

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 24th November 2010 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

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
Mon Dec 13	7.30 p.m. Class 4 Parents Evening
Wed Dec 15	2.00 p.m. School Festival
Thurs Dec 16	12.00 a.m. School closes for Christmas break 7.30 p.m. Public performance of Teachers' Christmas play

School Affairs

Elmfield's Winter Wonderland.

A huge thank you to Sheena and her hard-working, creative team of parents and children for such a happy, beautiful Advent Fayre. Elmfield's Fayre is one of the highlights of the year for our community, past and present, near and far, and this year's was a great success at so many levels: delicious food, lovely music, beautiful crafts and decorations creating a wonderful atmosphere that is unique to Elmfield. We are very grateful, and you should be very proud!

Carrie Smith for the College of Teachers

Advent Garden – Sunday 28th November 4pm in the Hall. The festival is for children of classes 1 – 3 and any older children who wish to attend, as well as younger brothers and sisters. The moods of peace and stillness, and of light growing out of the darkness can give us strength at this hectic and dark time of year. All are welcome. Please let me know if any extra children are coming.

Martin Dathan

Elmfield Bookshop: Finally arrived: - Boxes of 20 white Christmas tree candles (sorry for the delay). Still in stock: Beeswax and red Christmas tree candles, Advent calendar candles, red candles for Advent wreathes (several sizes)

- We still have a few Advent calendars left, please hurry before they all go.
- Beautiful Christmas tree decorations (mostly fair traded), Christmas cards, Christmas story books.
- Wide variety of Fair Trade goods: scarves, bags, slippers, purses, jewellery, nightlight holders and much more.
- Big selection of family games and toys
- Beautiful selection of first grade crystals, large amethysts and quartzes, crystal angels, and much more

Please help us to survive by doing your Christmas shopping with us. Thank you. Gertraud Ekama and the Bookshop team.

Vacancies

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. Closing Date 10 December 2010.

Tim Gray, on behalf of Teaching Needs Group.

Elmfield Bookshop part time job vacancy: There is an opportunity from January 2011 to work for 3 hours per week (this might increase and will be more when cover is needed for manager attending a training course). Job is term time only, with some hours helping with stock taking etc during holidays. Possible applicants need to be fairly flexible timewise, opening hours are 8.30 – 4.30. please pick up a job description from the shop. Closing date for applications: December 10th 2010.

Gertraud Ekama

Environmental News from Estates

Tony has now taken some very positive environmental improvements in our cleaning goods. Our hand towels are now not only made from recycled products, but also from UK suppliers and UK waste paper. The water used to process the paper is clean enough afterwards to be returned to the river. We are changing our brushes to FSL certified sources in the UK. We now have chemical free cleaners for ALL areas of the school, and environmentally friendly and gentle soap in all dispensers. We are also saving money this way. If you would like more information or would like to use these products in your home, please talk to Tony. We are very grateful to Tony for his initiative and work in this area.

Carrie Smith

Teacher Training: Elmfield is in the beginning stages of considering restarting a Waldorf Teacher Training course in the school. To help us to go forward with this, we would be interested in talking to anyone who thinks they may want to join such a course at some point, to help us to plan it in the right way. If you can help with this, please contact either Ann Gulbis or Maigread Reynolds at the school.

Wanted for class project

Books / Pictures/ Maps of the Ukraine .There's not much in the library..... .Its a rare destination but I know some at Elmfield have been to such unusual destinations. If you have anything to lend or experiences to share please get in touch.

Clare Klocke 01384 373696

"Come! Play with Me" has begun again, Now meeting every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 at 30, South Road 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

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

Well it's over and wow wasn't it great! x attendance was phenomenal (sorry to the neighbours for the gridlock and parking) and the spirit of love shone through x I would like to thank individuals but I can't as I might forget someone so I would just like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all of you who made the Fayre run so smoothly and beautifully, and who added to what was a great and successful event x I must make a special mention though because the young people in our school really did us proud we had class 3 stars chopping veg, class 6 kneading dough and class 7 organising the Snow Queen, selling samosas and providing music x Countless other children ran stalls, made gifts and were generally brilliant x Our upper school pupils were superb ~ they worked their socks off, setting, waiting tables and clearing up x I am immensely proud of them all and am proud to be part of this fantastic community x joyful love and regards Sheena x

NB. The takings are not completely clear yet, but the amount of money which came in on the day was £5548! However, we still need to take into account income from outside stalls and expenses.

