

# Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 Weekly Newsheet

## School Diary

Thurs Mar 24	12.15 & 3.30	Fundraising stall for Earthquake victims.
Fri March 25	7.00	Gallimaufrey Eurythmy Room
Sat April 2	10.30 – 4.30	Singing Day – Hall
Wed April 6	1.50 for 2	School Festival
Thurs April 7	12.00	School closes for the Easter break
Fri April 8	11 – 2	Bookshop open
Sat April 16	11 – 3	Bookshop open

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Nose Day:** Thank you to all who supported Red Nose Day. We raised £43 from the cakes stall and £11.53 for football on the hard court. Thank you again for all your help. Class 8

### Samosa Sale.

Having a Party or want to stock up your freezer? Why not try our delicious Veggie Samosas. Please place your orders on the forms available and deliver these along with your payments to Class 7 by Tuesday each week. All profits will go to Class 7 funds. Just collect your Samosa Order from the big Kitchen. £5 for 10 Samosas, £9 for 20 Samosas or £13 for 30 Samosas. Terry & Gill Jones

**Thank you** to everyone who came to the **Open Day** on Saturday: students, parents, teachers. Thank you for all your hard work and efforts, it was much appreciated. We welcome any constructive feedback about Open Day and welcome ideas or suggestions on how to improve it and what you as parents would like to see. Please send your comments in writing to me. With our good wishes, Elaine Sheppard for the PR group

### About Loose Ends

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 3.30 pm for publication the following day, subject to space.

Please be aware that *Loose Ends* is published on the Elmfield website each week.

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*Maigread Reynolds, Editor.*

## Vacancies

**GYM AND GAMES Teacher, full-time.** Steiner Waldorf background essential. Salary based on £19,356, to start from May 2011 (or September 2011 by negotiation.) Closing Date 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

### **Pianist to Accompany Eurythmy Classes**

We are looking for a pianist with a wide repertoire (including Beethoven sonatas) and ability to improvise and compose imaginative music for stories, to accompany eurythmy lessons.

Enthusiasm for working with children is also essential. Remuneration currently £7.60 per lesson (40 / 45 minutes). Please contact the office for an application form and further details. This position will start 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011. Closing date **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 and full checks.*

**For further details, job descriptions and application forms, please contact the School Office at [info@elmfield.com](mailto:info@elmfield.com) or 01384 394633.**

### Car Parking

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in making the school drive so much more pleasant and safe at the start and end of the School day. So far, the new procedure is proving beneficial to pupils and the School environment, and we appreciate the extra effort needed for some families.

We have had some feedback from our neighbours in Love Lane that their drives have been blocked, causing them to be delayed. Please can we remind you to take care to be considerate of our neighbours. We welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have. Thank you for your support!

Carrie Smith

**Elmfield Bookshop:** Just arrived: self patterning sockwool in a wide variety of colours; coming soon: mohair wool in gorgeously vibrant colours. We now also stock a wide range of bamboo knitting needles, including chunky ones for children and wooden crochet hooks. Crystals: come and discover lots of new stock: amethyst caves, quartz angels, onyx dolphins and elephants, quartz, tourmaline and lots more. New: tissue paper rolls with 19 sheets of beautiful spring colours – lots of new cards, all very affordable – more snacks available, savoury and sweet. Fair trade items: Our range is expanding, including silk scarves, felt bags and purses, jewellery and much more. Looking for a present? We stock a wide variety of gifts and toys. Easter holidays: Elmfield Shop will close at 4.30 on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> and open on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> 11 – 2 and Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 11 – 3. If demand makes it worth while, we could open another day. Please let us know. The Bookshop Team

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**Parent and Child Groups** – our Parent and Child groups are flourishing. We have welcomed lots of new families alongside the familiar faces of others within our community. Please contact me if you would like to come along as some of the groups have a waiting list. Many thanks, Lorraine Bresnahan Tel. 376334 or via the School Office.

