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Fri Nov 11	5.00 pm	Martinmas walk for classes 1, 2, 3
	7.30 pm	Class from Schloss Hamborn performance “Much Ado about Nothing” by Shakespeare
Sat Nov 12	7.30 pm	Class from Schloss Hamborn performance “Much Ado about Nothing” by Shakespeare
Tues Nov 15		Class 10 to Tate Liverpool for the day
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
Wed Nov 16	7.30 pm	PTFA Meeting
Fri Nov 18	12.45pm	School closes at lunchtime for Advent Fayre preparation for Classes 1 – 10
Sat Nov 19	11.00 – 4.00	Advent Fayre
Sat Nov 26		Stream of Sound Singing Day
Sun Nov 27		First Sunday of Advent – Advent Gardens
Mon Nov 28		Advent Assemblies start
Tues Nov 29	7.00 pm	Class 10 Parents’ evening
Fri Dec 9	7.00 pm	Gallimaufrey
Wed Dec 14	12.30 pm	Early Years End of Term
Thurs Dec 15	12.00 noon	School closes for Christmas holidays

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SCHOOL NEWS

Careers Talks Upper School for the new year: we are in the process of organising a series of talks and would like to ask the wider community if you (or anyone you know) would come in and talk to us about your chosen career path and give us a little window into that world. If so, please could you contact us at elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com or sue.dutton@elmfield.com as soon as possible. We are seeking people from a wide variety of careers/jobs/vocations to help our Upper School students with thinking about their future steps.

Elmfield Gift Shop We are busy stocking up our shelves with beautiful gift items in advance of the Advent Fayre on Sat 19th November. The shop will be open throughout the day (11.00am - 4.00pm) Advent Calendars - big and small - are now available. The Shop Team

Parenting Workshops After halfterm there will be a series of parenting workshops taking place at the school. An introductory session was held last term. This was an opportunity to look at parenting styles and the struggles as well as the joys. We are very fortunate to welcome back Nina Male and Lynsey Gilroy, early years professionals from Dudley Council, who both have an understanding of Steiner Waldorf education and philosophy. The sessions will be on Tuesday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 November and 6 December between 9.30 and 10.45am and are appropriate for early years parents and parents of children in Class 1. You are welcome to attend the workshops whether you attended the introductory session or not. For further details or to confirm that you plan to attend please email lorraine.bresnahan@elmfield.com.

PTFA

Email address: elmfieldptfa@gmail.com

Parents' Library Open every Wednesday throughout the term (8.45am - 9.30am.) Located in the Learning Support Room (off the main entrance foyer.) Please sign in at reception and wear a visitor's badge whilst using the library. The Library Team

ADVENT FAYRE – WINTER WONDERLAND

Restaurant The restaurant team are looking for the following items to be donated: couscous, dry pasta (any type), tinned kidney beans, tinned tomatoes, new potatoes, celery, cabbage green and red, mayonnaise, onions, part baked bread, cucumber, cherry tomatoes. Please put the items in the box marked restaurant by reception.

The Tea Rooms relies on gifted (and not so gifted) bakers to supply us with delicious cakes to sell at the Advent Fayre. Please bring your cakes to school on Friday or to the Advent Fayre. Cakes will be stored in the big kitchen so please drop them off there if at all possible. Please label any boxes that you want returned, and also please label cakes with ingredients, especially allergens. If you're not a gifted baker, we also accept Mr. Kipling's cakes (or any other shop bought cakes). We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to the Tea Rooms during the Advent Fayre. Rhiannon, Mary and the other Tea Room Helpers

Rotas are still up in the yellow passage. Please sign up to help for an hour on any stall you fancy on Saturday 19th November. If you don't come into school much and want to sign up, email anne.bearne@arup.com or text 07986301696 with Name and Stall to be put on rota: Cookie House, Gnome Gardens, Lucky Dip, Gingerbread Village Raffle, Candle Dipping, Crockery Smash/Goal Shoot, Chill Out VIP Lounge: 2 "Bouncers" required!

Contributions: If you bake, please contribute a Cake or Biscuits for the Tea Rooms.

