

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 1st February 2012 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Tues Feb 7	7.30 p.m.	Class 2 Parents' Evening
	7.30 p.m.	Stream of Sound
Wed Feb 8	7.30 p.m.	Class 8 Parents' Evening
	7.00 p.m.	Community Choir
Fri Feb 10		School closes for half term
Mon Feb 20		Staff Training day – school closed
Tues Feb 21		School reopens
Fri Feb 24	8.45-9.30 a.m	Parents' Library re-launch
Mon Feb 27	7.30 p.m.	AGM of Elmfield Association
Tues Feb 28		Class 4 Parents' Evening
Wed Feb 29	8.00 p.m.	Class 8 Parents' Evening
Mon March 12	7.30 p.m.	Talk in Town Hall by Chris Clouder
Sat March 17	9.30 a.m.	Open Day

School Affairs

Education for a new future

Talk by Christopher Clouder on 12 March 19:30 – 21:00
Town Hall, Wollaston Room.

Christopher Clouder is Secretary General of the European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education, which is registered in Brussels, and speaks for 670 European Steiner schools in 26 countries. We are very fortunate in having the opportunity to welcome Christopher to Stourbridge. Please put this date in your diaries now so you can come and bring a friend along!

Craft Evenings for Adults – Tiara Tuesdays: Jewellery / copper / woodwork / blacksmithing – would you like to come and make something beautiful? Where? In the woodwork shop. With whom? Jason Pond! Price to be confirmed – reasonable!! No previous experience necessary. Everything will be taught! Starting next Tuesday 31st January. Contact Jason Pond on 07970 884315 to book a place!!!

Class 11 class trip: Class 11 is looking for a female driver who could drive a minibus to go with them to Florence this summer. The trip will be between 19th June and 2nd of July. Anyone interested please contact Ikhlef Benkalai or Trevor Bowen or phone the school office. Thank you. Ikhlef Benkalai

Do you have a Trailer we can borrow?

Class 11 need a trailer to help carry their rucksacks, sleeping bags, etc – preferably covered and lockable – to tow behind their Minibus on their trip to Italy in June. If anyone has one we can use, from 19th June to 6th July, please let us know. Thanks. Ikhlef Benkalai and Trevor Bowen

Update on the New Project List

Many thanks for the feedback we've received, your ideas are really appreciated. We are now narrowing the scope down to merge with the ideas that emerged from last week's PTFA meeting. To find out more please read their section further down Loose Ends. Liz Groves and Ann Gulbis

Time to discuss!

You are warmly welcomed to a group for parents (without their children) who meet on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11am in the Parent and Toddler room opposite 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. (Please remember to sign in at reception first and pick up a Visitor Badge.) If you want to find out more please ring Janet Klaar 01384 352177

Waitrose Window: Please take a look at our new window display outside Waitrose on languages at Elmfield. Please give constructive feedback to the PR Committee. Many thanks. Elaine Sheppard

Make-over required – please! for the PR Information board for Open Days/Evenings/Events. Is there someone who has the time and energy to take on the task of giving our boards and info a "make-over"? If so please contact Elaine Sheppard or Chris Field in the office. Many thanks.

Elmfield Shop: Just arrived! – new supplies of locally produced "Elmfield Honey". In jars of all sizes to suit all pockets. **On offer!** – 20% off the recommended retail price on a small selection of Dr. Hauschka products. **Bargain of the week!** – "Park Attwood Recipe Book". Over 70 healthy and seasonal recipes, including ones for special diets e.g. dairy-free, gluten-free etc. Selling for just 50p each, so why not buy some copies for friends and family too. Thanks, The Shop Team.

Congratulations to two rising badminton stars!

Judith King (C7) and Hannah Pugh (C6) have recently been selected for the Worcestershire Schools County Badminton squad. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of them.

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. Ring Diana Ball 01384 371348 or Sue Whittaker 01384 376804 if you need more details.

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

Can you help the PTFA spend its money?

