Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 17th November 2010 Weekly Newssheet

School Diary

Thurs Nov 18	a.m.	Class 6 outing to Wren's Nest
Fri Nov 19th	12.45pm.	School closes for Bazaar prep.
	7 – 9 p.m.	Bazaar open
Sat Nov 20	11 - 4	Elmfield Bazaar
Tues Nov 23	7.30 p.m.	Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
Wed Nov 24	see below	.Community Choir
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
Wed Dec 8	7.30 p.m.	Upper School Concert – Hall

School Affairs

Dear Parents,
We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful support you have given us all over the past two weeks, which we know has shaken all of us. A huge thank you in particular for all those wonderful cakes made, and to the splendid helpers, parents and friends who looked after the teas so wonderfully after the funeral. Thank you also to the wonderful pupils, ex pupils and ex staff who came and helped with clearing up. This makes us so appreciate our special community.

Carrie Smith

Thanks again: We have been overwhelmed by the generous donations to *Medecin sans Frontieres* at Mike's funeral service. An amazing £1560.35 was collected at the service, with more to come. Schloss Hamborn will also be sending a donation. Thank you all so much for your generosity, for travelling so far from so many places to attend Mike's funeral, for the cakes, and for all the support we have had in so many different ways.

Celia, Daniel and Bethany

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.

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

ECO CLEANING
Many thanks to Tony Laycock, our new caretaker, who has done some research into cleaning products, and has made some positive changes. HANDSOAP: New irritant free eco / person friendly soap. SWEEPING BRUSHES: Wood from Forest Stewardship Council: all brushes to be sourced this way in the future. PAPER HAND TOWELS: Heavier paper made from recycled paper. TOILET BLOCKS: The new ones do not kill living organisms in water courses. BIN BAGS: In the past we have sent approximately 2000 bags to landfill per year. Tony aims to have 100% reduction in the new year using new bags which will be emptied into collection bins. A huge reduction on plastic to landfill. RECYCLING: Tony is currently researching so watch this space. THANK YOU TONY! Rosanne Adams

Elmfield Bookshop – New in stock – discover our extensive range of beautiful crystals: amethysts, quartz, labradonite. Some outstanding large pieces and good quality specimens. – Even more Fair Trade products: Finger Puppet Rucksacks, Pencil Cases, Bunting, Slippers, Hairbands, Scarves, Gloves, Hats and a wide range of beautiful gifts – New jewellery; pendants, earrings, bracelets – Large selection of Advent Calendars and much more … The shop will be open on Friday evening 19th November from 7 to 9 (no children please at this time) and on Saturday for Advent Fayre, also stall in Teachers' Room. Please help us by buying some of your Christmas shopping with us. Thank you! The Bookshop Team

Echoes

On Tuesday November 16th Class 3 was invited to visit Stourton Farm: for the first of three days they will spend there, at different seasons of the year. We saw cows being milked and pigs being fed, and helped feed the hens and gather their eggs. We had a lovely walk, finding sweet chestnuts in the wood, and finished with some games amongst the straw bales! Thank you to Roger Pauli and his helpers.

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

Raffle tickets: **Please return any unsold tickets as soon as possible so that others can take them to sell. Office**

Message from Sheena
Dear all, this is it then everyone, time is slipping through my fingers, I do I do I do think it is going to be a marvellous weekend, there will be lots of visitors and meeting up, the way old friends do. Here are some important notices - If you haven't had a letter from me please let me know, it has a list of things to do. Just to recap though - bring in 6 or 12 mince pies, 1 or 2 cakes and make yummies for food of the world stall, the cakes need to go to Heather's kitchen and the rest in the big kitchen. We need -adults to help in the restaurant, it's always busy: don't forget clearing up is a huge task too, the more help the merrier. Does anyone have a Christmas tree in a pot we could use for the teachers' room? If anyone has a supply of white cloths for room decoration and wintery objects like icicles, can they lend us those, also packaging polystyrene/false snow would be great. I will be around from midday on Friday. A prize is available for the best fancy dress, I will be in the restaurant on Saturday, come and show me! I know you are all Super Troupers but all people need love so if you have an SOS and I can help ring me - Sheena 07804161179 (Abba rule ok)

Don't forget the Advent Fayre is having a lovely relaxed preview for grown ups on Friday night, from 7 until 9, mulled wine, music and mince pies plus food of the world will be available. Last year was a lovely opportunity to shop peacefully and drink and chat with old friends, lots of ex-parents and pupils came and played catch-up. Entry is £1.50 including drink and pie plus free entry for Saturday which starts at 11 and finishes at 4pm, with a closing event dedicated to Mike.

