

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 2nd February 2011

Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Tues Feb 8	7.30 pm	Nursery Parents' Evening
Tues Feb 15	8.00 pm	Class 3 Parents' Evening
Thurs Feb 17	7.30 pm	Play by Class 11 - Hall
Fri Feb 18		School closes for half term
	7.30 pm	Play by Class 11 - Hall
Mon Feb 28		Teacher Training Day – school closed
	7.30 pm	AGM of Elmfield Association
Wed March 2	7.00 pm	Class 9 Parents' Evening

School Affairs

Application forms for The Eileen Hutchins Bursary Fund are now available from the school office. The closing date for receipt of applications is April 30th.

"Come! Play with Me" has begun again, now meeting every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 at 30, South Road Stourbridge, (near to Mary Stevens Park). If you would like to come with your pre-school child please contact Janet Klaar, 01384 352177 or by email: janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk. We are delighted to welcome parents, carers, grandparents etc and look forward to meeting you. Janet Klaar & Kate Martin

Class 7 are holding a cake stall and jewellery stall on Friday 4th February at 12.45 pm and 3.15 pm, to raise money for their Rua Fiola trip. Class 7

After School Care – needs a large family sized stainless steel saucepan (2 handles if possible). Will happily pay for it! Thank you Rosanne and Jean

Upper School Cookery Module Group: An impressive £175 was raised for the Air Ambulance by Upper School students by selling their delicious cakes during their recent module. Teachers were also treated to sustaining soups to see them through recent meetings. Thank you Upper School! Heather Howes.

Music Matters

COMMUNITY CHOIRS: Every Wednesday
Early Choir: 7.00 pm – 7.50 pm. Open to all, varied repertoire.
Late Choir: 8.00 pm – 9.15 pm. Open to more experienced singers. Call Diana Ball, 371348 or Sue Whittaker, 376804.

Open House

London Marathon April 17th 2011
This highly determined penguin (penguin: determination over form!) is taking on the challenge of running the London Marathon this year. WOW! I am in training and I will do it! This will push me way beyond my comfort zone and beyond what I

Vacancies

PART-TIME GCSE FRENCH TEACHER required to teach GCSE French from September 2011. Remuneration based on £19.50 per lesson. For further details, job description and application form, please contact the School office. Closing Date: 25th February 2011.

SCHOOL DOCTOR. Starting date: Immediate
To support the learning and development of pupils in collaboration with teachers, parents and therapists. Frequency of visits: 1 day per week during term time (negotiable)
Remuneration: £35 per hour (about 5 hours per week)
Closing date: 25th February 2011.

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.

For further details, job descriptions and application forms, please contact the School Office at info@elmfield.com or 01384 394633.

ever imagined possible for me to do. I am also going to raise money for St Catherine's School on Kiberia, Nairobi, Kenya, where my son Will spent a short time teaching. This is an unregistered school teaching the slum children who would not otherwise get an education. So if you would like to support this worthy cause and encourage me in this mammoth challenge, then please tell me, call me or write to me and pledge some sponsorship. Thank you. Elaine Sheppard – class 8 teacher

Make and Mend Mornings - The Cockleshell, Fridays 10am - 12 noon (in term time)
Make and Mend mornings are up and running again on Fridays at the Cockleshell, Worcester Street. Bring along anything you'd like to do there - darning, sewing, cross-stitch, making greeting cards - I'll be knitting socks. The perfect opportunity to get the mending done, or alter an item of clothing that needs a change. Fixing things means a longer life for our belongings and saves money - welcome back to thrift - with Cake and Chat! The Cockleshell has a Fairtrade Cafe for us to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you there! Spread the word!
Margy Henderson

Transition Stourbridge

Would you like to be part of a local environmental group? Transition Stourbridge is a local network that looks at how we can travel, work, shop, grow food and provide for ourselves and our community in a more sustainable (and fun!) way. Our next meeting is this Monday 7th February at 7.45pm at 57 Corser Street, Oldswinford. All welcome! Any questions call Margy: 01384 351414

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge:

Grow your own

Now is the time to start planning what vegetables and herbs you want to grow this year in your garden, window box or kitchen windowsill. Search around for organic seeds if possible, or heritage seeds, to help safeguard rare varieties. Alternatively, if you have green-fingered friends, swap seeds or plants with them.
Margy Henderson.

Yoga at Park Hill Flat, Elmfield

1. Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 10:30, for beginners and 'improvers'. Drop-in price is £6.50 per class.
2. Thursday afternoons, 3:00 – 4:00 (one hour), especially good for beginners but everyone is welcome. Drop-in price of £5 per class.

A new class will soon start at another venue to be confirmed, Tuesday evenings. Contact Maria for further details on 01384 442035 or maria.mntn@gmail.com.

A personal thought about the Influenza Vaccine

After all of the marketing and brainwashing-style PR that has been thoroughly pushed on the British Media this winter, are you now thinking about getting you and your family vaccinated before next winter hits?

Before you do, here are some thoughts to consider.

Do vaccinations really work? Did you know that they have never been proven to work without question?

Did you know that vaccinated individuals can still get the disease they've been vaccinated against? (When they give you death rates for people dying of influenza, they never include the figures of how many victims were already vaccinated against it.)

And have you ever found out about the side effects that could affect you or your family after vaccinating?

We have all heard the well publicised stories about mothers losing 'unprotected' babies/children, because the NHS didn't provide vaccines for them, yet the view of vaccinating (via the media) is very one-sided. Fear is a very effective way of controlling people, and the Pharmaceutical companies stand to make a huge profit out of it. If you want start reading some facts and information about this, there are now some articles displayed for you in the Yellow Passage, with information about where you can find out more if you want.

Kate Fullerlove LLC Hom, Cert ECBS

Offers and Wanted

Upright Piano – needs a good time. Will need collecting. Bunting 01384 825997 / 07910 275402. Donation to S.A. Kindergarten

Strong and able young man (22 Years) seeks part-time employment. Willing to tackle jobs of all sorts, using brain and brawn. If interested please ring 374686 - Philipp Tito Garzón

HAPPY HAULAGE; A man with a van service. Small house moves and courier services. Call Sam Bennett on 07508 585850 www.happyhaulage.co.uk

End Up Driving: 2011 and time to begin your acquisition of a new skill. Learn to drive in a positive and friendly environment. For a short time we will be offering a £4 per hour discount off the usual price to the first 6 people who respond to this message. There is no time like the present. Please call Bridgit on 07726 953033
Bridgit Richardson

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Bikes – do you have a bike you no longer need? There is a non-profit making Community Interest Organisation in Kidderminster that employs people with learning difficulties that refurbishes old bikes that can be sold back to the public. All profits go back into the company benefiting the young people again. Bikes can be collected. The organisation is Spokes in Kidderminster and can be contacted on 01562 861154. The website is www.spokes-uk.org Any bike in any condition would be gratefully received – Thanks, Matt Tustain

Estates

Temporary Accommodation:

I shall be abroad this year for 3 months from early April – early July and am looking for someone to live in my house in Cecil Street for a low rent. If interested please phone Yvonne on 01384 821656 or email yvonaway@hotmail.com.

Yvonne Greenaway

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Carrie Smith - Administrator.

Last but not least:

Better to light the candle

Than to curse the darkness.

Anonymous