

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 8th December 2010 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

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 presentations are 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

Teachers' Christmas Play: There will be a public performance on Thursday December 16th at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall. The play is suitable for any age, and the performance is usually followed by carol singing and refreshments.

Elmfield Bookshop

We still have a good stock of Christmas tree candles, in white or with beeswax, and Christmas decorations. If you need inspiration for Christmas presents, you will be spoilt by our wide ranging stock of gifts at very affordable prices! Many items are fairly or ethically traded. Our crystal cupboard is full of stunning specimens of quartzes,

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.

amethysts, tourmaline, fluorite, labradorite. There are crystal angels, crystal jewellery, crystal candle holders, prices from 35p to £100!

We stock: books, games for young and old, crafts, toys, candles, cards, mobiles, sun-catchers, purses, bags, hats, gloves, scarves, calendars, cosmetics, toiletries, stationery, wool, and much more!

Please support us: our income has gone down even more this term, compared to autumn term last year, and we need your help to keep us going! Thank you.

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We will open the shop on Saturday December 11th from 11 – 2 and Saturday December 18th from 11 – 3. Thank you for all your support!
The Bookshop Team

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

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

CONCERT: Birmingham Cathedral Colmore Row (near Snow Hill Station). Fundraising for The Medical Foundation (victims of torture and Amnesty International. 18th December 2010 at 11 a.m. Performers include Quinbourne Choir, Boil up Tropical Steel Band and guest speaker Clare Short. Cards to prisoners. of conscience can be signed. If interested please let me know. Tickets £5. Rosanne Adams 390095

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.

Beginners' and improvers Astanga Yoga Course – (10 weeks) at Elmfield, Thursday evening 8 – 9.30pm. 13th January to 31st March (no class 17th and 24th February) James Critchlow 01384 394702 www.yogabirmingham.co.uk

HUGH LUPTONS MIDWINTER STORIES

Come along and celebrate the festive season with a glass of mulled wine at the Glasshouse Arts centre.

A fantastic evening of mesmerising storytelling, by an internationally acclaimed storyteller and author.

Glasshouse Arts Centre Friday 10th December
At 7.30pm £8/£6

Claire Hollowood

Glasshouse Arts Centre Wollaston Road
Telephone 01384 399458

Introduction to Psychophonetics

Practical tools for self-awareness, self-management and self-healing with Yehuda Tagar, founder of Psychophonetics

Public Lecture: Fri 7th of January 2011, 7.30-9.30pm

Cost: £7 (no booking required)

Workshop: Sat 8th of January 2011, 9.30am- 4pm

Cost: £45 (booking essential)

SPECIAL OFFER: BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE!

Venue for Talk and Workshop: Northfield Quaker House, House Lane, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 2LD.

Master Class: Saturday 8th of January 2011: 5-7pm

Cost: £20 (booking essential)

For info and bookings contact: Alex Hoppe 079201 00794

uk@psychophonetics.com

www.psychophonetics.co.uk

Offers and Wanted

2nd HAND BOOKS: FRIDAY DECEMBER 17TH 2 – 4 p.m.:

Come to 14 Farlands Road (off Corser Street) and take any books that you want (donations to Medecin sans Frontieres optional) If you can't come at that time, rung me on St. 863827 to arrange a suitable time. Celia Friedeberg

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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.

Trainee Counsellor offers free Counselling – Psychophonetics counselling views difficulties we encounter in our lives as opportunities for personal growth. We offer 3 sessions per client. Please ring: Yolanda Garcia de la Rosa 01384 440480, Gertraud Ekama 01384 749888, Jacquie Williams 01384 440942

For Sale

For Sale: Men's mountain bike, cost £150 1 ½ years old
Rat cage. Donations for Médecins sans Frontières. 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

For Sale: Electric cooker, Hotpoint. Double oven (one with fan), ceramic hob, clock, timer, all fully functioning, with instruction booklet. (Sale due to house move) £80 Partridges 01384 878046 or 07984 692991

For Sale

Girls' and boys' size 12 roller skates .Good quality from Dethalon. Scuffed but otherwise in perfect condition .Come with all protective pads. £5 each pair.
Phone Clare 01384 373696.

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

Last but not least:

Believe, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another's pain, life is not in vain.

--Helen Keller