

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 8th February 2012 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

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
	7.30 p.m.	Stream of Sound Choir
Fri Feb 24	8.45-9.30 a.m.	Parents' Library
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 3 Parents' Evening
Mon March 12	7.30 p.m.	Talk in Town Hall by Chris Clouder
Tues March 13	7.30 p.m.	Class 1 Parents' Evening
Sat March 17	9.30 a.m.	Open Day

School Affairs

Eileen Hutchins Bursary Fund. Application forms for applying for a bursary for September 2012 are now available from the School office. The closing date will be the last day of the Spring term.
Maigread Reynolds

Education for a new future

Are your children getting what they need from today's schools?

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

We hope to start a local debate on educational matters here in Stourbridge! More details on our website. 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. Please put this date in your diaries now so you can come and bring a friend along!

Class 7 Fundraiser

Class 7 are having another "BAG TO SCHOOL DAY" on Tuesday 28th February to raise funds for our trip to Ru'a Fiola. We would be grateful for donations of any good quality shoes, boots, clothes, bed linen, curtains, etc. Look out for the blue bags; it would help if they could be dropped on the morning of 28th Feb by the glass doors. Many thanks, Class 7

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 from last week's PTFA meeting. To find out more please read their section further down Loose Ends.
Liz Groves and Ann Gulbis

Employment Vacancy

Marketing and Communications Officer

Elmfield has a vacancy for a temporary Marketing and Communications Officer for three months starting late March / early April 2012.

Salary will be £10 per hour which includes a component for holiday pay. Hours will be 22.5 per week.

For application form, job description and further details please contact the school on 01384 394633 or secretary@elmfield.com. Closing Date Friday 24th February 2012 at 12 noon.

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 and full checks.

Make-over required – please! Our PR Information board for Open Days/Evenings/Events is in need of a creative make over! 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

Don't forget to stock up on your favourite items before we close for the half-term break. The "Elmfield Honey" is selling well, buy now to avoid disappointment.

We currently have lots of special offers, in order to make room for our new stock.

- Aloe Vera liquid deo crystal deodorant – now selling at ½ price (£2.20)
- Weleda special offer. Wild Rose Creamy Body Wash – buy one, get one half price (£13.45)
- 8 pack of notecards (2 each of 4 designs) – now ½ price (£2.60)
- Book Sale (Anthroposophical and general). Selected titles selling fast!

Finally "Bargain of the week" – Fair Trade jewellery pouches. Now ½ price at 60p (large) and 30p (small). Perfect for wrapping earrings, quartz stones, etc. Thanks! The Shop Team.

Spring Term Community Workday Saturday 10 March

Building on the success of the autumn term workday, we are holding a second of the **new style** community workdays, run jointly by Transition Stourbridge, Estates team and PTFA.

We are focusing primarily on energy saving measures i.e. Draught proofing and insulation. This will not only reduce the school's carbon footprint but also save real money on fuel bills! (materials and basic instruction/guidance supplied).

Once again hearty and delicious freshly made lunch, hot tea and good cheer is being kindly provided by the PTFA (volunteers for advance prep or on the day most welcome).

If there are enough of us we would also like to lend a hand to the preparations for the school's annual open day, which is being held the weekend after the workday. This will help ensure our school is looking its best, for prospective new parents. Please come along anytime you can spare between 10am and 3pm, your time and effort will be much appreciated. The very positive feedback from the last workday shows you may pick up some useful and practical energy saving info that you can apply to your own home, as well as meeting and working with parents, teachers and members of our school community.

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Contacts are Margy, Transition Stourbridge 01384 351414, Tony, School Caretaker, And Chris Field, via the office.

Sainsburys Vouchers This will be beginning again soon. School has been able to purchase many good items through this, so please collect as many as you can and bring to school: there will be a box outside the office where you can put your vouchers. Many thanks. Maigread Reynolds

Eurythmy classes for parents

Tomie Boardman will offer Eurythmy from 22nd February, 9-10am every Wednesday in the former social space (wooden hut near school shop). No booking necessary, suggested £3 per session (contribution for eurythmy costumes for Elmfield students). For more information please contact Kumiko 07962 429 029 or 01384 370 375.

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

Thanks for your feedback on how to spend the PTFA funds, it's really appreciated. One thing we didn't make clear in last week's Loose Ends is that the money to improve Elmfield's "First Impressions" would just be a proportion of the money the PTFA allocates this year. Money will still be made available for meeting other requests from teachers and parents as we have always done in the past. The "First Impressions" idea is just an attempt to try and tackle one big significant project this year.

Parents' Library

Re-launching **Friday 24th February** and then open every Friday 8.45 am – 9.30 am. Location will be confirmed after half-term (look out for posters).

Initially we will limit borrowing to 2 books per person for a maximum loan period of 4 weeks. There will be a simple loan system that will be administered by the librarians. The Parents' Library will be free to use and is offered to all staff, parents and friends of Elmfield.

