

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 10th November 2010 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Wed Nov 10	8.00 p.m. PTFA Staff Room
	8.00 p.m. Talk for Early Years Parents
Fri Nov 11	12.45 p.m. School closes for afternoon
Tues Nov 16	7.00 p.m. Class 9 Parents' Evening
Thurs Nov 18	a.m. Class 6 to Wren's Nest
Fri Nov 19 th	12.45 p.m. School closes for Bazaar prep. 7 – 9 p.m. Bazaar open
Sat Nov 20	11 - 4 Elmfield Bazaar
Sun Nov 28	First Sunday of Advent
Tues Nov 30	7.00 p.m. Class 10 Parents' Evening
Fri Dec 3	7.00 p.m. Gallimaufrey Hall

School Affairs

Mike Friedeberg: Funeral and School Closure

A reminder that School will close at 12.45 pm this Friday, 12th November 2010. Mike's funeral will take place at the Wollaston Free Church, 14 Somerset Drive, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 4RH at 2.30 pm. Celia, Dan and Bethany have requested no flowers, but donations may be made if wished to *Médecins Sans Frontières*, through the Co-operative Funeral Service, 12 Hagley Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PS. Afterwards there will be tea and cakes at the School.

Could we please ask you to bring donations of cakes on Friday morning to the big kitchen in the Early Years? We would very much appreciate it, if guests and parents could refrain from parking on site in the afternoon. Lift sharing to the funeral would also be advisable.

Thank you for all your support, it is greatly appreciated.
Carrie Smith

Thanks: We would like to thank everybody for their support, generosity and messages of love and appreciation of Mike following his tragic death. It means so much to us to know that so many people are thinking of us and Mike at this time.
Celia, Daniel and Bethany Friedeberg

Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a **Learning Support Assistant** for a Class 8 child, starting in January 2011. Some experience / relevant qualification is essential. Hours: 14.5 per week spread over 5 days. Remuneration: £10.77 per hour. Please ask for job description and application form at the office.

Closing Date 22nd November 2010.

Part-time teacher required to teach GCSE Physics and Mathematics from January 2010. Remuneration based on £19.50 per lesson. For further details, job description and application form, please contact the School office. Closing Date 29th November 2010.

Morning Modules: In one of our morning modules we have made a selection of chutneys and pickles. If you have any spare jam jars they would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.
Heather Howes

Cover Teachers needed

We are looking for qualified Waldorf Teachers who would be available on an occasional basis for short-term Main **Lesson cover** in **Lower School**.

Elisabeth Faulkner on behalf of the College of Teachers

Vacancy: the **Costumes department** needs someone to care for the costumes and be available for fitting and alterations when plays are performed. Flexibility and an interest in theatre costume are requirements, along with a CRB. Hours approx. 40 over the year. Application forms and job description available from the office.

Tim Gray, on behalf of Teaching Needs Group

Come Play with Me has begun again, meeting every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 at the Christian Community in Baylie Street Stourbridge, (near to Mary Stevens Park). If you would like to come with your pre-school child please contact Janet Klaar, 01384 352177 or by email: janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk. We are delighted to welcome parents, carers, grandparents etc. and look forward to meeting you.
Janet Klaar & Kate Martin

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner Academy – Keep yourself up to date with progress, and find out what you can do to help by keeping a regular eye on the notice board in the Yellow Passage. If you wish to show support for this please sign the petition – to be found on the notice board
Emma Cooper

Music Matters

COMMUNITY CHOIRS: Every Wednesday

Early Choir: 7.00 pm – 7.50 pm. Open to all, varied repertoire.

Late Choir: 8.00 pm – 9.15 pm. Open to more experienced singers. Call Diana Ball, 371348 or Sue Whittaker, 376804.

PTFA

Hello everyone

The fayre is soon upon us ahh can you believe it. I will be sending out a letter this week outlining everything we need but until then just a few reminders; if you haven't signed up for your class rota or if it's full and you have nothing to do please contact me. There are now lots of lovely posters around and more copies in the office, please take some and share the joy. Get cooking cakes and home produce, they are essential for the jollity of the day. If class reps have any concerns please contact me. If the task your class is doing doesn't fit your skills then do something else e.g. I can't do crafts but can make cakes so I make extra cakes! Food of the world chefs we need your contributions on the Friday evening. We need mugs, have you got any extra's that you don't use, please bring them to the big kitchen. Does anyone have a Christmas tree in a pot they can lend us for the big day. Fancy winter tales outfits will make the whole event very bright and cheerful. Don't forget we are open

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on Friday for adults, this was a brilliant night last year with mulled wine and music and lots of calm chatting/shopping time. The name of the game is to keep engaged and enjoy the whole event, if we all share the work we can all share the joy. When all is said and done I look into the angel eyes of my girls and I know that this community isn't about the winner takes it all its about saying thank you for the music! Love Sheena, 01384280384

Advent Fayre Urgent request for help to set up the Hall on Friday 19th November. Please contact Helen Hingley on 01562 883620 or add your name to the list in the Yellow Passage.

