

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 26th January 2011

Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Wed Jan 26	7.00 pm	Classes 10 & 11 Parents' Evening
Tues Feb 1	7.30 p.m.	Class 1 Parents' Evening
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
Tues Feb 8	7.30 pm	Nursery Parents' Evening
Tues Feb 15	7.00 pm	Class 3 Parents' Evening
Fri Feb 18		School closes for half term
Mon Feb 28		Teacher Training Day – school closed
	7.30 pm	AGM of Elmfield Association
Wed March 2	7.00 pm	Class 9 Parents' Evening

School Affairs

"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

Has anyone seen our Science Departments *Chladni Plate* which is used for Physics Lessons? If you are aware of its whereabouts please leave a message at the Office 01384 394633

Class 7 Samosas: Class 7 will be selling vegetarian samosas one lunchtime each week for their Ru'a Fiola fundraising. The order forms will be given out to classes 4 to 11 each Friday, to be returned the following week. They will cost 60p each or £1 for 2. Please support our fund-raising. Class 7 pupils.

After School Care – needs a large family sized stainless steel saucepan (2 handles if possible). Will happily pay for it! Thank you Rosanne and Jean

Upper School Cookery Module Group made cakes for a fund-raising event for the Air Ambulance, and made £175.

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.

Open House

ALUMINIUM CANS RECYCLING AHOY: We are planning to widen our recycling efforts and to help the school financially in the process. Tony Laycock, our caretaker, will build a box which will hold a builder's dumpy bag. It will be situated so that parents and children can put squashed cans into it for recycling. We would be grateful for any spare timber parents might have to help with this project (check your shed and garage) to keep

Vacancies

CLASS ONE TEACHER from **SPRING TERM 2011**. Temporary (for 2 terms) or permanent considered. Closing Date: 30th January 2011. Remuneration from £19,356 per annum.

PART-TIME GCSE FRENCH TEACHER required to teach GCSE French from September 2011. Remuneration based on £19.50 per lesson. For further details, job description and application form, please contact the School office. Closing Date: 25th February 2011.

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.

Elmfield School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a CRB Enhanced Disclosure.

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

costs down. Here are some facts from the internet:

- South America, Australia and Africa are the main countries from which bauxite (the raw material for aluminium) is obtained. Extraction and transportation are extremely costly. Aluminium is one of the few recycled materials which can actually make money. It can be recycled many times without loss of quality. Currently cans are worth approx 40p per kg (around 55 cans).

- Recycling cans saves up to 95% of the energy used to make them from raw materials. It also reduces CO2 emissions by up to 80% and reduces landfill.

- 1 ton of aluminium cans = £800
- 1 recycled aluminium can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.

- If all aluminium cans were recycled there would be 14 million fewer full dustbins each year.

Many thanks to anyone who would like to engage in this project and for any help you can give. Thanks also to those who have steadily brought foil for the Guide Dogs, it is much appreciated. Tony Laycock and Rosanne Adams for Transition Stourbridge and Elmfield School.

End Up Driving: 2011 and time to begin your acquisition of a new skill. Learn to drive in a positive and friendly environment. For a short time we will be offering a £4 per hour discount off the usual price to the first 6 people who respond to this message. There is no time like the present. Please call Bridgit on 07726 953033
Bridgit Richardson

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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

London Marathon April 17th 2011

This highly determined penguin (penguin: determination over form!) is taking on the challenge of running the London Marathon this year. WOW! I am in training and I will do it! This will push me way beyond my comfort zone and beyond what I ever imagined possible for me to do. I am also going to raise money for St Catherine's School on Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya, where my son Will spent a short time teaching. This is an unregistered school teaching the slum children who would not otherwise get an education. So if you would like to support this worthy cause and encourage me in this mammoth challenge, then please tell me, call me or write to me and pledge some sponsorship. Thank you. Elaine Sheppard – class 8 teacher

Yoga at Park Hill Flat, Elmfield

1. Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 10:30, for beginners and 'improvers'. Drop-in price is £6.50 per class.
2. Thursday afternoons, 3:00 – 4:00 (one hour), especially good for beginners but everyone is welcome. Drop-in price of £5 per class.

A new class will soon start at another venue to be confirmed, Tuesday evenings. Contact Maria for further details on 01384 442035 or maria.mntn@gmail.com.