In readiness for the re-launch, the PTFA have kindly funded the purchase of 10 new books to enhance the collection of donated books. They reflect popular books sold in the school shop on Anthroposophy, Steiner Education, Child Development, Parenting and Craft Activities.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thanks, Jackie Inman & Sharon Rose (Parents' Librarians)

Open House

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 Psychoscopy. 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 García de la Rosa 01384 440480 or 07711998318.*

Gallimaufry Spring Tweet

Come and share your musical talents (or just listen) at another "Musical Open Evening" on Friday 23rd March from 7pm until 9 pm in the Eurythmy Room. All welcome – pupils, parents, teachers and friends. Contributions should be no longer than 10 minutes max to give everyone a chance to play. Bring and share refreshments as always.

More info from Julian Gilde on 01384 442 106.

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN SCIENCE 3

THE ROLE OF THE HUMAN IN SCIENCE

A weekend conference organised within the Science Group of the Anthroposophical Society

Lectures, whole group and other discussions

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012. GLASSHOUSE COLLEGE

Wollaston Rd. Amblecote, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 4HF, UK

OPEN EVENING LECTURE: **SATURDAY 18TH at 7:30pm**

Nick Thomas. £5 suggested donation for non-delegates

Cost for whole weekend: £85 including meals

For more details: www.naturalscience.org.uk or 020 7193 4697

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge

Landshare – 'Connecting Growers to people with Land to Share' Landshare is for people who:

- Want to grow veg but don't have anywhere to do it
- Have a spare bit of land they're prepared to share
- Can help in some way – from sharing knowledge and lending tools to helping out on the plot itself

Not all of us have access to space for growing. Yet there's loads of land that's under-used or forgotten. Some of it could be cultivated for vegetables and fruit, which is where Landshare comes in. See www.landshare.net to find out how to get growing!

Hedge Planting at Vale Head Farm - Community Event

On Saturday 25th February at The Glasshouse College's beautifully situated organic farm - Vale Head Farm, Compton Road, Kinver, DY7 5NJ

Following a successful and much enjoyed tree planting day a year ago!

All Welcome - Bring the whole family - No experience needed!

Programme: 10am: Tea / juice / biscuits

Followed by: Hedge planting

And thereafter: Bring-and-share lunch

Please bring wellies, suitable clothing for the weather, a spade if you have one, and something to share for lunch

For lift-shares or further details call Margy (Transition Stourbridge) on 01384 351414

Offers and Wanted

Largish round wooden table (1 metre diameter) – pick up for free. Call Robin – 07855 614 270.

Annie Bunting – Simplicity Child-minding

An unhurried and nurturing environment. An emphasis on natural toys and resources. Rural setting close to Stourbridge. Nature walks, gardening and lots of movement!
I now have further places available in the birth to 5 age group. Please phone: 01384 825 997 or 07910 275 402 for more information or to arrange a visit.

Jars! Does anyone have any spare glass jars with lids that we could have please? Thank you! The Dathans: 01384 394709, or Class 3

Free! Can anybody use 2 x hp21 ink cartridges? I have changed my printer. Annie 01384 825 997

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.

Cello & Theory of Music Lessons

SEAN GILDE (BA HONS) ABISM: 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

Dear Elmfield school community,

I am Melissa and I am 17 years old. In March I would like to come to Stourbridge and work as a volunteer. Now I am looking urgently for a place to stay. If you know of a possibility, please let me know. I went to a Steiner school in Germany and I am now doing a social assistant training. If you like some help during my stay for babysitting, shopping, cleaning, gardening, please let me know. And I am looking for someone with whom I can improve my English.
Melissa Ponellis Tel. 0049 4131 709620 (I will phone you back)
Thank you for your help! family.ponellis@web.de

Babysitter

Class 10 girl available for babysitting. Please contact Lilly (via Marge) on 01384 351 414.

Au Pair

My name is Genevieve Akers and I am 19 years old. I wish to travel to the UK to work as an Au Pair for a Steiner family. I attended Michael Park Steiner School in Auckland, New Zealand from kindergarten and graduated in 2010.
I love children and have experience caring for 4-11 year olds. I have recently become an auntie and I am learning about younger children. I am also willing to help with housekeeping and cooking. My email is: genevieveakers@yahoo.co.nz
Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information; I am hoping to start between April and June.

Wild Bird Food, Fat Balls, Blocks, etc. Also Dog Food. Large and small bags. Sensible prices. New House Farm, Chaddesley Corbett, DY10 4QD. Tel: 01562 777 338.

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.

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. *We understand not everyone has access to email but where possible we would appreciate copy via email as this helps us greatly when compiling each issue.*

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Maigread Reynolds, Editor.

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

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

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

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

Estates

House wanted to Rent

3 beds with garden, close to school preferably, but will consider other areas. Excellent references available.
Telephone: Alison – 01834 869 933

Last but not least:

Life is no "brief candle" to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

George Bernard Shaw.