**"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

**Wanted Stick Weaving Sticks** – does anybody have a set of these that they no longer need? We are hoping to use them with Class 1 and are short of just a few to equip the whole class. Please bring any into Class 1, to Mr Gray or Mrs Gulbis. Thank you.

**Hi my name is Danika** and very soon I have my Art exam. I need loads!!! of recyclable items e.g. plastic pots, trays, milk bottles and lids, toilet rolls etc. if you could please help me and bring all you have to my classroom, Class 11, I would be very grateful. Danika

### Echoes

**Our thanks** to Teresa Hewitt Moran and her father who shared some wonderful Irish songs and music with us on St Patrick's Day. The children thoroughly appreciated their Irish dancing in the sunshine, and appreciated the lucky shamrocks too. We will definitely bake soda bread again even if it's not St Patrick's Day!  
Jackie Irving for Early Years Department

### 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.

**Another Singing Day:** Stream of Sound will hold their 7<sup>th</sup> Singing Day on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Elmfield School. It's good practice for the choir members, who honed their teaching skills by running singing workshops at various festivals last summer, and an excellent opportunity for Elmfield pupils to experience singing music from all around the world – harmony from the inside! Workshop 1030 – 4.30 (£10) followed by a baked potato supper (£2.50) and then a concert that everyone from the workshop can join in with at 7.30, to which you are warmly invited. For further information, call Caroline Price 377833.

**Traditional Music Week:** This will be during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June, with visiting musicians coming to give concerts and workshops both in and out of school time. Would anybody like to help me plan and organise it? Caroline Price 377833.

### Open House

**Sponsored bike ride:** I am cycling from Stourbridge to Stourport (17 miles) for class 7's trip to Rua Fiola. I have been training and plan to do the ride on Sunday 3 April. If you would like to sponsor me please see me at school or phone 01384 374709. thank you!  
Bethany Dathan  
P.S. This is Down's Syndrome Awareness week!

**Brierley Hill Choral Society Barn Dance** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 – 11pm at St James Church Hall, Wollaston. Tickets £8 to include supper (book in advance) Ring Celia on 863827 or ring 01902 682115

**Fund raising Food stall for earthquake victims in Japan and NZ** We are organizing fund raising Food stall for Japan and NZ earthquake victims on 24th, next Thursday at 12.30 and 15.15. The profits will proceed to Christchurch Steiner school in NZ, (<http://www.ch.steiner.school.nz/>) and Steiner academy school in Japan (please read article below) Please donate cakes and savoury food or home produce or un-opened food to sell. Please leave them labelled in the kindergarten kitchen. Thank you very much. Tomie Boardman and Kumiko (370375)

**The situation of Steiner schools in Japan now.** After the tsunami I talked to the head mistress of the Steiner Academy School on 15th. Fortunately all the Steiner schools and kindergartens over Japan have survived the catastrophes so far. But their main concerns are the states of mental and physical health of the pupils due to their traumatic experience of the tsunami and ongoing the radiation leakage from nuclear power stations. She is one of the organisers planning to invite the anthroposophical doctors from Germany for the pupil's physical and soul care. I am hoping to send some money towards that. She appreciates our interest and wishes our good thoughts for them. Thank you. Kumiko

**Spring Gallimaufrey:** Come and share your musical talents (or just listen) at a Musical Open Evening on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 7 pm onwards until 9 pm in the Eurythmy Room. All welcome, pupils, parents, teachers, friends. Bring and share refreshments. Contributions of no longer than 10 minutes. Further information from Julian Gilde 01384 442106

**Imran is the 6 year old son** of a man who has been given political asylum in the U.K. Sadly his English mother has developed severe long term mental health problems which prevent his father from being in employment as he is her full time carer. If you have any clothes that would fit a 6-7 year old boy that are in reasonable condition, these could help support this little family. Please hand them to Janet Klaar at her home, 30 South Road, Stourbridge or telephone 01384 352177 fro Janet to arrange collection. Thank you. Janet Klaar

