

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 14th December 2011 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Weds 14 th Dec	2pm	School Festival
	3.15pm	CL7 Cake Stall
	7.30pm	Christmas Play
Thur 15 th Dec	Noon	School closes for Xmas Break
	Noon	CL5 Cake Stall
Fri 16 th Dec	11-2pm	Bookshop Open
Sat 17 th Dec	11-2pm	Bookshop Open
Mon 19 th Dec	7.30pm	Stream of Sound Concert
Thurs 22 nd Dec	11-2pm	Bookshop Open

School Affairs

Christmas Play 7.30pm Wednesday 14th December – it will be a very special event with carols before and after. Paul Georgiades

School Photos are now available from the Office for collection. It is your last chance to collect before the New Year. Thank you, Debbie

Time to discuss!

You are warmly welcomed to a new group for parents (without their children) starting on a Tuesday morning after half term from 9am to 11am in the Parent and Toddler room opposite to the nursery classroom. We will be discussing child development, discipline, Steiner Education etc. The topics are yours! The cost will be 50p towards a hot drink. If you like to use your hands while sitting bring your own knitting projects etc. but nothing which needs pins and sewing needles because of health and safety requirements. Please bring slippers or indoor shoes to wear because this floor is used by crawling babies. If you want to find out more please ring Janet Klaar 01384 352177

Parents, Pupils, Staff and Friends of Elmfield we need your input please! We are keen to hear your fresh ideas to inspire and add to our 'New Project List' which is currently being reviewed. The scope of any new project can be as big, small or simple as you wish. They are all valued. The only criteria are that they need to enhance the pupils educational experience and maintain the quality of our treasured school. This may take the form of equipment or resources, development of an area for a new or dual use, redevelop or redesign an existing space. Please put forward all ideas even if they feel unaffordable or unachievable as they will help to inspire, and contribute to medium and longer term planning which is also underway. Contributions from **all** members of our school community are actively encouraged. We would like to gauge which areas of the grounds, or school life are a focus of your ideas. Be assured they will be fully considered. Please send your ideas to: elmfieldnewprojectideas@yahoo.co.uk, text 07938 857315, or drop a note into the school reception marked 'Ideas for New Projects for Elmfield'. Ideas are welcome over Christmas and into middle of January, earlier gives more opportunity for consideration. NB the email address will not exist permanently but at least until end of January. Liz Groves and Ann Gulbis

Thank you to all parents and children who have been coming along to the Parent and Child Groups. I have had a lovely time with you all this term, baking, making candles, singing, eating, playing and chatting about all kinds of everything! Thank you to you all: wishing you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Joyful New Year with your children. Back on 5th January. Lorraine Bresnahan

Elmfield Bookshop – extra opening times for Christmas shopping – reasonably priced stocking fillers our speciality! The shop will open 11am-2pm on the following dates in December: Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Thursday 22nd. Wishing all of our customers 'A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!' The Bookshop Team

Music Matters

Community Choir – meet Wednesdays: early Choir 7pm – 8pm for all singers. Late choir 8pm – 9.15pm for more experienced singers. We meet in the Eurythmy Room or the Hall. Now beginning Christmas music!!! Ring Diana Ball 01384 371348 or Sue Whittaker 01384 376804 if you need more details

STREAM OF SOUND – THE BIG CHRISTMAS CONCERT Monday 19th December, 7.30 in Elmfield School Hall.

This is going to be the perfect event to get you into the mood for Christmas! Beautiful carols sung by an even more beautiful choir (?) and lots of lovely refreshments...even if it snows! We're saving this concert until just after the end of term, to give our older singers time to get back from their various universities and celebrate Christmas with us. Do put the date in your diary: we'd love to see you there! Stream of Sound.

Cello Tuition – with Sarah Tustain (BAHons, PGCE) either in school or after school. Cellos available to rent or to buy. Call Sarah on 01384 878689

PTFA

Advent Fayre Raffle

I am having difficulty contacting the following people who won prizes in the raffle;
B Taylor ticket number 02913
Jeremy Coglean ticket number 00053
The Grice Family (Beth & Ellie) ticket number 03540
If you read this, or know who they are please get in touch, prizes waiting! Anna, 01584 881 526 or jarrah@onetel.com

Lost at the Advent Fayre- a long orange metal shelf upright. One of the stallholders mistakenly left the shelf, it was the hairbraiding stall. If anyone recalls what happened to it after the Fayre, please would you contact:- Liz Groves 01384 397343.