We are in need of support with Tombola Items. If you have anything interesting or of value to others that you could donate we would be very grateful. Thank you, Helen Hingley Class 8

Crafty hands? (Not long to go). Are you able to take some time to make small items for the Fayre. A table will be available for them to be sold in aid of the school. Helen Hingley

Raffle Tickets: By now you should have received raffle tickets for this year's Advent Fayre. Please, if you find it difficult to sell them return them to the office as soon as possible, as there may be others who can sell them for you. Thank you.

Emma Cooper

More coloured posters for the Advent Fayre are available in the office. Let's be imaginative, advertise our fabulous school and its doings! Sheena x

Toulouse Sausage BBQ Stall at the Advent Fayre – Help Urgently Needed!!!

Do you want to hone your BBQ skills surrounded by the smell of delicious sizzling Toulouse Sausages?

Well now's your chance! – Volunteer your services to help Jérôme at the Advent Fayre on this very popular stall, you only need to sign up for an hour.

3 volunteers needed for each hour, either male OR female.

A great sense of camaraderie and achievement is guaranteed! Rota sheet is in the Yellow Passage, or if you can't get there then just text or call **07814 792823**

Many thanks!

Jérôme & Kate

Open House

Can anyone use small polystyrene beads (bean bag filling)? I have 2 bin liners full. Snow scenes for bazaar perhaps?

Catherine Maguire 01384 440345

40 Day Network

Time has flown and babies have grown and I just want to say THANKYOU to all you fabulous networkers, including my daughter and Ella, who made, shopped and cleaned for those lovely families who welcomed babies into their lives last term. It was really a soul enriching experience for me and great for all involved. If anyone else is expecting let us know, we are here. Sheena 01384280384

DRIVING COURSES: We have taught many pupils at Elmfield to drive. If you want to END UP DRIVING then give us a ring. Hear yourself never having to ask for lifts again, see yourself being totally independent and feel the freedom of being in control. You will learn in a very patient, totally flexible and gentle atmosphere. We use NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) techniques to help you pass your test. The practical driving test changed on October 4th and we are ahead of the game, having been teaching the new syllabus for the last 5 months. Space is limited so act now to avoid disappointment. Call Bridgit on 0772 6953033. Bridgit Richardson

Gallimaufrey Winter Warmer: Come and share your talents (or just listen) at a "Musical Open Evening" on Friday 3rd December 2010 from 7 p.m. onwards (finishing around 9 p.m.) in the Eurythmy Room. All welcome – pupils, parents, teachers, all ages. Bring and share refreshments. Contributions no longer than 10 minutes. For further information please ring Julian Gilde on 01384 442106.

The EXPERT PATIENT PROGRAMME is a national NHS programme designed to help people develop new skills to manage their lives better. FREE courses are now being run in Stourbridge at St Thomas' Church Hall (opposite Waitrose) on Monday 8th November 1.30 – 4.00 p.m. If you, or a friend or family member have ME, MS, Parkinsons, Arthritis, Diabetes, Cancer, Back Pain, Depression or any other long term health problem then this course is for you. Some people who have been on the course have commented on how "everyone thinks I'm the same person but they don't realise how I've changed inside and the course has helped me to deal with some of those issues". For further information please look at our website WWW.expert-patients.org.uk or call us on 01384 886438.

Bridgit Richardson

ADVENT STRINGS FOR SALE A small gift to unwrap each day of Advent beginning on Sunday 28th November and ending on Christmas Eve. Many of the gifts are handmade and they reflect the treasures of the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms and culminate in the wonder of the Nativity. The price is £20 per string and we shall be at the Elmfield Advent Fair on 19th and 20th November if you would like to collect your string. If you would prefer to have it posted the cost is £4.

Please telephone 0115 9392353 to place your order. Stocks are limited and sales are strictly on a first come first served basis. Eliza Conway and Julie Gibson.

Susanna Hamnett

Nearly Lear

Performing Live at the Glasshouse Arts Centre

Friday 12th of November, 7.30pm £7/£5 conc.

Bookings 01384 399430

Hilarious roller-coaster that upends Shakespeare!

The great story of King Lear seen through the eyes of his devoted clown Norris – poignant and tragic but also mischievous, tender and achingly funny.

Susanna takes the audience to the heart of this great story

Listings Susanna Hamnett, Nearly Lear, Glasshouse Arts Centre, Saturday 6th of November, 7.30pm, £8/£6 con. Booking line 01384 399430

DEW POND Management and Leadership Consultancy. A bespoke service in leadership and management training and development. We do problem based learning, motivation change management and much more. Contact: Mary Rayner (ex parent) 07791 311222 email: info@dew-pond.co.uk Website www.dew-pond.co.uk

Low Carbon Community Project - FREE Home Energy

Saving Workshop Date: Tuesday 30th November

Time: 7pm - 9pm Venue: Elmfield School, Love Lane, Stourbridge, DY8 2EA

Concerned about the Environment? Want to reduce household bills and save money? Worldwide, individuals, organisations and governments are trying to reduce carbon emissions for a fairer future for all. It's not easy to know what to do on a personal level, so, here is one way of finding out about many things we can all do to reduce our carbon emissions and pollution.

