

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 22nd February 2012 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Thurs Feb 23	7.30 p.m.	<i>A Comedy of Errors</i> Shakespeare Play by Class 11 – Hall
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	7.30 p.m.	Class 4 Parents' Evening
	7.30 p.m.	Stream of Sound
	8.00 p.m.	Class 3 Parents' Evening
Tues Mar 6	8.00 p.m.	Open Evening
Thurs Mar 8	7.30 p.m.	Upper School Concert Hall
Fri Mar 9	7.30 p.m.	<i>Gods and Giants</i> Play by Class 4
Mon Mar 12	7.30 p.m.	Talk in Town Hall by Chris Clouder
Tues Mar 13	7.30 p.m.	Class 1 Parents' Evening
Fri Mar 16	School closes	at lunchtime for Open Day prep
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!

Elmfield stall in Ryemarket: We are going to have a stall in Stourbridge Town Centre (Rye Market) on the morning of Saturday 3rd March. The plan is for the children to have the opportunity to decorate small terracotta flower pots or to have faces painted. Some older pupils as well as some ex pupils will be leading this. Adults can find out about Elmfield and forthcoming events. A few enthusiastic parents are still needed to help out on the day. If you are interested and able to join the team, please contact Gertraud Soukup 01384 396702

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

Parents' Discussion Group: Tuesdays 9.00 am. Next week we will be discussing the changes in development of the pre class one child. All welcome but without children. Cost 50p to cover a drink. Janet Klaar 01384 352177

Want to visit Italy?

Class 11 are still looking for a female (preferably) to help drive a minibus when they go to Italy for their class trip in June. Anyone interested please phone the school and leave your details. Thank you.
Ikhlef Benkalai

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. Please note this is corrected from a previous version of *Loose Ends* (many apologies of any inconvenience). 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.

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.

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

Elmfield Shop - Just arrived from our Fair Trade supplier:
Papier-mache eggs (£1), our best-selling silk scarves (£1.75), silk brocade pouches (£1) and beautifully packaged incense sticks (Rose, Lavender & Cinnamon) – made using only natural oils (£1.20).
Do pay us a visit, bargains still to be found as we spring clean the shop to make room for new stock!
Thanks. The Shop 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. 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

Parents' Library - Re-launching this **Friday 24th February**
The Parents' Library will be situated in the Nursery classroom and will be open every Friday during term-time at 8.45 am – 9.30 am. In the interests of security we ask that all users of the library sign in at Reception and wear a Visitor's badge. 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.
We warmly welcome you to the first session and hope that you will enjoy browsing through and borrowing from this donated resource. We will highlight some of the titles available in future weeks. We look forward to seeing you.
Thanks, Jackie Inman & Sharon Rose (PL Librarians)

Open House

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.

Free Counselling / Coaching Sessions: In my final year of Psychophonetics training I can offer 6 more clients a course of 4 to 6 sessions free of charge. Our approach to counselling views life's difficulties and challenges as opportunities for developing new faculties. We try to encourage our clients' abilities for self observation, giving meaning to their experiences and taking charge of their inner and outer lives. Please contact me on 01384 74988 or text on 07947 581698. Gertraud Maria Ekama

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge
Help reduce air pollution - Turn off your engine when stationary

When your car is not moving and the engine is on, fuel is being consumed to no effect. If you do get caught in a queue, avoid wasting fuel – turn the engine off. Contrary to popular belief, restarting your car does not burn more fuel than leaving it idling. In fact, idling for just 10 seconds wastes more fuel than restarting the engine.

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

Au Pair needed

I am an English mother of two children ages 6 and 7. My children go to the Waldorf School in Florence Italy and we live in the country side. We are currently looking for an Au pair starting as soon as possible or for this summer. My husband is Italian so we speak both English and Italian at home.

We have a spare car for the Au Pair to use in her spare time, so a driving license is essential as we live in the beautiful Tuscan countryside. There is a language school where she/ he can learn to speak Italian. Over the summer we will visit other parts of Italy, on the island of Pantelleria in Sicily, so we would like to take the Au Pair with us.

If you are interested, please kindly email me at Jessica.shepherd@tiscali.it and I will be happy to provide you with more information. Kind regards, Jessica Shepherd

Children's vacuum cleaner

Does anyone have an unwanted child's toy vacuum cleaner that is suitable for a three year old? If so I would very happily give it a home. Please contact Janet Klaar 01384 352177 or janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk

FREE Hitachi TV

31 inches wide. Television with stand and digibox. Please call Celia Friedeberg: 01384 863 827 (answerphone)

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.

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

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.

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.

Last but not least:

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

Albert Einstein

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

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 for Sale

Our nest is nearly empty now and our happy family home is for sale and will be available in the summer. Situated on a hill at the top of the estate many know from shopping at Withymoor Sainsbury's. 2.6 miles (9 minutes by car) from Elmfield. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac, detached, four good bedrooms, conservatory, garage, off-road parking, private garden. £210,000. Please call Jane Newsome on 01384 422 610 or 07891 625 881, or see at school.

House wanted to Rent

Returning Elmfield family seek 3 bedroomed house, close to school or surrounding area considered. Excellent references available, please contact me on: Wales, 01834 869933 Thanks, Alison. Saul. Bonita