Thanks to everyone's amazing fundraising efforts the PTFA now has a decent amount of money to spend. But what to spend it on? Obviously we want to make the money count so it needs to be a big idea. In light of this it was agreed unanimously at last

week's meeting that we should focus this year on improving the "First Impression" parents get at Elmfield, in terms of the physical appearance of the school. We're not proposing any building work, more a cosmetic makeover. Which is where you come in – helping us work out what needs to be done and what should take priority. Should we paint all the buildings at the front of the school including the kindergarten; plant more flowers on the grass area; improve the display areas ... what do you think? Of course, not everyone was able to be at the meeting so we'd also like to know if you agree this is a good way to spend the PTFA's money. And if not, what should we spend it on? You can give us your ideas in various ways: Email elmfieldnewprojectideas@yahoo.co.uk, or hand them into the office, or talk to Sheena Ross, Sarah Clay or Chris Field or anyone else you know who's connected with the PTFA. All ideas are welcome but we need them back soon so we can move quickly on this. Once we've got your ideas in, we can work out which jobs should take priority. But of course, ideas are just the beginning. We're also going to need help actually doing the work. We could pay people to do the work but it would cost more and frankly, where would be the fun and satisfaction in that! So, at this stage, we're thinking of organising several work days, with all the materials provided. It's a great way to meet and get to know other parents. More information to follow nearer the time. We look forward to hearing from you! PS Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting and to Sheena and Clare for the cakes and buns!

Parents' Library re-launching!

It seems fitting, in the week that features "National Libraries Day" (Saturday 4th February www.nationallibrariesday.org.uk) that we should announce the date of the re-launch of the Parents' Library. We will be opening our doors every Friday 8.45am – 9.30am, starting after the half-term break, on Friday 24th February. Over the years, staff, families and friends of Elmfield have donated books to a collection that was then made available for loan to interested parents. This collection has been "resurrected" and added to, and will be moving to a new space. (More on logistics and location next week!) It is a small collection of about 100 titles and covers such areas as Rudolf Steiner / Anthroposophy, Steiner Education, Child Health and Development, Spirituality and Religion, Crafts, Family Life and Parenting. The Parents' Library will be free to use and is offered to all staff, parents and friends of Elmfield. We hope that it will evolve and develop over time, and to quote from the "National Libraries Day" website we hope that you will "Use it, Love it, Join it!" Thanks, Jackie Inman & Sharon Rose (Parents' Librarians)

Open House

FREE BICYCLE TRAINING FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

The Hub Building, Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge. The first Saturday of every month, starting Feb 4th. Activities include Learn To Ride (adults and children over 4); Level 1 Bikeability (adults and children over 5); Level 2 Bikeability (adults and children over 7). All these activities begin at 9.30 a.m. There will also be British Cycling "Breeze" Rides for Women at 12.15 p.m. All activities are free but must be booked in advance. For more information and to book, please phone 01384 815433, 07827 873434 or email rsafety.due@dudley.gov.uk

Yoga: classes or one to one sessions

One to one yoga sessions can be a great start to helping you feel good or to help launch yourself into a healthier way of life. Or join our 60-minute yoga class on a Friday morning. See www.wholehealth-yoga.co.uk for further details or contact me on 01384 390 707. Here's to good health, Maria Mountain

Candlemas at the Christian Community: There will be a Candlemas celebration on February 2nd at 3.30 at the Christian Community in Baylie Street. Everyone is most welcome.

Janet Klaar

Introduction to Psychophonetics

A FREE EXPERIENTIAL TASTER DAY: 9am to 4pm & MASTER CLASS: 5 to 7 pm. with Yehuda Tagar. 22nd February 2012

Psychophonetics is a modality of coaching for deep transformation, psychotherapy and healing based on Rudolf Steiner's Psychosophy. It enables people to become aware of the complexity of their own emotion, energy, mental and habitual patterns, as well as their higher potential for creativity, Imagination, Inspiration and Intuition. Objective self-awareness enables inner self-leadership, taking charge of one's potential and creating lasting changes to internal patterns.

St Thomas Church, Market Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AQ

Book on 079201 00794 or uk@psychophonetics.com

www.psychophonetics.co.uk

For more information please speak to Gertraud in the School Shop or ring her on 01384 749 88

Cost: There is NO charge for either event, though we will ask for a voluntary donation towards room hire.

Join us to discover Psychophonetics and to find out more about yourself.

