

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

### Carol Concert

This year we invited the parents of participating children to book their tickets early for our Carol Concert in an attempt to avoid the disappointments of last year. Last Thursday we all but ran out of available tickets and began a waiting list. Over this week teachers have been asking the participating children to let us know if they are absolutely unable to attend the Concert so that we can calculate how many seats we have left. If you have yet to communicate this to me, please do so as soon as possible (preferably in print). Also, if anyone finds that they do not need all the tickets they have collected, please return the available ones to Barbara. Once we have a clearer idea of the numbers available we can be in touch with those on the waiting list. As mentioned in the letter brought home by the participating children, if you are unable to attend the Concert, please ensure that your child can be there. Thank you for your patience! Best wishes Julian Rolton

### Communication with Parents

In an effort to improve and have a more efficient communications system with parents we have decided to use a service called ParentMail. We need to set up a new database of parent details and I have sent a letter and datacapture form for you to complete. This has been sent by email please complete and return to school by the 11<sup>th</sup> December to enable us to start using Parentmail as soon as possible. If you have not received this please let me know and I will send you a copy. My direct line is 01923 271920. Thank you for your cooperation with this new project. Carol Langley

### BURSARY APPLICATIONS 2010/11

Bursary application forms for the next academic year 2010/2011 are now available from the Office and need to be completed and returned to the Bursar by Monday 1st February 2010. If you feel you meet the criteria for a Bursary award please get your applications in on time as the allocated funds tend to run out quickly. Any parent already

receiving an award need to re-apply. If anyone requires any help completing the form please see Carol who will be pleased to help. Carol Langley Bursar

### Mobile Phone Recycling

Collect up all of those old mobile phones that are lying around at home and bring them into school. We can send them away for recycling and earn the school some money in the process. There will be a green collection box in reception area to put them in. Everyone can help. Thank you.

## TALKS/EVENTS:

### Christmas Concert' Wed 23 Dec 7.45pm

Harpenden Public Hall with carols, mince pies & mulled wine To get you in the mood for Christmas on 23 December the Lea Singers give a traditional Charity Christmas Concert, with 'The Scottish Tenor' 26-year-old Nicky Spence as special guest. Nicky's debut album *My First Love* was recorded by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and he has since recorded with Placido Domingo and Kiri te Kanawa, and has toured with Bryn Terfel, Katherine Jenkins, Hayley Westenra, Lesley Garrett and Shirley Bassey. Grove House Hospice, a day hospice providing free specialist care in St Albans, Harpenden and Dacorum for local people whose lives are affected by cancer is the beneficiary. Tickets available from Nicky Teensma (Tobias class or 01923 263 106) £12, £10 for concessions and £4 for children if bought in advance. We think this one will sell out, so avoid disappointment and get your tickets now!

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Come to the edge."  
"We can't. We're afraid."  
"Come to the edge."  
"We can't. We will fall!"  
"Come to the edge."  
And they came.  
And he pushed them.  
And they flew.