If you make other home produce, homemade sweets, jams etc please send this in on Friday for the Produce Stall (full ingredients and made on date required).

If you bake, please contribute Cookies for the cookie house (Contact Lorraine in Nursery for recipe).

If you collect things, please contribute *new* items for the tombola.

If you love Fashion, please contribute *nearly new* fashion items for the "Vintage" Clothes stall.

Winter Wonderland Transformation: decorating Friday Please also consider spending some time on Friday 18th from 12.45pm to help us transform the school into a winter wonderland. It is a fun time of community spirit and friendship. Even if you work, please pop in after work and see if we need new energy then! (Call 07986 301696 to check that we haven't finished already.)

Greenery All types of greenery needed to help make the school beautiful for the Advent Fayre. Having a garden clearance, please donate to the school and save yourself a trip to the tip. All greenery to be left at the back of the outdoor shelter next to Fabienne's Kindergarten front garden.

Crafty people we need craft items for the school craft stall. Please make one or two things to sell, it does not have to be specific to the season.

Children's activities All of the children's activities will be paid for by tokens. Exchange your money for tokens (wooden buttons) which can be used for all the children activities and stalls. To save time on the day you can buy your tokens in advance at the school shop from Monday 7th November. Tokens are £1 each. Buy 10 and receive 12 (2 tokens free).

Advent Fayre Stalls All craft stalls in the hall have now been allocated. Thanks to everyone for your interest. Please take a look at the Elmfield PTFA Facebook page for a preview of who is coming.

Second Hand Clothes Wanted Class 7 are seeking donations of good quality clothes and accessories for all ages to be in our market at the Advent Fayre. All proceeds will go to the PTFA, so please only donate clothes of the standard you would consider buying. Contributions can be left in the box outside Class 7, or contact Dave Hewitt via email dave@rubberjam.com

MUSIC MATTERS

Piano and Violin lessons offered during school hours or locally after school. Please contact levi.french@elmfield.com

Stream of Sound The next Singing Day, run by Stream of Sound members, will be on Saturday 26 November, 10 - 4. For those of you who haven't discovered singing days, this is an opportunity for your child to get involved in music making and experience harmony singing without committing to a weekly rehearsal. The whole day (games, warm-ups, song learning and short concert) is run by pupils who are experienced singers and have taught at festivals over the summer. Suitable for pupils from class 5 upwards right up to to A level students. Pick up an application form - or two - from outside the school office. Friends are welcome to come along as well! Cost £10, bring packed lunch. PS it's also an excellent opportunity for parents to get their Christmas shopping done!

Stream of Sound - the Big Christmas Concert This will be on Saturday 17th December, 19:30, in Elmfield School Hall. Atmospheric seasonal songs and delicious refreshments, the perfect way to start your Christmas! NB this concert is usually packed out, so be sure to arrive early to get a seat. Donations on the door.

Stream of Sound NEW CD 'In Winter Light' will be released on 1st December. It's a limited edition CD, so make sure you order a copy - email caroline.price@elmfield.com to reserve one (or more - they will make excellent Christmas presents!)

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Wanted Help in the house needed in Wollaston 2 hours a week £8 an hour. Please ring Jenny Rudd 01384 936775

Advent Strings for Sale A small gift to unwrap each day of Advent beginning on Sunday 27th 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 shall be at the Elmfield Advent Fayre on Saturday 19th 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.

B & B wanted for 1 night Friday evening 25th November for a lady storyteller from Aberdeen coming to the course listed below, "Fisher King & The Handless Maiden". If you have a spare room in or near Stourbridge, and would be willing to host her, please let me know at julie@storiesmatter.co.uk, stating how much you charge.

A dog is for Christmas! Our very friendly spaniel, Sophie, is in need of bed and breakfast this Christmas, from 20th Dec to 1st Jan. Alternatively if you, or visitors, need a house for Christmas, our 3 bedroom house is available (with dog and cats). Sophie is waiting for your call on 01384 829420 (Tim Gray)

Seeking house to rent Gary, Stefy, Kalisi and Maika are seeking a 2 or 3 bed house to rent (due to most unexpected notice to vacate their current property). Happy to consider any area in or nearish Stourbridge. Thanks for reading. Gary 07584 088176 whatsapp garybanana1968@gmail.com

Wanted Three bedroom house to rent in quiet area. Preferably close to town (Stourbridge) Or Norton etc. We have two well-behaved cats. 6 months initially (maybe slightly less or slightly more). Telephone Lynne on 01384 353616.

