



15th June 2012

# FRIDAY FLIER

**The Summer Solstice** gives us the opportunity to reflect on the power of the sun and the growth of the season. As we celebrate the sun at the highest point in our hemisphere and prepare for our days to become shorter, the summer solstice reminds us that nothing lasts forever. Traditionally at this time of year a bonfire is lit to reflect the strength of the sun. The bonfire is also a symbol of purification due to its cleansing properties and its ability to transform substance.

**We will be having a bonfire and setting fire to our beloved school dragon.** I invite you to drive away your inner dragons on the bonfire and create a new space of possibility in your lives. It would be wonderful if you could help us adorn our dragon.

**You can contribute** by writing down anonymously and privately a transformation you would like to take place and what you would like to clear in order to make space for this to happen, bringing decorations of flowers, herbs, items or images that symbolise what it is you would like to let go of. **You can add these to the dragon's scales any time before 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

We will then ceremoniously light the bonfire and the dragon, sending your intentions out into the universe.

~ Laura (Class 3/4 Teaching Assistant and creator of the Dragon)

“As the sun spirals its longest dance, cleanse us. As nature shows bounty and fertility, bless us. Let all things live with loving intent. And to fulfil their truest destiny.” – *Wiccan blessing for the summer solstice.*

## Kindergarten Closed & Festival Set Up Fun!

On Friday 22nd June, there will be no kindergarten. Never fear, however, as there will still be plenty to do! The bouncy castles will already be in place at West Town Farm, ready for the Festival, and everyone is welcome to come down for the morning (or longer!) to lend a hand, share a picnic, and play. The more the merrier, and the faster the work will be done, so please come and join us!

## FESTIVAL @ THE FARM

**We still need helpers—don't miss out on the chance to attend free of charge AND help your school!**

Please contact Emily (07596 766396), Kneace (07793 815246) or Jamie (07944 114127) or pop into the school office if you are able to help.

## Upcoming Events

FRIDAY JUNE 22ND

**PRE-FESTIVAL @ THE FARM**  
Set up and preparation for the festival, plus a picnic lunch and bouncy castle fun!

SATURDAY JUNE 23RD

**FESTIVAL @ THE FARM**  
Music Festival at West Town Farm  
A School Fundraising Event

FRIDAY JUNE 29TH

**THE BURNING OF THE DRAGON**  
Bonfire at school.

FRIDAY JULY 13TH

**END OF TERM**

EVERY TUESDAY

**KNITTING & CRAFT GROUP**  
With Catherine Finbow  
1.00pm in the Parent and toddler room

EVERY WEDNESDAY

**SOUP CAFE and SHOP**  
1.30 onwards

EVERY FRIDAY

**YOGA PRACTICE SPACE**  
In the Hall, 1–2pm  
1st FRIDAY of the month  
**TAI CHI**  
1-2pm,

EVERY FRIDAY

**AFTERNOON TEA**  
In the Playground, hosted by Emily & Kneace

EVERY FRIDAY

**SINGING GROUP**  
In the Hall, 12– 1pm  
For all parents, young children welcome  
Come and raise a song!

## Homeopathy at Home course

A local homeopath named Cath has kindly offered to run a 4 week course on homeopathy at the school. The course teaches the basics of homeopathy and how to treat your family for mild illness and injuries. The course will start in September and will cost around £30. If you are interested could you please put your name down on the poster outside of the kindergarten or contact Karina Daly. Many Thanks.

### **BUILDING PARENT SUPPORT IN OUR SCHOOL**

This week we explored the tool of "Stay Listening" in our approach Parenting By Connection. When we let our children have their off-track behaviour, when we offer them close connection at these times when they need us most, they release their hurts & disappointments "naturally". They move on & so do we.

"Perhaps love is the process of me leading you gently back to yourself."  
Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

To find out more or reserve your place in September, please contact Laura Newman 07412-450-894; 01392-670-605

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### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Anyone interested in a Forest School coming here for a weekly session starting September? Exeter Forest School is looking for a venue! Check them out on their free open day 30th June. See poster on gate for details. Thanks. Laura Newman.

### Ideas, thoughts, inspirations

There is a new notebook in place outside the Kindergarten, put in place by Theresa and Caroline.

*"This is our note book, our school. How can we fundraise and publicise? Perhaps we have something in mind? How do we want to contribute? Let's scribble and create! Together we make things happen."*

**Education for a Happy Childhood** is a course introducing the theory and practice of Steiner Early Years education, run by Joy de Berker over 10 Saturday mornings in Bath. This course is highly recommended for anyone wishing to work with young children and, of course, parents. Joy is a warm and inspiring woman with a wealth of experience to share. The new course starts September 2012 and happens monthly. To find out more: [www.joydeberkerchildhood.com](http://www.joydeberkerchildhood.com)

### **School shop**

The school shop is open on **Wednesdays**. We sell Stockmar crayons and paints, Lyra pencils, felt and craft materials as well as beautiful handmade crafts and beeswax candles. **Newish and still wonderful!** "A journey not a race" - the music album, produced especially to raise money for the school!

**\*\*Artists from the CD will feature at FESTIVAL @ THE FARM on 23rd June— tickets available from the school office!\*\***