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### **Lantern Walk**

You are warmly invited to join in the Lantern Walk on St Martin's Day, 11 November, starting outside Linden at 4.30pm.

This is especially for the younger children and their families. If others want to come, please let the little ones go first.

Remember to watch your child carefully.

Please bring a lantern.

Barbro

### **The Farmer's Sheep**

A farmer had two sons. When he died the sons decided to go to the market with this flock of sheep, and sell them. They agreed that they would share the proceeds equally.

Each sheep was sold for exactly the same number of pounds as the total number of sheep in the flock.

The elder son took the cash from the sale, which amounted to an odd number of £10 notes and some coins. He then gave the other son a cheque for his half of the sale.

What was the amount written on the cheque?

If you work this out, please don't tell anyone in class 7/8. You can send your answers in to Mary.

Enjoy!

### **Blitz Clean**

Thank you to everyone who turned up at the end of term Blitz Clean, the morning was well attended and all the jobs were completed. Don't worry if you didn't get there this time (although you did miss some delicious chocolate brownies) there will be another Blitz Clean before the Christmas holidays.

Keep an eye on your Courier. If anyone would like to offer feedback or suggestions regarding the Blitz Cleans please contact either Diane or Valeska

### **Catering for the CVT Council**

Well done everyone we made

£ 1,350!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to everyone who donated delicious meals, cakes, fruit, ingredients and of course time, particularly the work teams on the days!

In those 2 days we experienced great teamwork and learnt a lot. The school dining room and kitchen area is simply a beautiful space and the endless washing up passes by much quicker while looking at the nice view with the amazing autumn colours.

The kitchen was well organised and tidy (thanks to the blitz clean the Friday before); the tables ready with ironed table cloths (thanks to class 7/8 and Lizzy Swift); so we had a good head start.

Friday, the first day of the catering was very busy. It does take time to think things through logistically and without Rosie's, Yuma's and Alya's help we certainly would have struggled, so a big thanks to the girls. The soup class 3/4 had made was very much liked and appreciated.

We learnt that Angelica is a brilliant neighbour to have next to the school; she always came to the rescue (filling up milk jugs, borrowing last minute ingredients, washing salad...)

It was a weekend in school, but we enjoyed it!

Tracey & Valeska

### **Camphill Retreat**

During the last weekend of the holiday the school hosted 29 guests who attended a CVT Retreat.

Apparently it was a great success. Thanks to all who helped with the much-appreciated catering, especially Valeska and Tracey. It is my understanding that the catering raised around £1,350 for school finances.

Michael

**Hello again from the Advent fair group,  
22.10.2009**

Here is the rota for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.  
We are asking for at least 2 hours on the day  
helping, plus setting up/cleaning up.

Also here is a reminder of all the other  
contributions:

**[] Contact your ‘underlined’ person on the rota**

[] **Put up posters**; spread the word, enclosed you  
will find posters for you to share out. Suggestion:  
put one in your car window.

**[] Home made crafts**

- beautiful homemade items for people to buy as  
treats and presents. Please ask if you need ideas of  
what to make.

**[] Home produce**

- home made sweets, biscuits, jams, chutneys, small  
Christmas cakes etc. Please cover jam jar lids, and  
wrap and decorate your creations to show them off  
and create a lovely festive display.

**[] Café cakes**

- at least one from each family please. Could be a  
large speciality cake, something simpler or scones,  
cupcakes, muffins, buns etc. It is always good to  
provide a plentiful, irresistible spread.

**[] Tombola**

- at least 3 items from each family, please NEW  
only, and reflective of our school i.e. healthy,  
organic, natural, recycled etc. Could be sweets,  
ornaments, stationary, toys, toiletries, drinks etc, but  
no alcohol, thank you!

**[] 2nd hand books**

- as soon as possible, as Peter is working hard  
sorting them out, and it will be harder for him to do  
this just before the fair.