**Patients & Friends of Anthroposophic Medicine: Theme** "Meeting Resistance through the Heart Force" working with the plant Hawthorn **Course Leaders:** Dr. James Dyson & Fiona Chapman. **Dates:** Beginning at 5pm on April 29<sup>th</sup>, all day Sat April 30<sup>th</sup>, all morning on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, closing at 1.30pm with lunch together. **At** Elmfield School Love Lane Stourbridge West Midlands. **Contact** For further details or to register please call: Cathie Green on 01562 632360

**An Evening with Dave Onions at the Glasshouse Centre Friday 25th March 7.30pm £6/£4 conc.** Bookings 01384 399430. Dave Onions: wonder-guitarist and song-writer, whose distinctive playing and phenomenal songwriting - on subjects ranging from nuclear waste and global conflicts to love and the flu – have entertained audiences for 30 years. We would like to offer anyone who comes with a copy of *Loose Ends 2* for the price of 1.

**Children's Summer Camp** – Following the success of last year's camp with 47 children The Christian Community in Stroud, Gloucestershire is again running a Children's Camp from 16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July at Camphill Oaklands Park in the Forest of Dean. Helpers are upper school pupils and parents from Wynstones Waldorf School. Open to children from Class 1 – 7 from all schools and backgrounds. Enquiries – Aaron & Judy Mirkin – 01453 757587 [aaronmirkin@gmail.com](mailto:aaronmirkin@gmail.com)

**Breast Cancer Charity walk:** There will be a sponsored walk of 3 miles on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 11.00 a.m. at Bodenham Arboretum, Wolverley, near Kidderminster. All enquiries to

Debra 01384 835456, Denise 01384 393077, Cancer Support 01384 231232.

**Wake-up Call on the 'Big Society':** Even charities (State-supported) can be 'privatised', according to *Dispatches: Britain's Secret Fat Cats*, broadcast on Monday, 14th March on Channel 4 - if they are required to 'tender' for the services they are providing. C. Dyson

**London Marathon:** Week 4 day 3. Training going well. if you haven't yet sponsored me, please do so. Sponsor forms outside my classroom, Class 8. I am running and raising money for Action Kibera and in particular for the school where my son, William, worked for a short time which is for slum children. (Comic Relief highlighted their plight last week if you saw that) Many thanks to all those who have sponsored me so far.  
Elaine Sheppard

**Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge:**  
**Climate Week: 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Climate Week is a national occasion that offers an annual renewal of our ambition and confidence to combat climate change. It is for everyone wanting to do their bit to protect our planet and create a secure future.

Climate Week shines a spotlight on the many positive steps already being taken in workplaces and communities across Britain. The power of these real, practical examples – the small improvements and the big innovations – then inspires millions more people.

Thousands of businesses, charities, schools, councils and others are running events. See [www.climateweek.com](http://www.climateweek.com) for more details!  
Margy Henderson

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The Stourbridge Series: A Public Lecture at The Christian Community With Aysha Iqbal Patel, Mohammed Shaban  
A chance to hear the truth concerning modern Islam,  
and to discuss issues

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30 pm** At The Christian Community  
22 Baylie Street Stourbridge DY8 1AZ 01384 377 190  
**Saturday 7th May 10am - 5pm**

**The Search for the Deep Self - Vocation and Identity.**  
**With Deborah Ravetz and Jane Chase.**

Who we are, and what our work is are two of the most important and challenging questions a person can ask themselves. Throughout ones life, this may need to be redefined and re-assessed. By understanding who our spiritual or philosophical family is, we create a context, a sense of identity and purpose that can lead to what Rudolf Steiner calls modest self confidence. This ability to be clear about what one lives for and to know how to put ones gifts at the service of something worthwhile, can be a true source of joy in a human biography. It is this process which we will be working to facilitate on this course. Using the forms and strategies of Social Sculpture as initiated by Joseph Beuys, and insights of biography work, we will offer a day of creative exercises, presentations and conversation to help participants explore that which lies between them and their deepest longings.

