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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

### **From Simple Shepherds' Hearts to the Wise Heads of Kings.**

We ended last term with the Shepherds' Play where we saw warm hearted spontaneity with the giving of whatever gifts were at hand for the new born baby.

We now, at the start of this term, celebrate Epiphany. Not an angel, but a steadily moving bright shining star as revelation; a sign long awaited.

Carefully chosen gifts which indicate the purpose of the life of Christ:

gold which endures forever, for a King of Kings;  
frankincense, an offering to God;  
Myrrh for human burial.

God has become human and must therefore suffer and die.

A stately, dignified procession from far off lands;  
a fulfillment of prophecy.

Mary

### **Unfolding Human Potential - throwing a light on our internal soul dynamics;**

a workshop to explore our potential to be more aware of what is me reacting and what is justified response. Am I in charge of my ups and downs, where are my choices? What do I do with feelings of not being good enough, childhood trauma and the like? A 1-day workshop to look at how we can open up the soul and our potential and become more ourselves; an introduction to Psychophonetics and Psychosophy with Yehuda Tagar.

Saturday 24th at Hawkwood College, nr Stroud Gloucestershire, 9.30 to 5pm Free workshop, £10 contribution for lunch. Please book with Hawkwood College 01453 759034 / [info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](mailto:info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk) . For more information about Psychophonetics see [www.psychophonetics.com](http://www.psychophonetics.com) or email [uk@psychophonetics.com](mailto:uk@psychophonetics.com)

many thanks

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### **More Publicity!**

The Whitby Gazette on 6 January contained a centre page spread featuring Botton School with photographs of Jaaq, Vanya, Layla, Ellie, Noah, Iona, Kiara and some of Class 4/5. For a time it is available on

<http://www.whitbygazette.co.uk/news/School-helps-children-to-mature.4866679.jp> . Thanks to Diane Hammill for setting this up.

Michael

## **Are you willing to help a Class 12 Project in Support of the Goderich Waldorf School, Sierra Leone?**

I have received a request from Anna Sprengeling who is currently in Class 11 of the Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School in Wellington, New Zealand. She is planning a Class 12 project in support of the Goderich School in Sierra Leone, which has been set up to provide free education to impoverished children, many of whom have been traumatised by the 11 year civil war that ended in 2002. The school was established in 2001 and has 200 pupils. Anna plans to raise money for a 4 week visit with her father, an experienced Waldorf teacher. She plans to raise money internationally from Waldorf school communities to re-establish the Goderich school's lunch system, which failed to run last term because of a lack of money. She would like school communities to donate money for lunch for one student for a certain period of time. \$100 would provide lunch for a student for a whole school year. She has a website, [www.helpmehelp.tk](http://www.helpmehelp.tk), and the Goderich School has a website, [www.goderichwaldorf.org](http://www.goderichwaldorf.org). Anna has various means of receiving money but I would be happy to accumulate small contributions and transfer them together. Please let me know in the next fortnight if you would be interested.

Michael

## **New Pupils and Leavers**

Isobel Murray has joined Kindergarten. She and her mother, Victoria, are living in Lealholme (tel. 01947 897092.) Melina Heimsch from Helsinki has joined Mary's class until half-term; she is living in Hall South. Welcome!

We regret that for various reasons the following have recently left the school: Phoenix Thelwall, Daniel Agar-Brennan, Levi and Hadden Grainger. We wish them well.

## **CALENDAR**

### **Blitz Cleans**

Saturday, 21 February - Class 2/3 Parents  
Saturday, 25 April - Class 6/7 Parents  
Saturday, 30 May - to be arranged

**Eurythmy class for adults:** Thursdays 8.45  
School Hall

### **Parents' meetings:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Class 6/7 – 19.30;  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Kindergarten – 13.45.

**Coordinators' Meeting:** 21 January

**Eskdale Trust:** Tuesdays at 20.00: 24 March, 19 May, 16 June

**Anthroposophical Group:** Fridays at 20.00: , Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, Mar 27<sup>th</sup>, Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Jun 19<sup>th</sup>. - see Mary for details.

**Half Term Holiday:** 16-20 February

### **Volunteer(s) Sought**

If anyone is willing to collate and distribute the Courier and/or to help with similar tasks on a regular basis, please contact me.

Michael

### **Next Copy date: 29 1 2009**

Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine Adams or to the school, and you can also email articles from the website or from the address at the top of the Courier.

Lee and Marie-Reine