Expenses: Please submit any claims for expenses to the office no later than Friday lunch time 27th November. Thank you.

A very big thank you to all who helped at home, behind the scenes and at school to make it so special again. The beautiful snow themes decorating corners of the school were wonderful. Further information re total money raised will be published in *Loose Ends* shortly. Thank you again from the parents.

Open House

On Sunday December 5, 2010 at 3:00 there will be a great family Christmas concert at The Christian Community Church, 22 Baylie Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AZ. A duo called 'Downside Up' invite you to an afternoon of fun and enlightenment for all - music, carols, stories, games, jokes, competitions. Corinne Frost plays the cello and Stephen Warner plays the double bass and guitar. It will be good fun for children and adults alike - not only that, but festive refreshments and homemade cakes will be available during the interval. A suggested donation of £6 for adults and £3 for children would be gratefully received; proceeds go to the church, a registered charity. Don't miss it, and bring the whole family!

Maria Mountain

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 (European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy) 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.eliand.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 Mountain 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? 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.
'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. Preceded by a short film: 'The Story of Stuff' – a critical vision of today's consumerist society. 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! Donations on the door to help cover costs.

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge:

Batteries - Reduce, Re-use, Recycle! Millions of batteries (which contain heavy metals) go to landfill each year in the UK. Wherever possible, avoid buying goods or gifts that need batteries - if you do, buy rechargeables. If you need to recycle standard batteries, take them in to one of the many shops in town that are a collection point for recycling them.

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 **Tel: 01384 399458**

Love Joni Mitchell? Then have we got a night out for you. **The Sally Barker trio** (of the poosies fame) are performing in Much Wenlock this Friday to raise money for the Wenlock Poetry festival. For concert details contact Wenlock Books on 01952727877 x regards Sheena x

Offers and Wanted

A room at Christmas? Does anyone have a double room they could offer us for guests on 24th, 25th and 26th December please? Thank you. Philippa Dathan: 01384 394709.

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

HAPPY HAULAGE; A 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.

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

CJ Cycle Repair: Mobile Cycle Repair and Servicing provides comprehensive service to all cyclists at home or at work. Small adjustments to full servicing and repairs. 7 days per week 8 a.m. -8 p.m. please call me Charlie Ashman on 07983 385663 or visit my website www.cjcyclerepair.com for more details.

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

Double Bed Base with 4 drawers and headboard (detachable) No mattress but in good condition and free to collect can be transported in 2 sections, easy to reassemble
Please contact Fiona on 01562 730020 or 07504332745

For Sale

For Sale: Loft Clearance.
2 tennis racquets, 2 Badminton and 2 squash £5 each
3 picture frames, wide border different sizes £5-£10
3 Louvred doors 53cmW x 90cmH £10
1 blackout Roller blind 80cm x 90cm £10 new in box
Large Cycle Basket £10
Cupboard door and frame 193x32 £10
Hotwater tank Lagging lengths 1m. £10
call Vee Bould 01384 358358

For Sale: All wooden toys – Dolls House + Furniture + Figures, Building Blocks, Hamley's Fort + Soldiers + Horses, New Train Set, Pirates Ship + Figures, Wooden Truck, Wooden Sheep Rocker - real sheep wool, 2 x Bikes (not wood). Please call Louise Stanford for prices 07837 994622

Estates

For Sale: Character 4 bedroom semi-detached house in very quiet road within 5 minutes walk of school - £250,000. Ring 01384 863827 (Answerphone) Celia Friedeberg

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

Last but not least:

Look for the opportunities in the difficulties, not the difficulties in the opportunities
-Victor Fiorelli