

# Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School

9<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Weekly Newsheet

## School Diary

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| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 5pm         | Martinmas Walk  |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10.30am-4pm | Singing Day with Stream of Sound                      |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 9.15am      | Early Years Open Morning                              |
|                           | 7.30pm      | Class 4 Parents' Evening                              |
|                           | 7.30pm      | Stream of Sound                                       |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 12.45pm     | <b>School closes for preparation for Advent Fayre</b> |
|                           | 7-9pm       | Advent Fayre (Adults Only!)                           |
| Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 11-4pm      | Advent Fayre  |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov | 7.30pm      | Stream of Sound                                       |
| Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov | 7pm         | CL11 Parents' Evening                                 |

## School Affairs

**Elmfield Workday – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 3pm – Free Lunch provided by the PTFA:** come and join us help make the school smarter and more energy efficient! We will be draught proofing the most leaky of our buildings, to reduce the School's large heating bill, to help the environment and to make life more comfortable when winter sets in. We will be trained on the day, all tools and materials provided, after which we can go home and banish any draughts from our homes with our newly learnt skills!. There will be other jobs on offer too, to suit all tastes – groundwork, painting, and generally sprucing up the grounds ready for the Advent Fayre. A free lunch will be provided by the PTFA. Please put this date in your diaries: this is our school, let's all do our best! Please let us know if you can come: Tony Laycock, Jason Pond or Margy Henderson (351414).



Four Shakespeare Plays. One amazing night! Come and support Elmfield pupils performing **Hamlet** at The **Artrix, Bromsgrove on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.** Shakespeare Schools Festival is the UK's largest youth drama festival, with over 600 schools performing in theatres all around the UK this Autumn. Since 2000, 100,000 students have presented unforgettable nights of theatre for their local communities. For each young person this is a night to remember. Be part of it. Watch out for information on discounted tickets from Elmfield (not the Box Office). Paul Georghiades

### 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. held in the Parent and Toddler room opposite to the nursery classroom. Come and talk about 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

**Please help** Class 7 raise funds for Ru'a Fiola by donating good quality clean second hand adult and children's clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, handbags, shoes and belts. The items need to be bagged (bags are available from Class 7) and left by the glass doors near the main Hall on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November before 9am.** Please dig deep into those wardrobes and drawers. Many thanks Class 7

**Class 8** are organising the Tombola for the Advent Fayre. Could we please ask for donations of good quality gifts. Please bring them to Class 8 over the next few weeks. We need lots! Thank you Lorraine Bresnahan on behalf of Class 8

**Wanted** for extra art lessons in the Middle School. Do you have any unwanted Stockmar (stick and block) wax crayons that you no longer need? If so we would love to have them for our art lessons. Gaynor Gallagher Class 7

**Found** – a lovely white, oval shaped plate was sent in with food on to sell at the Michaelmas Market. If you are missing this, please collect from Class 8. I do not know who to return it to. Thanks, Ann Gulbis

**Elmfield Bookshop** – start your festive shopping early! Christmas stock arriving daily – advent calendars, Christmas cards, candles and Fair Trade gifts galore! Don't forget the Bookshop will also be open on the evening of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and throughout the Advent Fayre on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you. The Bookshop Team

**Many thanks** to all who have put squashed aluminium cans and separately bagged clean foil into our new box outside the Yellow Passage. Other, or dirty items take us a while to deal with when bagging up the cans. Please check your cans with a fridge magnet!! Many Thanks, Rosanne and Tony

## PTFA

### PTFA

The PTFA is applying for charitable status and will need to have a small number of trustees. We have a couple of regular PTFA attendees who have already volunteered but would like to spread the net a bit wider. If you think that you are able to take on such a role (not labour intensive or time consuming!) and / or you have relevant experience please contact Kellie by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. [Kellie.skutt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Kellie.skutt@hotmail.co.uk) 07532469030 or 01384 821395. Thanks!

### Advent Fayre – what is your class doing:

- Nursery – Cookie House
- Kindergarten – Lucky Dip
- Class 1 – Craft Activities
- Class 2 – Gnome Garden
- Class 3 Home Produce
- Class 4 – Sweets
- Class 5 – Decorate- a-cookie
- Class 6 – Restaurant

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Class 7 – Candle Dipping  
Class 8 – Tombola  
Class 9 – Café  
Class 10 – French Café  
Class 11 – Supporting Restaurant

**Please can all parents bring** in cakes/scones and if possible traditional French food for the French Café on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Also any second hand books would be appreciated. Please offer your help on the class rota's as soon as you can. Thank you.