**Guillaume Apollinaire, 1880-1918**  
**French Poet, Philosopher**

# PTFA NEWS:

## Advent Fair Angels!

So, our annual Advent Fair is finally over. And what an incredible day. There are a great many thank yous to be made, starting in no particular order with Dan Maslen and all the wonderful musical contributions throughout the school, including Alan Green, who brought his jazz band into the dining room restaurant. Thank you to the talented Julian Mincham and his delightful live piano accompaniment to the silent films. Huge thank yous of course go to Carolyn Simon and her partner Carl Walker, who transformed the dining room into a truly magnificent wintry wonderland, complete with Snow Queen's palace. The decorations were outstanding this year and many visitors commented on the special atmosphere of our fair. Anton says we also owe a big debt of gratitude to Priya Mahtani for all her hard work publicizing the event. Thank yous also to the talented Danya Miller and her 2 student protégés Oscar Dunn and Gracie Silliton for a spellbinding storytelling play. Many thanks also to Lewis Zimble for the huge work in organizing the 170 stalls we had this year at the fair and to Malcolm Birch our Treasurer for taking responsibility for all the monies on the day and for Graham Dalrymple and Jason Tisdall for their help supporting Malcolm. Thanks to all the parents in all the classes, including classes 1 & 2 for their beautiful, sparkling activities for children, Class 3 parents for the delicious cakes and teas in the Continental Café, parents of Class 4 for the beautiful trip through the Autumnal forest to reach the Enchanted Cookie House, Class 5 parents for helping with all the stunning decorating of the restaurant and school corridors and windows, Class 6 parents for the delicious sweets and gingerbread houses in the Chocolate Fountain room, Class 7 parents for the sumptuous delights in the Jazz café and the fantastic jazz musicians who played there all day long! Thanks also to Class 8 parents for manning the storytelling and silent movies events in the theatre, Class 9 parents for manning the restaurant, especially Will Maier who does this very well and Emma Tunnadine for taking the extremely foolish step of doing what Steffi does every year and running the kitchen with such great success. More thank yous to Nick Rayment and Gary from the Maintenance team for all their work towards

organizing the logistics of the fair, including the early morning task of putting up those traffic cones on Langley Hill! Warm thanks to all those brave souls from classes 10, 11 and 12 parents for standing out in the cold and taking money at the gates and car parking, to the incredibly brave and enterprising Class 12 students, who despite the incident with the BBQ on the Fireworks Night still managed to rescue the situation and make a great £1,000 on the night. AND, to all of you that joined us – that you for YOUR continued support in making this year's Advent Fair, the best one ever!

Anton Dell and the Advent Fair Working Group (Malcolm, Danya, Lewis, Priya, Carolyn)

And last but by no means least, I would like to extend a huge, big giant kind of a thank you on behalf of our community to our lovely Anton for all he does to make this such a great family occasion! Priya

## A handful more thanks:-

A big huge thank you to Class 5 pupils and parents who helped me with all the decorating on the Friday before the fair. Carolyn Simon, Parent.

## Starry Windows

Thank you from Mrs Iskra to all those lovely Class 9 pupils who made the school look so beautiful for the fair with their colourful stars and angels.

## Belated Firework Thanks:

Apologies for not thanking Nick Rayment and his amazing maintenance men – Gary, Robbie and Robin for all their great support and hard work on Fireworks' Night!

## Stargazing with Gerard Thurs 10 Dec 5.30pm

5.30pm Stargazing (weather permitting) all welcome. Whole Family event. Thursday 10th of December: Meet at 5.30 pm in the field by Inga's Kindergarden. Learn how to find your way around the night sky and use a star map - you will get one free. Gerard will give you a tour using a laser pointer, and you will also be able to look through a telescope. Bring binoculars if you have them. Any questions phone 01923 263404 or e-mail [Gerardsheldon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Gerardsheldon@yahoo.co.uk).

## What's Coming Up:

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 10 trip to Amaravarti Buddhist Monastery
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm PTFA Meeting, Staffroom, ALL WELCOME!
Fri 11th Dec	8.00pm Carol Concert