Free Psychophonetics Counselling:

I am a 3rd year Psychophonetics student offering 6 lots of 4 to 6 sessions for free

The Psychophonetics counselling approach views life's difficulties and challenges as opportunities for developing new faculties in ourselves. The Counsellor's role is to encourage the client's abilities for self-observation, for giving meaning to their experiences and for taking charge of their inner and outer lives. *For further information and to book an appointment contact: Yolanda Garcia de la Rosa 01384 440480 or 07711998318.*

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge

Stop Unwanted / Junk Mail

The Mailing Preference Service supports your right to choose to receive the mail you want – and stop the rest. Unwanted, unread mail wastes valuable paper and postage. Streamline what comes through your letterbox by registering with the Mailing Preference Service on 0845 703 4599 or 020 7291 3310, or online at www.mpsonline.org.uk. Similarly, the Telephone Preference Service (to stop unwanted marketing calls) is on 0845 070 0707, 0800 398893 or www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps. It works!

Offers and Wanted

Domestic Cleaner Available professional cleaner with references, Stourbridge area, flexible hours, can bring own ecological cleaning fluids - £6.50 per hour. Call Lisa on: 07952 477545.

Vacancy – Assistant wanted in Steiner inspired child-minding setting. Please apply in writing detailing childcare experience / qualifications and enclosing a CV. Annie Bunting, 2 Frog Hall Cottages, Iverley, Stourbridge, DY7 6PL

Cello & Theory of Music Lessons

SEAN GILDE (BA HONS) ABSM: Availability after school and week-ends. Music for Functions & Events. Competitive Rates Call: 07931 781737. Email: seankgilde@hotmail.co.uk Web: www.thecelloteacher.co.uk

WANTED URGENTLY: a small economic car for under £1000. Please phone Ikhlef Benkalai on 01384 860905 (evenings only)

About Loose Ends

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 3.30 pm for publication the following day, subject to space. Ads will be edited if they are very long. Please make sure all ads for inclusion include your name.

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Maigread Reynolds, Editor.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Single Pine bed with mattress. Both new/good condition. £90 ono. Daler - Rowney Painting easel. Full size. £35
Call Brian or Jane on: 01384 827631

Estates

Last but not least:

Fantasy floods in where fact leaves a vacuum.

Peter Shaffer

Handyman: available for any odd jobs, house or garden. Contact Hans Bergink: 01384 830758 or via Maigread Reynolds in the school office.

Recycle your spare Christmas cards by turning them into gift boxes that you can use to decorate your tree or pop small gifts in. For a template and instructions contact Sarah Tustain (Jevon's mum) – 01384 878 340 / 07825 331 709.

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

Cakes and Cupcakes baked to order! Are you stuck for time and got a birthday or other occasion coming up? Let me bake for you. From traditional Victoria sponge to ladybird cupcakes. Prices dependent on size and design but usually in the region of £10 for a 9 inch cake and £1.00 for a cupcake.

Are you also stuck for a present? Let me make you a bag – anything from a small make-up bag to a hold-everything everyday essential handbag. I always have some in stock but am happy to make to order.

Contact: Tammie Pond on 07940 728 004, The Coach House, Elmfield School

For Sale

For sale: Yamaha U1 – upright piano. Black gloss. Excellent condition. £3200. ½ Stentor violin £45. ½ hand-crafted violin £85. Call Maria 01384 442665.

Olive oil soap, 100% pure, natural, unfragranced and hand made. Not tested on animals and 100% biodegradable. The mildest soap you can get. £2.00 per big bar to members of the Elmfield Community, normal price £2.50. Next batch ready in 4 weeks. Contact Tim Woodley, Baby's Bum Natural Soaps 07729 121362 / swampys@gn.apc.org

Sturdy garden table with 4 chairs. Oval, dark green plastic; table 4'8" long. £10.00
Please call: 01384 831930 / 07530 652 364

Grand piano for sale: Bechstein Cost £13,500 (valued at £15,000. 6ft (184 cm). Model A, Nr 121011, black polished, ivory. Bright ebonised case on square tapered legs, together with a black stool. Please contact Saori for more information on 07884 051039

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