**Bookings for Advent Fayre Stalls** The stalls for this year's Advent Fayre are now oversubscribed. We have a standby list as not all payments are cleared. We are also taking contact details for next year. The costs for this year are, Fri and Sat: £48, or £39 for just the Saturday in the main hall and Teachers room. We are investigating the possibility of having a very limited number of extra stalls in another area for Saturday only. If you are interested in having a stall, and wish to be added to the standby list *or* for other potential areas, please contact: Liz Groves-Stall Bookings, Email [Lizgroves@talktalk.net](mailto:Lizgroves@talktalk.net), Tel 01384 397343, Text 07804831508.

**Dear Parents** we need small crafted items for the school Craft Stall. If you can make one or two things to sell. Knitted items – anything welcome. Please get crafty at home. Not long to the Advent Fayre. Helen Hingley

**Can anyone** donate a prize for the raffle for the Advent Fayre? Maybe something you do (could be a treatment or a lesson) or an item (a homemade Christmas Cake, tickets, just about anything else!) All donations really appreciated, please call me on 01584 881526 or email [jarrah@onetel.com](mailto:jarrah@onetel.com) Thank you, Anna Wheeler

**Wanted** - Help to de-mistletoe my apple tree for the bazaar. Not only will this be good for the bazaar but it will save my tree. I also have lots of holly. Gaynor Gallagher Class 7

### Food of the World Stall – Advent Fayre

Just to let you know that this popular stall will be running on both days again at this year's Advent Fayre, Friday & Saturday, and also to request to donations of food from any country or culture. We've had some really generous items given in past years and would be grateful for any/all items offered; you don't have to come from a different country to make/give something either! It's a lovely way of enjoying Elmfield's union of a real variety of cultures - and all the money raised will be for the school. If you can help, please contact Jérôme or Kate – tel: 01746 767952 Many thanks!

**WE WOULD WELCOME A SMALL FOOD CONTRIBUTION FROM ELMFIELD FAMILIES FOR THE RESTAURANT FOOD** If some of the ingredients for the 2 restaurant meals (that will be available at the Advent Fayre ) are donated, the profits for the school will be greater.

We would be grateful if your family would provide just one of the following items:

Classes Kindergarten to class 5

- A packet of lasagne (to cook in the dish not pre-boil)
- A packet of onions
- A tin of plum tomatoes
- A jar of passata
- A tin of chick peas
- A packet of basmati rice

These items can be dropped off at any time from now until the Thursday before the fayre

Classes 6 to 11

- A baguette
- A block of mature cheddar
- A packet of butter
- A packet of closed cap mushrooms
- A packet of pitta bread (Wholemeal or white)

These items should be dropped off nearer to the date & ideally on the Thursday before the Fayre We will leave a box underneath by the entrance to Kindergarten & collect goods from here each day .Fingers crossed we will get a good selection! Many thanks Class 6 parents

## 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

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

**Exciting news!** Stream of Sound present another spectacular singing day, and invite anyone from class 5 upwards to join us for a day's singing workshop, followed by a very short concert, on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 4pm. Caroline Price

**Gallimaufry Winter Warmer** – come and share your musical talents (or just listen) at another Musical Open Evening on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm onwards and finishing around 9pm in the Eurythmy Room. All welcome – parents, pupils, teachers, young and old! Bring and share refreshments. For info contact Julian Gilde on 01384 442106

### About Loose Ends

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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](http://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

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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](mailto:helenbrock@rocketmail.com). (Our children go to the Meadow Steiner School, Somerset)

**Felt Making Day for Xmas** – come and learn the different processes to create a beautiful multi-coloured felt article for Christmas. You will make a sampler and one of the following: a purse, decorative brooch or a bag. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 4pm in the Handwork Room £30 includes all materials, ½ price for children. Bring and share lunch. For booking contact Briar Collins 01384 829001 or Jackie or Suzie in the Bookshop

**Luca's Walk to School** Luca, Kate & Jérôme would like to thank all of the generous people who sponsored them for their 15 mile walk to school in June. A real sense of achievement was felt by all, as well as enjoying the enthusiastic welcome at Elmfield by several classes AND the wonderful musicians! The final sum raised (for the school's new building) came to £147.50. Thank you.

#### **Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge Less Bin Bags, Less Rubbish!**

The rubbish we put out for kerbside collection in the Dudley Borough feeds the incinerator in Netherton. This is not the cleanest or most efficient use of waste. We need to reduce how much rubbish we put out by composting and recycling everything that we can. If everything left over, that must go into the bin bag, goes in clean (to deter vermin), and we only put out bin bags when they are full, we can reduce the rubbish being incinerated and use far fewer bin bags... and we end up making lovely compost to help us grow delicious fruit and vegetables in!

