

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 1st December 2010 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Fri Dec 3	7.00 p.m. Gallimaufrey Hall
Wed Dec 8	7.30 p.m. Upper School Concert – Hall
Mon Dec 13	Class 10 to London for the day
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
Sat Dec 18	7.30 p.m. Stream of Sound Concert – Hall
Sun Dec 19	8.00 p.m. Christmas Festival – Eurythmy Room – organised by Anthroposophical Society
Thurs Jan 6 2011	School reopens for Spring term

School Affairs

School Festival: On Wednesday December 15th, the school Christmas Festival will take place in the afternoon. This is an opportunity for classes to share some of their work this term. Children are asked to wear or bring to wear bright, clean and smart clothes. Parents are welcome to attend, please be here by 1.50 p.m. so that the festival can begin at 2.00. If you have young children please take one of the seats near the door so you can take them out if necessary, so that the children's performing is not disturbed.

Maigread Reynolds for the College of Teachers

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.

"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.

Vacancies

CLASS ONE TEACHER from **SPRING TERM 2011**.
Temporary (for 2 terms) or permanent considered.
Closing Date: Friday 10th December 2010.
Remuneration from £19,356 per annum.

PART-TIME GCSE SCIENCE TEACHER required to teach Physics and Chemistry from January 2011.
Remuneration based on £19.50 per lesson. For further details, job description and application form, please contact the School office. Closing Date 10th December 2010.

EXPERIENCED CLASS TEACHERS

For September 2011

To join a strong team of Lower School teachers to take an existing class through Lower and Middle school. Please contact the School office for further details.
Basic Salary from £19,356 p.a. Closing date: 30 January 2011

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. Further details, job description and application form available from the office.
Closing Date 10 December 2010.

Tim Gray, on behalf of Teaching Needs Group.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Starting date: January 2011

To support the learning and development of pupils in collaboration with teachers, parents and therapists.

Frequency of visits: 1 day per week during term time (negotiable)

Remuneration: £35 per hour (about 5 hours per week)

Closing date: 14 December 2010.

For further details, job descriptions and application forms, please contact the School Office at info@elmfield.com or 01384 394633.

Potential applicants for the Doctor's post may contact the current school doctor via b.lohn@doctors.org.uk for further information.

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.

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PTFA

Bazaar: Here is a list of the takings at the bazaar. **N.B. Expenses still need to be deducted from these figures to arrive at the net surplus, but floats have been deducted.**
Cookie House: **£55.21**; Lucky dip: **£92.50**; Class One craft activities: **£69**; Gnome garden: **£217.70**; Home produce: **£156.60**; Sweets: **£115.07**; Decorate a cookie: **£396.32**; Class 6 pocket money stall: **£168.34**; Candle dipping: **£240.20**; Tombola: **£153.38**; Raffle: **£1008.41**; Restaurant: **£513.26**; Toulouse sausages: **£560.96**; Samosas: **£86.34**; Soup kitchen: **£147.20**; Foods of the world: **£34.50**; Tea rooms: **£752.23**; Face painting: **£80.45**; Book stall: **£265.08**; Entrance (total): **£317.75**; Snow queen and puppet show: **£30.49**
Outside stalls: **£889** (approximately) Overall total, **before expenses: £6349.99; after expenses: £5680.53. Well done everyone!!**

PTFA announcement: Christmas cheese, mince pies and mulled wine night Tuesday 14th December at 7.30 in the teachers room x Dear all you are joyfully invited to share some Christmas cheer with us at the end of this most intense term x There will be no agenda other than to feedback about the Advent Fayre. This exercise will be really helpful to next year's Fayre organiser x hope to see you there x love Sheena
01384280384 x

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

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.

Would you like to work for yourself, be your own boss, and earn what you are worth? At the same time working with a solid ethical company and organic products produced without any pesticides, herbicides and being GM free. Work part time or full time whilst not affecting your current job or business. No investment and no experience needed as full training and support programme available. For further information on this genuine business opportunity please call Susie Lloyd Jones on 07846 026411

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.

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!

Hello yoga aficionados, new and old! After Christmas there will be new options for classes at Park Hill Flat. As well as the existing possibility of drop-in at £6 a class, I'll include a term price which will make it cheaper per class. For example, a ten-week term would cost £50 payable at the beginning of term whereas the drop-in price for the term would cost £60 (£6 x 10 classes). You could come to any or all of the classes each week for the same term price but drop-in classes would be the full price each time.

I'm also thinking about new classes, and would be glad to hear your thoughts on the following. These are the possibilities:

- I will probably keep only one of the two existing morning classes (Wednesday or Friday 9 - 10:30am);
- adding a new hour-long class on one afternoon before the time to pick up the children from school either on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday (something like 2:30 - 3:30pm) - only £4 drop-in;
- and having one evening class, 8 - 9:30pm; either Tuesday or Wednesday.

All would be at Park Hill Flat as usual. It would help me if you have a particular preference (no commitment) for which class and day you would prefer (if any). Or if you have no preference or don't think you will come at all that's perfectly ok.

Thanking you all for your support and interest as we have together experienced yoga. If you think of someone you would like to pass this email on to, please do! Warm greetings, Maria.

Divorced Father's Group: Thursday 9th December, Teacher's Room 7:45pm Divorced, separated and a father? Interested and willing to share experiences and discuss issues that arise from being divorced with kids? Come along Thursday 9th December at 7:45pm to the teacher's staff room. My intention is to see if there is enough interest to develop a divorced fathers group. Where it goes from there is open to discussion. David Harris T: 07966 577229.

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.

Offers and Wanted

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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

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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

LOST – Valuable cake box! Large square plastic container that a dinner plate can fit in. if found please return to Philippa Dathan 394709 or via Class 7 or 2. Thank you.

For Sale

For Sale: Men's mountain bike, cost £150 1 ½ years old Rat cage. Donations for Medecins sans Frontieres. Celia Friedeberg 863827

For Sale: Adorable, well bred baby mice in all colours. £2 each or £30 for cage set up and 2 mice. Call Melani 07772 520565

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:

If you want others to be happy, practise compassion.

If you want to be happy, practise compassion.

--Dalai Lama