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Sun Dec 4	7.30 om	Advent / Christmas Festival – organised by The Anthroposophical Society Eurythmy Room
Tues Dec 6		Class 10 History group outing
	7.00 pm	Class 9 Parents' Evening
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
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
	8.30 – 4.00	Gift shop open
Fri Dec 16	8.30 – 4.00	Gift shop open
Sat Dec 17	10 am – 2 pm	Gift shop open
Mon Dec 19	10 am - 2 pm	Gift shop open
Tues Dec 20	10 am – 2 pm	Gift shop open
	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

Please email any entries to loose-ends@elmfield.com. Entries should be less than 100 words. The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the school or its staff. The school cannot be held responsible for the quality of products or services offered in this newsletter. We reserve the right to edit content. The editor's decision is final.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Advent Deed A big thank you for all the pupils/staff/parents who gave donations to the Food Bank. I took 4 bags of food items to them this morning for which they were very grateful. If you missed the deadline and would like to contribute you can take it to the Food Bank in Albion Street, Brierley Hill. Thank you, Elaine Sheppard. Next week our Advent Deed is: please bring a donation of money for Mary Stevens Hospice.

Congratulations! Last Sunday Isaac Slater took his black belt grading in taekwondo. The grading lasted 5 hours (with only short fluid breaks) and was a mental and physical test of his ability. A black belt achievement takes a minimum of 3.5 years. Isaac started taekwondo in September 2011 and travels from Droitwich to Kidderminster to enable him to train with friends. He was due to take his black belt grading in November last year but broke his arm. He could have graded in May of this year but made the decision to focus on his GCSEs. He patiently waited the additional 6 months which afforded him the opportunity to fully focus on taekwondo.

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.

PTFA

Email address: elmfieldptfa@gmail.com

Elmfield 70th Birthday Mugs, Notebooks and Bags Mugs, bags and notebooks celebrating Elmfield 70th Birthday are now available to buy. Order forms are available from the office or the shop. Makes a great Christmas present to past pupils and staff. Mugs £3 each, large bags £2.50 each, small bags £2 each and notebook with pen £2.50 each. Receive a free birthday postcard with any order.

Greenery Please help yourself to the greenery outside the yellow passage. Ideal for wreath making and decorating the home ready for Christmas.

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

MUSIC MATTERS

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

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' are now available. 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

Blankets for refugees Welcome Group Halesowen is helping to provide the local refugees from Syria with necessities. They are very short of blankets--preferably fleecy ones that are washable but wool are also welcome. As you can imagine they are feeling the cold here very much. Please bring any donations to Justus and Janet Klaar, 30 South Road, Stourbridge 01384 352177 - or if necessary we will collect.

Free! Antique bureau with three drawers; a little damage. Also wooden high chair, turns into little table and chair. Donation appreciated for Medécins Sans Frontières. Please contact Rosanne on 01384 390095.

House for Sale As parents of children who attended Elmfield we realise how important it is to be near to the school to take full advantage of what is offered. We will be placing our house in South Avenue for sale soon through an estate agency but would like to make members of the Elmfield community aware first. Without estate agent speak we have the following: link/end of terrace detached property in the 'Old Quarter' with two large reception rooms, three bedrooms, kitchen/utility, bathroom, extra downstairs toilet, cellar/office, large garden, garage plus possible off-road parking; many period features. It will be priced around £389,950. If you would like more information please contact us on 01384 833108 or 07515 146330. John and Lesley Henley.

For Sale Mixed bag of 50 books (Including 3 hardbacks), good condition, available in batches of 10 for £5 or job lot for £30. Unused pink and white teddy changing mat - £5. Vidal Sasson hair straighteners £5. Four Jigsaws (All at 500 pieces) - 50p each. Four Board Games (all complete) £1.50 each. Telephone Lynne on 01384 353616.

Wanted Second-hand sturdy wooden work bench with vises. Rainer - rainer.klocke@btinternet.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

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.

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Christmas Storytelling Workshop. Find your voice as a storyteller in a one day workshop for adults to learn the skills of telling stories to children 'heart to heart' with experienced storyteller and facilitator Julie Neale. Saturday 10th December at The Christian Community, Baylie Street, Stourbridge. 10.00am - 4.00pm. £35/£25 concs. For bookings/further information: julie@storiesmatter.co.uk

Midwifery Taster Course 1 Day introduction to the work of midwives, by independent midwives, takes you from history through to contemporary practice. Includes theory, anatomy & physiology, midwifery equipment and regulation. Choice of attending antenatal classes, aquanatal sessions, maternity forums. Courses held at central Birmingham venue. For info & bookings contact Elsie Gayle 07815 308180.

Thanks for your support! On 12th November, I abseiled 100ft down the iconic Custard Factory building in Birmingham, to raise funds for the British Red Cross. I managed to raise £221.25, which will be used to help save lives in the UK and across the globe. Many thanks to everybody who sponsored me. Kuli (07751115307)

Emerson College's "Art of Vegetarian Cooking" programme begins in January 2017; two students will work alongside our chef (Monday to Friday), cooking for between 20 and 60 people each lunchtime preparing fresh, tasty and nutritious meals with love for the people who will eat them. You will gain practical and theoretical knowledge in vegetarian cooking, food hygiene, menu planning and nutrition. Further details and application form can be found at www.emerson.org.uk/vegcooking

Youth Initiative Program Internship Fundraiser I am writing on behalf of YIP9, the ninth year of The International Youth Initiative Program based in Ytterjarna, Sweden and would like to ask for your help with our online fundraising campaign. Some of you may remember me as I was a pupil at the school for quite a few years. We (my 22 friends/housemates/classmates) are raising money to be able to go on out internships, a cornerstone of the program's curriculum. We are headed to 5 different continents to share what we have learnt in our course so far and learn from the various initiatives we will be visiting. Please check out our campaign page at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/yip9-in-the-world-internship-fundraiser#/> for more information. Rebeca Lopez Walker and YIP9

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.

SERVICES

Babysitter available! Ex Elmfield student aged 19, charging £6.50 an hour. I am friendly, responsible and reliable with lots of experience babysitting and working with children. I live in the Old Quarter and I'm readily available. Please call or text on 07412 740213. Thank you. Rhiannon Kenny.

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 Zelderren 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