by people who loved her; in a place she felt safe.

I would really appreciate it if you could donate anything, no matter how small, to such a great cause. The money raised will be split equally between Hembury Fort House and the Alzheimer's society.

If you feel able to donate please access the just giving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/isabel-clarkson> Thank you, Isabel



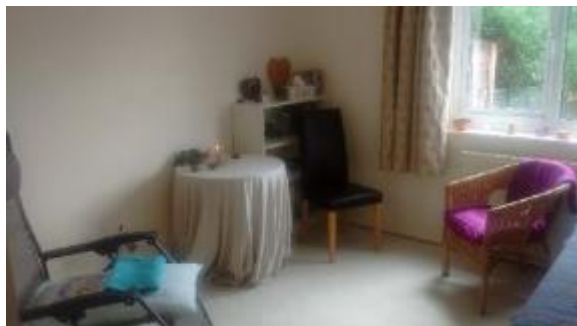
**Beltane Celebration & May Fayre**  
29th April, 12pm-4pm

From Maypole and May crowns to freese stones, drumming and music. A wonderful family celebration with food, fire, craft & activities. At Family Garden, 80 Merrivale Road EX4 1PT. Must be booked. More info at [www.familygardenexeter.wordpress.com/](http://www.familygardenexeter.wordpress.com/)

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Saturday 12th May  
11am – 4pm

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