***Come and enjoy our fair!***

***- It is fun, and a great chance to get to  
know everybody in our school community.***

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| Friday Setting up                          | Teachers and class7/8                                                                                           |
| Saturday<br>(5.12.09)<br>Preparation group | Birgit, Carolyn, Valeska,<br>Daniella, Diana Alecu                                                              |
| Candle dipping                             | <u>Mark Ellis&amp; Nick John</u> , Lisa<br>Dixon, Stefan Tyrka                                                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand books                 | <u>Peter Ramsbotham</u> , Gabriella,<br>Jem                                                                     |
| Gnome garden                               | <u>Mark Barber&amp; Tracey Corfield</u> ,<br>Carol, Jude, Geetha,<br>Nikki, Victoria Murray,<br>Diana A.        |
| Craft stall/ Home<br>produce               | <u>Birgit &amp; Fiona</u> , Julie Tyrka,<br>Kathryn Shaw                                                        |
| Café                                       | <u>Stacey</u> , Liz, Angelica, Sarah,<br>Louise, Nesity, Yoko, Kari,<br>Julie Easley, Julia Scott, class<br>7-8 |
| Café till                                  | <u>John Darrel</u> , Shani                                                                                      |
| Treasure Hunt                              | <u>Daniella</u> , school children                                                                               |
| One World stall                            | School children                                                                                                 |
| Willow<br>stars/other<br>activity          | <u>Diane</u> , Victoria Stevens, Kate,<br>Diana Alecu, Cathy Thompson                                           |
| Waffles                                    | Some children of Class 7-8<br><u>Valeska</u> , Margaret                                                         |
| Raffle/school<br>information               | <u>Mary</u> , Michael Drake, Carolyn                                                                            |
| Tombola                                    | <u>Anthea</u> , Nigel, class 5-6                                                                                |
| Tidying up team                            | Ben Davis, Bogdan, Lee, Mick,<br>Michael Alecu and as many<br>volunteers as possible, the more<br>the merrier   |
| Puppet show                                | Christine, Barbro                                                                                               |
| Music, choir                               | Marc and Rebecca Gross                                                                                          |

**Minutes from School-Parent Coordinators**  
**Meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009.**

Present: Valeska, Diane, Birgit, Marc and Victoria Murray.

1. **BLITZ CLEAN** - Last term's BLITZ CLEAN was very well attended compared to the class group system. Everything (?) was crossed off the 'to do' list. Two points were raised:

i. Clearer explanation of jobs to be done was suggested (ie. Make more specific, less ambiguity?) and could a dedicated person be on-hand to answer queries as apparently some parents were confused about some jobs. It was suggested that maybe parents could be directed to Michael in his office for clarification in the event of queries.

ii. Waxing - should we have a team of waxing experts who are then exempt from Blitz Clean. Names suggested were Bogdan and Lee, Valeska to ask if they would be willing to help.

2. **FUNDRAISING**

i Fundraising idea - someone to take on the promoting of the school's facilities (together with parents' catering service) to outside organisations as a conference venue. Michael, is this possible from an insurance perspective?

ii Next fundraising group meeting 11th November at New Botton Farm. Valeska to put note in Courier.

3. **LETTER INSERTING** - Michael to ask Stacey if anyone contacted her in response to the note in the last minutes in the Courier asking for help organising letter inserting, with a view to taking over from Stacey when she leaves. The note mentioned for any interested parents to contact her directly.

4. **WEBSITE** - in response to the note in a recent Courier asking for help with the website, Lee got in touch and said he would be happy to maintain the website again until Liam leaves. When asked if he could 'train up' someone else he said it would require someone with technical expertise in Apple Mac website design.

Lee needs to be kept up to date with contact lists and class lists.

Valeska had heard Lee was pulling out from certain involvements and wondered if this included the website. We also discussed the need to make the maintenance of the site more layman friendly so that when Lee does leave it won't be too difficult finding someone else who can do this.

Marc suggested Lee start doing things in Windows if poss. Even if this means duplicating? Also, another parent needs to get involved asap. It was suggested Carl Agar Brennan was competent with IT. Diane to ask Lee for clarification on above points and ask if he wants to contact Carl to show him the ropes.

5. **NEW PARENTS** - A new parents' coffee morning was held in September, present were Jude, Nicky, Victoria Stevens, Birgit, and Diana. Victoria Murray had a one to one welcome meeting with Valeska and was invited to attend the next New Parents' coffee morning if she wishes.

6. **NOTICE BOARD** - Diane to talk to Michael - is it better to have two notice boards, one right on the car park fence and one at the school. Many parents don't come up to the school building very often ie. Those with older children. On the other hand, Valeska pointed out that Botton parents often don't get to the car park. Other schools have huge, well-used notice boards, location locatio locat....?

7. **CONTACT LIST** - problems for parents getting in touch to discuss Advent Fair arrangements and letter inserting because they don't have up to date lists. Victoria reassured us the list is nearly ready. At the time of writing the new Contact List has been distributed by email and has been added to the website.

8. **NUMBERS FOR COORDINATORS GROUP** - In response to the request for new Coordinators, Marc Gross and Victoria Murray contacted Diane and were invited to attend this meeting. Should we put another notice in Courier for more coordinators?

9. **THE ADVENT FAIR GROUP** - In response to the request for more help with the Advent Fair Group, Birgit and Marc Gross came forward.

Next Meeting January TBC.

### **The Oberufer Shepherds' Play**

is one part of a cycle of medieval mystery dramas. The plays were discovered in an isolated village on a peninsula in the Danube River, late in the 19th century. The townspeople had kept the traditions of these plays, both the text itself and the tradition of acting, since the late 18th century, but the old ways were being threatened by the modern world. Fortunately Karl Julius Shroer, a professor who studied German folklore, his intention being to preserve this spiritual inheritance from ancient times, transcribed the plays. The Oberufer plays are now performed each year in many languages in Waldorf Schools around the world.