Transition Stourbridge

Would you like to be part of a local environmental group? Transition Stourbridge is a local network that looks at how we can travel, work, shop, grow food and provide for ourselves and our community in a more sustainable (and fun!) way. Our first meeting of the year is this Monday 24th January at 7.45pm at 57 Corser Street, Oldswinford. All welcome! Any questions call Margy: 01384 351414

Concert next Sunday afternoon!

With our own local professional musicians, Eric Klein on violin and Michael Jones on piano. Sunday January 30 at 3:00, Christian Community, 22 Baylie Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AZ. The programme will include works by Handel, Mozart, and music from theatre and film. It promises to be a rich, wonderful afternoon! Suggested donations of £6 (£3 for children) to the Christian Community are welcome. Don't miss this enriching event. Maria Mountain

HITCHHIKING FROM BATH TO MOROCCO!

My name is Tilly Kaye and I am an ex pupil from Elmfield, class of 2006!

I am hitchhiking from Bath to Morocco this Easter holiday for a charity called Link Community Development www.lcdinternational.org They are working with governments and schools in Africa to improve the quality of education. This is crucial as I truly believe it is the ONLY way forward for these beautiful countries in Africa, they are paralysed by a lack of education and therefore growth and change from generation to generation. Money to build new schools is one thing, but without decent education inside those schools it is nothing more than an empty shell. I had the benefit of such a beautiful education at Elmfield and I cannot imagine how different life would be without that. So maybe these kids in Africa could become the generation that start to plant the seeds of change. Please give anything you can at www.virginmoneygiving.com/alannakaye

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge Energy Saving Tips

Switching off lights at home saves 25kg CO2 and £7/year
Turning down heating by 1 degree saves 290kg CO2 and

£65/year. Turning appliances of standby saves 120Kg CO2 and £37/year
Energy saving light bulbs saves 170Kg CO2 and £50/year.
Washing clothes at 30 degrees saves 45Kg CO2 and £11/year.
Only boiling the amount of water you need saves 29Kg CO2 and £7/year
Also save energy by putting lids on pans when boiling food, hang clothes out to dry, and don't leave your mobile on charge all night.

For Sale

Books: Paperback and hardback approx 114 books. Authors include David Gemmell, Kaled Hosseini, Cathy Kelly, Stephen King, Maeve Binchy, Kate Ford, Nora Roberts etc and many more. Paperback 25p each or 5 for a £1 and hardbacks at 50p. Will sell as a job lot for anyone who might want them for a car boot or tabletop sale. **Addidas Men's Trainers** – white, blue and silver, size 9, only used twice £4 **Remote controlled car** – excellent condition £5 **Kite** Dunford Stingray Stienter, never used £3 **Camera** – not digital Nokia 20 auto, good condition £4 **DVD's** *When Harry Met Sally*, *Derailed* and *Coach Carter* 50p each **CD's** Steps, S Club 7, Dido, Justin Timberlake, Blue, Nelly, D12, Travis 30p each. Would consider selling all of the above for car boot or tabletop sale if required. Price negotiable. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Lynne on 01384 353616 Lynne Sanders

For Sale: Riding boots, size 8, long, good condition, £5. 'Cello, half size, Stentor 2, £245. Child's bike seat, £5. Cages for rodents plus accessories, various prices. Please call Margy on 01384 351414

Offers and Wanted

Wanted for Grandmother of past Elmfield Pupils – someone who might be able to drive her to Stourbridge for small shopping trips or to go out for coffee in the local area. She has a blue badge parking permit. Small remuneration possible if required. Expenses paid. Please call Gaynor Gallagher 01384 396441

Room available to rent in Old Quarter. Quiet house £300 all inclusive. Ring Charlotte Kaye on 01384 345039 / 07791 067261

Upright Piano – needs a good time. Will need collecting. Bunting 01384 825997 / 07910 275402. Donation to S.A. Kindergarten

Wanted – 2 berth touring caravan with gas bottle and heater
Tel: 07943 526656

Free trial Cello lessons with experienced Elmfield Cello teacher. Instruments of all sizes available for hire. Call Sarah Tustain on 01384 878689

Last but not least:

Better to light the candle

Than to curse the darkness.

Anonymous