Hello all. First of all could I just thank everyone, parents, teachers, pupils and friends for all your contributions towards the Advent Fayre, everyone did so much and it makes such a difference. Many apologies but we don't have a total as yet but it will be with you all as soon as possible. After the Christmas holidays there will also be a breakdown and an evaluation meeting to discuss how stalls and activities worked so look out for the date if you would like to come along and share your views. Once again Thank You all and I hope you all have a peaceful Christmas break. Rhiannon

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Debbie Nock, Editor.

Open House

A taste of Eden – event catering. We have just launched a new business and hope you will support us and visit our website www.atasteofeden.co.uk. Just to get your taste buds going, some of our specialities are: gourmet vegetarian food, Mediterranean food, pulled pork pig roasts – wood filled and smoked, with Carolina style dishes. Mel and Annie Rees-Jones

YURT CAMPING in SOMERSET Come and stay in our beautiful handmade yurt on our smallholding which is farmed using Biodynamic principles.. The yurt sleeps up to 4 people plus room for a cot. You will have exclusive use of your own bathroom complete with log burner to heat your water. Surrounded by lovely countryside, there are endless adventures waiting to happen both on the farm and in the woodlands, valley, fields and (hidden) lakes waiting to be discovered! For more info call Helen on 07863 295528 or email helenbrock@rocketmail.com. (Our children go to the Meadow Steiner School, Somerset)

Japanese photo exhibition at Christian Community, Stourbridge There is small photo exhibition of people and landscape in Japan by Andrea Sprenger, Biographical Counsellor from Stroud. They are very exclusive photos which she took during her trip to Japan last year. You can see lots of special photos (admission free) at Christian Community, Stourbridge until 18th December. You can arrange the visit with me. Or you can visit on Sundays between 1100 and 1130. Kumiko 07962429029 or 01384370375

Children's Summer Camp – Following the success of last year's camp with 65 children from all over the UK. The Christian Community in Stroud, Gloucestershire is again running a Childrens' Camp from 28th July – 7th August at a wonderful new venue, Camphill Coleg Elidyr on the edge of the Brecon Beacons in Wales. Helpers are upper school pupils and parents from Wynstones Waldorf School. Open to children from Class 1 – 7 from all schools and backgrounds. Pictures from the 2010 camp can be found at childrenscamp.withtank.com Enquiries – Aaron & Judy Mirkin – 01453 299311 aaronmirkin@gmail.com

Maria's new yoga website Yoga classes and other options available. Go to wholehealth-yoga.co.uk to find out more! Or get in touch, 01384 390707. See you soon, Maria Mountain

Beginners' and Improvers' Ashtanga Yoga – 10 week course at Elmfield School starts Thursday 5th January 2012 (8pm-

9.30pm). Mind calm, body vibrant. For details please call James Critchlow 01384 394702 / 07967 211748

www.yogabirmingham.co.uk

Biodynamic/organic Turkeys and Chickens available for Christmas from Hungary Lane farm, Leicestershire.

The birds are free-range and are an integral part of the farm. Most of their feed is grown on the farm, which has been a Biodynamic farm for 21 years. All produce carries the Demeter symbol of quality. We dry pluck the birds by hand on the farm and hang them to develop flavour and tenderness.

Turkeys - bronze and white birds available; 3.6 to 7kg @ £12.50 p/kg **Chickens** – average size; 2.2kg @ £6.50 p/kg Collection date; 22nd December. Payment on collection from Glasshouse College, Wollaston Rd, Stourbridge.