Booking: [deborah@ravetz.org.uk](mailto:deborah@ravetz.org.uk) Tel: 07794 910 749  
Cost: £50/£40 Venue: The Glasshouse Arts Centre Wollaston Rd, Stourbridge, West.Midlands.

**Fantasia Music School:** Summer courses for young musicians at Lavant House School near Chichester. Activities include orchestra, choir, string orchestra, wind band, chamber groups and more. For more info contact Mary Sutton 01243 586068 or visit website [www.fantasiamusicschool.co.uk](http://www.fantasiamusicschool.co.uk)

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## Offers and Wanted

**Tickets offered:** 2 tickets for Ladysmith Black Mombazo at Symphony Hall Birmingham Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. £25 each, offers might be accepted. Call Rosanne Adams on 390095

**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

**Babysitter available –** I have lots of experience with young children and can provide references. Ex-Elmfield pupil now at King Ed's College, 18 years old with own transport. For further details please call Rosie Croggon on 07805 676880 or contact Jackie in Kindergarten.

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**HAPPY HAULAGE;** A man with a van service. Small house moves and courier services. Call Sam Bennett on 07508 585850 [www.happyhaulage.co.uk](http://www.happyhaulage.co.uk)

**Room wanted for** visiting teacher from Summer Term. If you can help please contact Gavin on [gavinferris6@gmail.com](mailto:gavinferris6@gmail.com)

**Aldeburgh, Suffolk –** a well equipped terrace cottage to rent, near the sea and high street with the marches behind. Two bedrooms, sleeps 5 + an extra camp bed. Sunny, south facing garden and own car parking space £375 per week or £180 for long weekend. For more details contact Michael Brownson 07776 133894

**Do you need help in the garden?** My son is 14 and is looking for work for some pocket money. Please call Mioara Tarzioru on 07758 350175.

**Offer - Petrol Lawnmower Mountfield Empress –** donation to Bursary Fund. Tel: Mary Walker 395076

**Offered:** Lovely old piano needs a new home. Iron frame. Overstrung. Donation to Stream of Sound. Phone Stuart 07968 889939

**Urgent:** Looking for a good home for a 4 month old female dog Dobi / Alsatian cross. Very sweet nature. Phone Jane 01384 390694

## For Sale

**For sale:** 2 pairs of sturdy ladies slip on shoes size 7, one pair grey suede, one pair soft black leather. Both pairs new, never worn. Were £35, selling for £7 per pair. Alison Hodge - 379925

**For Sale:** Ladies "Asolo, Stynger GTX" waterproof mountain / hiking boots, size 6 ½ / 7. Hardly worn and in excellent condition. £60. Jane Newsome 07891 625881  
[jane\\_newsome@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jane_newsome@hotmail.co.uk)

**For Sale**

3 lovely Cherry Valley White female ducks, together with duck house (wooden) and feed. All good layers 300ish delicious eggs each per year – yummy. £60 Please contact Jane Duncan 01384 359706

**For Sale:** New Hoover bagless vacuum. Used 3 times – bought prior to finding a repairer for my Dyson. £25. Call Maryanne Stanley 07887 768660

**For sale:** R. Gors B Spangenberg **upright piano** with piano stool. Good condition with a few scratches. Keys in excellent condition. Has been loved for many years. Needs a home where it is played. £150 ono.

**Saxophone** – Yamaha alto sax with hard case, neck strap and spare reeds. Plays well, good for beginner onwards. Wants to be played. £300 ono.

2 JS **Hornby treble recorders** in soft cases. Never been used. £15 each. For all of above, contact Amy Mullender on 07717 411326 or email [amymullender@gmail.com](mailto:amymullender@gmail.com)

*Last but not least:*

*You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf.*

*Jon Kabat-Zinn*

**Estates**

**Rooms to rent in Old Quarter:** 1, 2 or 3 rooms to rent (could include own bathroom) in lovely, quiet house, shared kitchen. Conveniently located for town. Rent negotiable. Please phone Charlotte on 07791 067261 or 01384 345039 or email on [cmkaye27@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cmkaye27@hotmail.co.uk)