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

'Remembrance Evening' Sunday 20th November at 7.30pm at the Furnace Theatre, Glasshouse College: an evening of music, poetry and eurythmy turning our attention to those who have died. Organised by Eurythmy West Midlands.

'The Shoemaker and the Elves' Sunday 27th November, 2pm and 3pm: a story by the Brothers Grimm in eurythmy. Part of the Christmas Fayre at the Ruskin Mill Arts Centre. All welcome! Furnace Theatre, Glasshouse College.

The Fisher King & The Handless Maiden Friday 25th November 7.30pm - Sunday 27th November 1.00pm. An immersive storytelling weekend with experienced storyteller and facilitator Julie Neale. Join me in exploring the feminine and masculine archetypes brought to us in these ancient tales. What can they teach us about what it is to be male or female in today's world and how do we integrate both qualities within us? How do we raise our children to have an awareness of what it truly is to be male or female outside what the media tells us. No experience in storytelling required, just an open mind and a willingness to step into the world of stories. Age 16+. Held at The Coach House, Rectory Road, Old Swinford, Stourbridge DY8 2HA. £75/£55 concessions. Friday 25th 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Saturday 26th 10.00am - 4.00pm, Sunday 27th 10.00am - 1.00pm. **See B&B request above!**

Free Essential Oils classes I will be holding free essential oils classes from my home each Wednesday morning 10-12, starting from the first Wednesday after half term (2nd November). If you are interested in attending, please contact me on 07887 943037 Lara Seago

Fundraising for British Red Cross On 12th November, I will be abseiling 100ft down the iconic Custard Factory building in Birmingham, to raise funds for British Red Cross. Your support could help save lives in the UK and across the globe. Please go to virginmoneygiving.com/KuliSkidmore-Gill for further info and to donate. Thank you for your support. Kuli 07751 115307

Ever read anything you'd love to share? Inspired by ideas, amused by anecdotes or just moved by great writing? Whatever has stirred you - a poem, part of a novel, a short story or essay, come and share it with others or simply listen. This new monthly group is an opportunity to discover and share all forms of literature in a supportive and stimulating environment. First Thursday of every month. 3.30 - 5pm Stourbridge Library (upstairs) Email: megswakefield@gmail.com for more info or just turn up! <https://www.facebook.com/readingallowed>

SERVICES

Eurythmy student offers home and cleaning services, children's care, Spanish classes. Weekends and evenings during the week. 12 years of education experience and very loving and trustful presence for children, of all ages. Please contact for further information! 0784 985 9970 flechadefe@gmail.com

Gardening services offered by Gary (Elmfield parent) including general maintenance, edible landscape gardening and vertical indoor/outdoor growing systems. Please contact me to find out more - 07584 088176 ecoPONIX@gmail.com

Need a babysitter? Please, call me. You've seen me around... I'm Patricia, the Spanish volunteer teacher in Kindergarten and cover in Class 1 (Miss Agreda). Weekdays: from 3:15 pm (earlier may be a possibility). Weekends & Holidays: anytime. £7/hour. +34 678 55 07 06 (as this is my Spanish number you can whatsapp me and I'll call you back). Thank you. Patricia

A birthday present for your child A puppetry performance with Little Red Riding Hood, could be presented at your home, or any other place you choose as a birthday party venue. For more information please visit <http://childrenstories.uk/>. If interested, please contact Maria on 07741208450 or by email: maria@childrenstories.uk

Thoroughly Helping Hands Have you considered a super flexible Christmas present? Our gift vouchers come in any £10 denomination and can be used by the recipient for a huge range of services, please see our website for more details: www.thoroughlyhelpinghands.com

Last But Not Least

"There is no need for temples, no need for complicated philosophy, our own brain, our own heart is our temple, the philosophy is kindness".

HH The Dalai Lama