Marches Energy Agency in partnership with Transition Stourbridge will be running a FREE workshop (funded by Dudley MBC) as part of the Low Carbon Community project where we can learn about our energy consumption and what we can do to reduce it. For more information or to reserve a place,

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please call Margy on 01384 351414 or Tony on 01384 379668, or email t.stourbridge@googlemail.com.

Transition Stourbridge Autumn 2010 Film Series Presents:
Friday 26th November, 7.30pm at The Glasshouse Arts Centre, Wollaston Road, Amblecote, Stourbridge DY8 4HF. Donations on the door to help cover costs. 'In Transition' - An inspiring film about how Transition communities around the world are responding to peak oil and climate change with creativity, imagination and humour, and setting about rebuilding their local economies and communities. Preceded by a short film: 'The Story of Stuff' - a critical vision of today's consumerist society: How to create a more sustainable and just world. Do come along to this community event and see just what is possible when people join up and get active! - Bring neighbours, friends and family!

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge: Keeping Warm at Home

To keep our homes warm and cosy in these cold winter months, some simple steps can make a big difference and help keep the heating bills down. **Thick curtains** keep the warmth in, but if there is a radiator under the window, make sure the curtains tuck behind it so the heat comes into the room and does not get wasted up the back of the curtain. **Stop draughts** around doors, windows and letterboxes - there are many inexpensive products on the market and you can feel the difference immediately. And **close doors** to keep the warmth in!

Make and Mend Mornings - The Cockleshell, Fridays 10am - 12 noon (in term time)

Make and Mend mornings are up and running on Fridays at the Cockleshell, Worcester Street (nearly opposite Worcester Street Surgery). Bring along anything you'd like to do there - making things for the Advent Fayre, darning, sewing, cross-stitch, making greeting cards - I'll be knitting socks. The perfect opportunity to get the mending done, or alter an item of clothing that needs a change. Fixing things means a longer life for our belongings and saves money - welcome back to thrift - with Cake and Chat! The Cockleshell has a Fairtrade Cafe for us to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you there! Spread the word!

Offers and Wanted

HAPPY HAULAGE; Any man with a van service. Small house moves and courier services. Call Sam Bennett on 07508 585850 www.happyhaulage.co.uk

REDLINE PLUMBING AND HEATING A Stourbridge based plumbing firm run by an ex Elmfield pupil, Sam Golding, are offering new bathrooms and central heating packages for great prices throughout all winter. Whether it is an alteration or a new installation we do it all and will not be beaten on price. Call today for your free quotation on: 07858 050444 or 01384 824693 evenings. All work fully guaranteed.

Ex Elmfield Parent seeks part time work – 3 afternoons 10 – 12 hours. Can drive, type, look after animals, children, bake cakes (including Christmas cakes), knit baby clothes. Please ring Lynne Sanders on 07903 906059

Bikes – do you have a bike you no longer need? There is a non-profit making Community Interest Organisation in Kidderminster that employs people with learning difficulties that refurbishes old bikes that can be sold back to the public. All profits go back into the company benefiting the young people again. Bikes can be collected. The organisation is Spokes in Kidderminster and can be contacted on 01562 861154. The

website is www.spokes-uk.org Any bike in any condition would be gratefully received – Thanks, Matt Tustain

Christmas Cake Orders – I love to make Christmas Cakes and have a lovely recipe for one. If you would like an 8" round or square cake using mine or your own recipe, laced with sherry, brandy etc and with/without snow peak icing, in time for Christmas, call Lynne Sanders on 01384 353616 or 07903 906059. You can bring me the ingredients and I will make and 'juice it' and ice it in time for Christmas for £12.50 - £15

Free to Collector – 21" Sony Trinitron TV, 5 mins from school
Tel: Kuli Skidmore-Gill 07751 115307

For Sale

For Sale:

Wardrobe for child/small bedroom. 40cm wide x 53 cm high. 2 drawers and hanging space £10 Call Sarah Goudie on 07765 288644

For Sale: full size cello with soft case and bow musima C213 (German) Cost £350 – reasonable offers considered. Tel: Denis & Diana Beaumont 01902 895585

Estates

I am looking for an independent type of lodger to live in a medium sized room in a nice quiet house in Stourbridge Old Quarter. £300 pounds a month including bills. Please ring Charlotte Kaye on: 07791067261 or 01384 345039.

House for Sale in the old Quarter of Stourbridge. 15 minute walk from school, 5 minute walk from park. 3 bedrooms, 2 reception room + kitchen–diner. If interested contact Heidi Brinkmann on 01384 362245

Last but not least:

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it
is like wrapping a present and not
giving it*

William Arthur Ward