## Community Notices and Adverts

- **Storytelling with Children in Heart and Mind WORKSHOP** For people who want to explore storytelling with children. Sunday 13th December from 10.30am - 3.30pm The Community Centre Kings Langley. £25 - £35 per person depending on final numbers. If you are interested or would like to book a place please contact Danya on 07858 465448 or [danyamiller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:danyamiller@hotmail.co.uk)
- **THE BUTTERFLY BALL AND THE GRASSHOPPER'S FEAST CD** If you are looking for a wonderful CD to give as a Christmas gift, this could be it. This recording of poems narrated by Dame Judi Dench and Sir Michael Horden with music and songs is from the best selling book, for children and adults of all ages, illustrated by Alan Aldridge. Recently re-mastered and re-released. The normal sale price is £10.99 but to parents of the school there is a special offer of £7.50 for the month of December only. Please e-mail [jon@wizardpresents.co.uk](mailto:jon@wizardpresents.co.uk) to order a copy or ask for further info. [www.butterflyball.info](http://www.butterflyball.info)
- **RSSKL Food Co-op.** Our last Infinity Food order before Christmas should be made by 14.12.09. The orders will arrive 17.12. Catalogues in school reception or online. Email HAIM at [zo\\_hay@hotmail.com](mailto:zo_hay@hotmail.com).
- **MoreSouth: Mediterranean Cooking.** Weekly Menu for 11.12.09 Lebanese Tabouleh \* Couscous aux 7 legumes OR Tagine of lamb with prunes & almonds £15 per person. Order by Thursday noon, pick up at RSSKL Friday at 15.30. (Also available: Labaneh with 3 spices, Palestinian style hommous, Harissa, Preserved lemons). Email: [moresouth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:moresouth@hotmail.co.uk) or phone HAIM 07825 760773.
- **New Weekend Yoga** workshops & classes: Beginners & intermediates or advanced students that want to perfect the basics. "Taught" classes, poses learned in a slow, supported manner, assisted by the teacher. Props & partner work are an integral part of this as proper alignment is critical. Workshops: Sun Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:30 a.m. Cost £20. Classes: Tues 9:30-11:00a.m. Thurs 8:00-9:30p.m. Cost £8 @ Life and Soul Academy, St. Johns Rd. Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1JR Class: Thursday 9:30-11:00a.m. Cost £8 @ Apsley Community Centre, London Rd. Apsley HP3 9SB Pls bring: yoga mat, 2 yoga bricks, belt, blanket. For more info: [www.gailgregory.co.uk](http://www.gailgregory.co.uk) click yoga classes.
- **Advent Wreath** - There are still a few available until the end of this week. Phone 07554455593.
- **Fridge Freezer De-Dietrick**, 7 years old £50.00 Needs to be collected from St Alban Kirsten 07747686265
- **Free to good home** - large "Iron-Man" Gym frame and patio umbrella. Both serviceable but old. To inspect and/or collect please ring 01923 261912
- **Saturday Family Arts Club** this Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, run by 'art in the village' arts company in the steiner school art room. Do join us this saturday between 10 and 12 noon for christmas fun and art creations! Come and make your own Christmas decorations for the tree and your own presents for family and friends out of the wide variety of art materials on offer. Whatever you make you will have fun meeting other families and sipping coffee whilst you create! Set fee of £13.50 per family. See you there!
- **Organic Wool Vests and Long Johns.** Half Price Long Johns when purchased with a Vest. Wool Slippers for Kindergarten. They make great Christmas presents. Free shipping for Steiner school parents. Enter discount code "steiner" during checkout. [www.mynerva.co.uk](http://www.mynerva.co.uk) 0845 4790772
- **For Sale – Mercedes A Class, Hatchback** 160 AVANGARDE 5DR, IMACULATE, 15.000 miles only, full service history, 2 owners only, last MOT May 12th 2009. Please call 07815735076
- **Events at Delrow Camphill** in Watford: Sunday, December 6 at 4 pm: Handel's Women in Love by the Nightingale Ensemble, songs from Handel as well as seasonal songs.. Details from Roxanne at 01923-851703, or regular email diary.
- **Healing for Every Day Life.** Its always a good time for healing - you might be feeling on top of the world, or tired & emotional. Energy healing helps with physical ailments, with stress, relationship issues, family dynamics, spiritual concerns and crises, improving energy levels, finding mental clarity - in fact, anything that you are willing to address. It is a profound way of learning how to support yourself on many levels. Why wait until you are at the end of your tether? Give yourself the opportunity to discover more of who you are - and who you truly long to be. Healing sessions with Rose Maher, Brennan Healing Science Practitioner. To book a session or to find out more Tel : 01923 269670 [rosemaher@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemaher@hotmail.com) Free initial 30 mins consultation. Full sessions last approx. 1 hour, cost £50. 3 sessions for £120.