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Tues Nov 29	7.00 pm	Class 10 Parents' evening
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
Thurs 1 st Dec	6.30pm – 7.30pm	PTFA Advent Fayre feedback meeting
Tues Dec 6		Class 10 History group outing
	7.00 pm	Class 9 Parents' Evening
Fri Dec 9	7.00 pm	Gallimaufrey
Mon Dec 12	7.30 pm	Teachers' Christmas Play Hall
Wed Dec 14	12.30 pm	Early Years End of Term
	1.50 for 2 pm	Christmas School Festival
Thurs Dec 15	12.00 noon	School closes for Christmas holidays
Sat Dec 17	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound concert
Thurs Jan 5 2017		Spring term begins
Wed Jan 11	7.30 pm	PTFA Meeting Learning Support Room

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SCHOOL NEWS

Advent Fayre All the Elmfield staff would like to give a huge thank you to the PTFA for the wonderful Fayre we had, and to the many people who did so much to prepare for the day and on the day, it was a hugely appreciated event. **Elmfield Staff**

Message from Schloss Hamborn visitors

Dear pupils, parents and teachers at Elmfield School,

Class 10 and their teachers safely returned on Wednesday after two very nice days in London (including a visit to the Royal Albert Hall!).

I would like to thank you all on behalf of the class and their teachers for your wonderful hospitality this year. Pupils, staff and parents did their utmost to make this a very successful visit. This was underscored last Friday when we met with the class to look back on our trip. On a scale of 1 to 10 we asked the class to evaluate all aspects of the project. The points that scored the highest positive feedback were the great hosts (10), politeness at school (10), modules (10) and "Jens, the bus driver" (10). The farewell party on Sunday afternoon also scored really high! In our talks with single members of the class these points were also mentioned often. All anxieties which had come up before the trip had disappeared! Thank you especially for that.

We are already in the planning stages of the visit of Elmfield Class 9 in May 2017 and hope that both Classes 9 will have a similar profound experience.

In the name of all pupils and teachers,
Achim Geldmacher

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.

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

Total raised The PTFA are delighted to announce that the grand total of the Advent Fayre after all costs have been deducted is **£6164.89**. This is an amazing amount of money raised. The whole school community should be very proud of this achievement and the overall success of Saturday. The fair was not only an effective fundraising event but also a fun, festive day where children, parents and staff collectively celebrated being a part of the Elmfield community. It was lovely for the children and parents to have a social event together. We would like to thank you all for supporting the Fayre so generously.

A BIG THANK YOU must go to the hard working people who helped before, on the day and after the fayre. The fayre would not have been possible without the huge help and support from many different people in the school community, parents, friends, grandparents etc. who came forward at different stages of the whole organisational process.

The PTFA are really grateful for all the offerings over the weeks and days leading up to the fayre and also on the day itself – and hope that the community spirit will stay with us for some time to come.

Tea Rooms A very big and heartfelt thank you to everyone who provided cakes for the tea room, who came along to help, or who came along to enjoy the tea and cakes. We hope you all had a wonderful time, and look forward to seeing you again next year. Rhiannon, Mary and the Tea Room Elves.

Restaurant I would like to thank all the people who helped on Friday chopping the vegetables; all who helped on Saturday serving, washing up and preparing the salads; and all who helped clear away and return the rooms to classrooms. Thank you to Vale Farm who donated all the vegetables for the soup and everyone who donated food for the salads. The restaurant served lots of lunches and raised over £1200. Karen

Feedback Meeting We are having a feedback meeting Thursday 1st December 6.30 til 7.30pm in the learning support room. Everyone is welcome. If you can't attend please email us your feedback to: elmfieldptfa@gmail.com.

Other Advent Fayre news:

Tie & Dye Quilt Thank you to everyone who helped on the stall: Oliver (Class 8) and Oliver (Class 11), Eden, Evie, Oisin, Megan, Emma M-C, and Sue D. We made £170, less materials and dyes, leaving £135 for Macmillan Cancer, which is great. The quilt was won by Emma French. Well done. Also thank you to all the dyers and makers in the tie & dye module! Briar Collins.

Craft Stall Tuesday 29th November 12.30pm and 3.15pm. We would like to invite you to come along to the Christmas Craft Stall on Tuesday 29th November outside the EY entrance where we will be selling all the beautiful craft donations provided by our creative community.

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 Man's kilt plus any other Scottish regalia such as sporran, tam-o-shanter etc. Please contact Mr Ferris at gavin.ferris@elmfield.com

Children's clothes for sale. I have a quite few LAND'S END kid's clothes, unisex short sleeve T-shirts and polo-shirts and fleece jackets (new and still in packaging) to sell. They are mainly kids' size L (152-165Cm) and only few M. I would like to collect £3 for T-shirts and polo-shirts and £6 for fleeces and I will donate all the cash to charity Barnado's (for vulnerable children) and Crisis (for homeless for Christmas). Please contact me to have a look. I live close to school. Thanks Kumiko 07962 429029.

FREE! Large Welsh-dresser type shelf unit Built by my father a few decades ago, darkish solid wood, not needed any more and looking for a home! Open shelves, no drawers or cupboard doors. It measures 156cm long by 178cm high by 47cm deep. Top and bottom in separate parts. Please let us know if you'd like to see it! 01384 351414 or 07817555204. Very near school. I can help with delivery if needed. Margy

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!

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.

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

Transforming the Food System Saturday 10th December 7pm for 7.30pm. Transition Stourbridge presents an evening with a talk, short film and questions / discussion. All welcome! Talk: Forager and nutrition researcher Owen Raybould - 'Can healthy eating save the planet?' - about Ecological farming, Soil science, Climate change and Human health. Short Film: Featuring the 'Incredible Edible' grow your own food network in West Yorkshire. Refreshments available. Entry by donation. www.transitionstourbridge.co.uk

Gallimaufry 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.

'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.

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

Thoroughly Helping Hands are excited to be recruiting! We are looking for individuals, who share our vision, join us on a part time, self-employed basis. For further information and an application form please email georgie.britton@yahoo.co.uk or call her on 07792 775751. Information will also be on our website: www.thoroughlyhelpinghands@mail.com

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 Zelder 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

Bill McKibben