As has been the tradition for many years in Botton Village School, the teachers will perform The Shepherds' Play as a gift to the school community. The performances will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and then again at 7pm in the school hall. Please remember that the majority of the teachers will be in the play and not in the audience so therefore we will need your support in order to make this an enjoyable experience for everyone. We ask that children in classes 1 – 6 sit with their parents. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Anthea (for the teachers)

### **Contact List**

Please find attached to this issue the Contact List for 0910, which will also appear in the password protected section of the website. Sorry that it has been so long delayed. There were a number of reasons for this. We received advice that, because of the data protection act, we should get everyone's individual permission to be included. We also felt that it had become appropriate to include more email addresses and to distribute more Couriers by email, which also involved gathering information and permission from individuals.

You will notice that we no longer include class lists; this is also the result of legal advice we have been given. I hope that the lack of pupil details doesn't cause inconvenience; it has altered the physical layout of the contact list and it may take some time to find the best format. Please let me know if there are any mistakes.

You may also notice that Kari and Lynton White have been omitted, which is because Kiara left the school at half term in order to live, at least for a time, with her dad in Sheffield. We are very sorry to lose her and wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Michael for the College of Teachers

### **Important: Letter Inserting**

Please look at the **letter inserting rota** for **19 – 23 November**. This is the big one of the year. It raises the most money for the school and its success is important for Village finances. This is the one that we failed to carry out properly last year and lost money on. If we don't make a success of it there is a danger the contract will be lost.

**It is vital that we all turn up at the Camphill Press on time for our sessions. Highlighted people please contact your team now to remind them, and remember to remind them again shortly before the session. If you find you cannot manage the session allocated to you, please accept that it is your responsibility to find another school family to exchange with.**

Apologies for the inconvenience this will cause, but the school very much needs the money and it is just not possible for the scheduler to arrange individual variations. I hope that you can all support the school on this without becoming too fed up.

Because of the size of the job and the small size of the school population **every parent family is involved this time**, even if they were involved in September. (Three families are involved in operating the machine and are not shown on the rota.) Care will be taken to ensure that the load is evenly shared over the year. To make the rota work two pupils from Class 7/8 are involved this time. There is some possibility that those listed for Tuesday will not be needed, but, because this is the biggest run ever done, we cannot risk not scheduling Tuesday. Please note that Class 7/8 pupils can substitute for adult family members but that young children should not be taken to the Press.

Besides the two smaller sessions later in the year the Press is planning an additional letter-inserting session in February; this one will be reserved for Class 7/8 parents fundraising for the class trip.

Michael

# CALENDAR

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

**Parents – take a break!** Venue: Coffee Bar, Time: 9am – 11am, Friday mornings, weekly

**Parents’ Evenings:**

class 3/4 parents evening 7p.m.17th November  
Class 7/8 to meet subject teachers Tuesday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – time to be confirmed.

**Eskdale Trust Council:** Tuesdays at 20.00:  
1 December, 9 March, 4 May, 22 June

**Anthroposophical Group:** Fridays at 20.00 Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup> - see Mary for details.

**NESTT:** Nov 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (Class 7/8 parents)

**Letter Inserting:**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, 19, 20, 21, 23 November

**Advent Spiral:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 3pm-school hall.

**Advent Fair:** 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Play:** Thursday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm and 7pm

**Next Copy date: 19.11.2009**

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

**Letter Inserting Rota:**

|                                                           | <b>Thursday<br/>19 November</b>             | <b>Friday<br/>20 November</b>                         | <b>Saturday<br/>21 November</b>    | <b>Monday<br/>23 November</b>           | <b>Tuesday<br/>24 November</b>           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>9 – 12.00</b>                                          | <u>Hollins</u><br>Karunathilaka<br>Cunnison | <u>Murray</u><br>Townsend<br>John                     | <u>Jarvis</u><br>Gross<br>Fulton   | <u>Jackson</u><br>Ryan<br>Burnham       | <u>Fearnley</u><br>Scott<br>Agar-Brennan |
| <b>13.30 –<br/>16.30<br/>(to 16.00 for<br/>Class 7/8)</b> | <u>Williamson</u><br>Shaw<br>Easley         | Class 7/8 with<br><u>Mary/Michael</u><br>and a driver | <u>Davis</u><br>Potvliege<br>Clark | <u>Darrell</u><br>Ramsbotham<br>Welburn | <u>Griffiths</u><br>Drake<br>Edwards     |
| <b>19.00 –<br/>22.00</b>                                  | <u>Noonan</u><br>A Hammill<br>Alec          | <u>Barber</u><br>Thompson<br>Toyota                   |                                    | <u>Stock</u><br>G Taylor<br>Bucur       |                                          |