**Harvest Share** – do you have an abundance of fruit and vegetables in your garden? It is easy to be overwhelmed by a glut of apples, plums, marrows, pears, tomatoes – and to wonder what to do with them all. So, Transition Stourbridge (a local environmental group) is keen to help save good local food from going to waste. If you want a hand with harvesting or processing a surplus crop, talk to someone from the group or call Margy on 01384 351414. Likewise do get in touch if you would like to join us and help picking and make use of lovely local fruit and veg!

#### **The news from steiner school in Bangkok, Thailand.**

I sent an email to ask how things are in Steiner school in Bangkok due to the recent big flood. I got a reply. I would like to share with school community.

Hello, half of Bangkok is turned into a huge swamp! All areas around the school are inundated from half a meter to over a metre deep water for a week now. Many parents' houses are flooded! The floodwaters have covered the school yard. The buildings are on higher ground and still dry, though. I hope it will remain that way! There is a mass exodus of Bangkokians since the inland tsunami has been invading the capital, but with difficulty since several streets are under water and closed to traffic. The flood in Bangkok is expected to last 4-6 weeks, although the authorities say it will be better after this weekend, but what people experience is that it's still getting worse and worse with the floodwater spreading further to the east, west, and central Bangkok! Business is slow or stagnant except for food and necessary items. The start of the second school term is put off from the beginning to the middle of the month. Even then I'm not certain that it won't be extended! Regards,  
Janpen Panosot [Panyotai Steiner Waldorf School](mailto:Panyotai Steiner Waldorf School)  
[www.panyotai.com](http://www.panyotai.com)

**Fund raising CONCERT FOR Fukushima, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. 1930pm, Elmfield hall.** We are organising Fund raising CONCERT for steiner kindergarten in Fukushima. Since tsunami, earthquake on 11<sup>th</sup> March this year, the contamination from Fukushima nuclear power plant has been spreading badly. The area of Fukushima steiner kindergarten have extremely high dose of nuclear contamination on the soil, and its level is bad as forced evacuation area in Chernobyl in 1986. But Japanese government supports people who live up to 30km area from nuclear plant. to evacuate. And the kindergarten is 60km away from plant, so they will not get any support to leave at all, but they are really in high risk, so they are planning to move to somewhere better. They need lots of money. We are inviting an English professional shakuhachi player (traditional Japanese flute) who is also a Waldorf parent, and stream of sound and community choir are going to sing the songs in Japanese. Eurhythm with Japanese music, And more. Collection at door. We love to see you in the hall. Thanks Tomie and Kumiko

### **Offers and Wanted**

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#### **SEAN GILDE (BA HONS) ABSM**

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**Do you need help in the garden?** My son is 15 and is looking for work for some pocket money. Please call Mioara Tarzioru on 07758 350175.

#### **Wanted please**

If anybody has a pair of Celtic Sheepskin boots lying around and not know what to do with them, size 4 or 5, then please contact me. I am looking for a pair for Alanna to keep her warm, while she is using the wheelchair. Thanks, Rosa Ferris (07986313838)

**Language Graduate available** – for German and French lessons. Please ring Beth Friedeberg on 01384 863827 (answerphone)

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

### **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

**For Sale Advent Strings** – a small gift to unwrap each day of Advent beginning on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November and ending on Christmas Eve. Many of the gifts are handmade and they reflect the treasures of the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms and culminate in the wonder of the Nativity. The price is £20 per string and we hope to be at the Elmfield Advent Fayre on 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to collect your string. If you would prefer to have it posted the cost is £4. Please telephone 0115 9392353 to place your order. Stocks are limited and sales are strictly on a first come first served basis. Eliza Conway and Julie Gibson

**Very good washing machine** for sale, nearly new. Asking price £85.- or ONO. Please call Rosa on 079-86313838

**For Sale:** I pair size 6 (39) tan brown, wedge-healed Dr Martens. To just below the knee with zips up the sides. Very comfortable, hardly worn. £30. Contact Sarah 07527 903302

## Estates

**A young friendly couple** are looking for a small flat to rent or a double bedroom to share in a household, in Stourbridge area. I'm a Hungarian young woman, studying at the West Midlands Eurythmy School. My partner is Irish and he has just moved from Northern Ireland. He is looking for a job in the Stourbridge area. We are highly interested in many different possibilities e.g. sharing a house with others or helping out a family with children or living in / supporting an elderly person or a couple etc. we are ready to move in anytime, as soon as possible. Please call any time after 4pm Viola Venczel on 07959 7671894

*Last but not least:*

*The Earth was made round so  
that we would not see too far  
ahead*

*Karen Blixen in her book Out  
of Africa*