To make an order please contact Dave Fellows at Ruskin Vale Organics.

e-mail; ruskin.vale@ghc.rmet.org.uk tel; 07866 769535 website; <http://www.ruskinvaleorganics.co.uk/>

Last year's class 11 pupils volunteered at the Black Country Food Bank which has a distribution centre in Stourbridge. If you would like to help our school community to continue to connect with this valuable local organisation would you donate any of the following items which are currently in short supply:

- small bottles of shampoo
- deodorant
- children's toothbrushes
- children's toothpaste

There will be a card board box just outside the yellow passage entrance & all items donated will be delivered to the Food Bank before Christmas. Thanks Sarah Clay

ART COURSE FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

TUESDAYS Painting and Drawing 10-12am

Clay Modelling 1-3pm

Clay Modelling 6-8pm

£60/ten weeks BEGINNING Jan 17

More information Jonaden7@googlemail.com 01384 397151

Book Recommendation

Do you feel the victim of a stressful life? Are you addicted to your stress? Do you regard stresses as a measure of the importance of your work? "The HeartMath Solution" by Doc Childre and Howard Martin offers a different view, and techniques to overcome our stress reactions by switching from head to heart response - a subtle but significant difference.

Carlotta 01384 373929

Movement courses for parents , Spring Term.

Mr Neale will offer the introduction for Bothmer gym (special subject for Steiner school) and games from 11th January, 9-10 in the morning on Wednesdays until half term in hall provisionally. £3 per session, free at 11th Jan (contribution for Gym equipment). No booking necessary, you can come to any sessions. Please wear loose trousers and gym shoes with thin soles. Tomie boardman will offer Eutythmy from 10th January, 1130-1230 on Tuesdays at Movement room (upper school building, downstairs) No booking necessary, £3 per session (contribution for Eurythmy costume for students) if you have any inquiry , please contact Kumiko 07962429029 or 01384370375

Campaign for Real Care: many of you may know of the Camphill Village Trust which supports people with Special Needs in a community setting. Inspired by the work of Rudolf Steiner the community impulse started after the war and many new communities have come into being since providing a family life style and meaningful work. New government regulations are posing a growing threat to the whole Camphill movement at this moment. A support website has been set up www.campaignforrealcare.com If you feel able, do please put

your name to it. Many thanks. Rosanne Adams

Offers and Wanted

Hunter and Day photography; Beautiful family portraits in our studio or in your home. Book now £25 including a free print
Tel; Mandy Hunter on 07967 026765

Qualified Carpenter will undertake any work DIY / gardening/
home. No job too small, anything considered . Professional and
reliable. Tel: Dean 07817 517926

Class 10 girl available for babysitting. Contact Margy on behalf
of Lilly on 01384 351414

"**Does anybody have** one or 2 hamsters they want to give a
new house? And/or an old-fashioned, not-electric Singer Sewing
machine? If so, please call 07424567588"

Can we borrow your fairy lights? – we are having a party for
our son and his Japanese fiancée this coming Sunday
(December 18th). We would like to use lots of fairy lights for
decorating. If you have any fairy lights which you are not using,
can we borrow them? Preferably, white or plain colour – not
multi-coloured. Please contact Tomie Boardman 01384 821811
or tomie.ando@blueyonder.co.uk

For Sale

Good quality kindling for sale £3.75 per sack, made by ex
Elmfield pupil John Ekama. Please order via Elmfield Bookshop
or ring 01384 74988

Seasoned logs for sale: £60 per cubic metre. Free delivery
within Stourbridge area. Local friendly service. For more info call
Dave on 07950 452722

Car For Sale

1999 5 dr Toyota Starlet Hatchback Special Edition 1.3 Solida
New MOT 97,000 runs great! £700 or Best Offer (available in
time for Christmas) 01384 820529 or 07805304294

SINGLE DIVAN BED *Palatine* 2 drawer clean good condition
£30. No Headboard Jo Naden 01384 397151.

Home Office Multi-function printer for sale

HP Model no 6310 All-in-one. Scan, print, copy, fax. Automatic
document feeder, external port for camera or other storage
device. User Guide and software CD included, cable and
transformer, fax cable. £30. 01384 390707 or
maria.mntn@gmail.com. A great bargain. Maria Mountain.

For Sale

Rotary steam iron £200; folding guest bed £5; decorative
spinning wheel £50; oak veneer sideboard £10; traditional
copper kettle £10; Xmas tree stand £5; Weck electric bottling
kettle £20; Weck steam juicer £20; reading lamp with slate base
and cream col. shade £10. *Carlotta 01384 373929*

Estates

Last but not least:

*We wish you a Peaceful and
Enjoyable Christmas and a Happy
New Year.*