The Gem Lady is raising money for a new Steiner school in South Africa at the Advent Fayre so collect up your coppers and see how far the spiral of love can travel x this will be a lovely activity for little and bigger children x Sheena

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

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

Open House

ELIANT – now only 5000 signatures needed to reach 1 Million!
Many thanks for your support until now - but please help to collect the last 5000!
Only 1 million signatures (not 1 less!) will have the political power - it would be a shame to miss the goal by so few!
ELIANT (*E*uropean A*l*liance of *I*nitiatives for *A*pplied A*nt*hroposophy) is a citizens' initiative calling for a legal framework in Europe 'which acknowledges and supports the citizens' rights for a diversity of lifestyle and cultural choices…', in particular with regard to education, medicine, farming etc. This includes the availability of Steiner Waldorf Education in the future! The aim of 1 million signatures worldwide has been reached - **but within Europe 5000 signatures still separate us from 1 Million**!
If you haven't signed yet – please do so ASAP!
For more information and **to sign online** please go to www.eliant.eu ! People eligible to sign need to be 18 years or over and every person can only sign once. If however you are uncertain whether you have signed already rather sign again (it will be checked).
Many thanks for your support!
Dr Bettina Lohn & Brenda Newton

YOGA AT PARK HILL FLAT (top floor of main building)
Yoga classes for everyone are happening Wed and Fri mornings at 9:00 - 10:30. The cost is £6 per class, bring a mat if you have one. Ring Maria on 01384 442 035 for more information. Come and join us!

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

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.

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, 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:
Food - Buy in Bulk - save petrol and time Bulk buy wholefoods - for example, from Survival Wholefoods Ltd - www.survivalwholefoods.co.uk / tel 01568 614147. Their stock is extensive with thousands of wholefood lines and a strict non-GM policy. Personal, friendly and reliable service. In their words: 'IF YOU HAVE ISSUES WITH SUPERMARKET DEPENDENCE, THEN NOW, MORE THAN EVER, IS THE TIME TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES. ONLY YOU CAN CHANGE THIS SITUATION, WE CAN ONLY RESPOND!' They

deliver to Stourbridge on Wednesday mornings most weeks. Minimum order £150, ask friends to join up to make a combined order or call Margy on 01384 351414 for contacts with regular orders.

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!

DEVON HARRISON
The Devils in the Detail
Friday 19th November @ 7.30PM £8/£6
Local Opera Star Devon Harrison focuses on the villains of opera, with Janine Smith on Piano.
Music from Sweeney Todd, Rigoletto, Billy Budd and many more.

Garlic Theatre Presents
Little Red Robin Hood
Saturday 20th of November @12.00noon
£6/£4 Family £17
Puppet Theatre for all ages. Fantastic mix of recognised fairy tales.

Spinndrift
Friday 3rd of December 7.30pm £7/£5
Folk Favourites return to the Glasshouse.
An exciting 5 piece band with Stourbridge connections, formed on the folk and traditional music degree at Newcastle university.
Claire Hollowood
Glasshouse Arts Centre
Wollaston Road
Amblecote
Stourbridge
DY8 4HF
Telephone 01384 399458

Offers and Wanted

Reliable ex-Elmfielder – on gap year available for cleaning, gardening, babysitting, general chores and anything else you wish to throw her way! Call Lily 07525 720087

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

Wanted single young female guinea pig
Our "new" guinea pig is alone and needs company her older partner having died .
If you can help call Clare 373696

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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.

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

For Sale

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Two Fagus wooden trucks (skip truck and front loader) £15 each, and Fagus Crane hardly used £100 new - will consider offers. Thanks, Jane Chase 01384 361804

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:

There can be no Security without Peace. There can be no Peace without Freedom. There can be no Freedom without Justice. There can be no Justice without Love. ~

Graffiti from a wall in Thailand