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School closes at lunchtime for Advent Fayre preparation for Classes 1 – 10

11.00 – 4.00 Advent Fayre

6.30 pm Class 11 Parents' Evening

7.30 pm Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room

10 – 4 pm Stream of Sound Singing Day

First Sunday of Advent – Advent Gardens

Advent Assemblies start

7.00 pm Class 10 Parents' evening

Class 10 History group outing

7.00 pm Gallimaufrey

12.30 pm Early Years End of Term

1.50 for 2 pm Christmas School Festival

7.30 pm PTFA Meeting Learning Support Room

12.00 noon School closes for Christmas holidays

7.30 pm Stream of Sound concert

Spring term begins

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Or follow the Facebook link on our website homepage

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 look forward to seeing you at the Advent Fayre and the run up to Christmas! The shop will be open throughout the day on Saturday 19th November (11.00am - 4.00pm.) The Shop Team

Parenting Workshops These are continuing and you are more than welcome to attend the workshops whether you attended the introductory session or not This is 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 remaining sessions will be on Tuesday 22, 29 November and 6 December between 9.30am and 10.45am and are appropriate for early years' parents and parents of children in Class 1. 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

We are looking forward to see all the families and friends of Elmfield at this year's Advent Fayre on Saturday 11 - 4 pm. If you have not been before then you are in for a treat and if you have, you will already be excited.

There will be live music, story telling, puppet show, children's activities, candle dipping, Elmfield crafts to buy, local artisan craft market, gnome gardens, children's visits to the Snow Queen, tearooms and delicious food served in the restaurant and lots more.

Just to remind all parents –

* All children need to be supervised at all times during the fayre.

* No alcohol is allowed on the school grounds except prizes for the tombola but these cannot be consumed on the school grounds.

* Please do not smoke anywhere in the school grounds.

The Tea Rooms are still welcoming donations of any delicious cakes to sell at the Advent Fayre. Please label any boxes that you want returned, and also please label cakes with ingredients, especially allergens. Many thanks, Rhiannon, Mary and the other Tea Room Helpers

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

Black cat missing since Monday 14 November in the Love Lane area. She is shy, totally black and listens to the name Pushkin. If you see her, please call 07854446784 or mail ritakort@gmail.com. She is sorely missed!

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

Au pair from Germany We are looking for a family to stay with from 1 April to 21 May, or in summer 2017, for our son Titus who is nearly 16. We are a family of four with two boys who both attend a Rudolf Steiner School near Frankfurt. I graduated from another Steiner School in 1990 and was myself an au pair in England in the family of the eurythmy teacher at Michael Hall, Forest Row. My husband and I we are both music educators and work at a music school. Titus would like to help in a family with young children; we think him well qualified as he likes children and also has an excellent reference from a Demeter biofarm near Frankfurt where he has helped several times in the past. If you would like to find out more please email Berit at fb.lang@t-online.de or call on 0049 1712 781494.

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

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Our next Gallimaufry will be on Friday 9th December from 7pm until around 9pm in the Eurythmy room. Come and share your musical talents, join in with our impromptu folk band or just listen. All welcome - pupils small and big, teachers, parents and friends. As always, bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6pm on 01384 442106.

'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 noon. If you are interested in attending, please contact me on 07887 943037 Lara Seago

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

GCSE French tutor Does your child need help preparing for their French exams? I am Juliet Hall, an experienced French tutor and former Elmfield student with an excellent track record in helping students achieve their desired GCSE results. I pride myself on offering tutoring at extremely competitive rates, in a non-intimidating and friendly environment, with tailor-made lesson plans according to each pupil's needs. I am currently studying at Cardiff University but will be back in Stourbridge and available for tutoring over the festive season, whether for a one-off lesson or on a regular basis - it's entirely up to you. To find out more, please get in touch at sjwaliet1@gmail.com.

Suffering from Low Back Pain? Muscular Tension in Neck Shoulders? Joint Problems? Physiotherapy (holistic approach), Rhythmical Massage Therapy, and 1-1 Modified Pilates are offered as separate therapies or as an integrated approach at Elysia Therapeutic Centre (locally). For appointments and more information, please phone Anna van Zelderen 07789 852378

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

“Advent: the time to listen for footsteps - you can't hear footsteps when you're running yourself...”

Bill McKibben