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Thurs Dec 15	12.00 noon	School closes for Christmas holidays
	8.30am – 4.00pm	Giftshop open
Fri Dec 16	8.30am – 4.00pm	Giftshop open
Sat Dec 17	10 am – 2 pm	Giftshop open
	7.30pm	Stream of Sound Concert - Hall
Mon Dec 19	10am - 2 pm	Giftshop open
Tues Dec 20	10 am – 2 pm	Giftshop open
Thurs Jan 5 2017		Spring term begins
Wed Jan 11	7.30pm	PTFA Meeting Learning Support Room

Please email any entries by the end of Tuesday 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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Or follow the Facebook link on our website homepage

SCHOOL NEWS

Elmfield Giftshop Just in case you still haven't finished with your Christmas shopping, we will stay open on Friday 16th on our regular opening times. Also, Saturday 17th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December from 10am until 2pm. We had a surprise delivery of Justus's delicious honey, and if you're lucky we might still have some left when you come! Thank you for your continued support and have a fabulous Christmas! The Shop Team.

School Vacancies: Temporary Teaching opportunity We are in need of people with skills in Woodwork and/or Metalwork, who would be available from January until mid-July 2017. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact the school office ASAP.

Painless Fundraising for Elmfield! Parents and friends of Elmfield can trigger an automatic donation to Elmfield when shopping online if they place their order by going first to: www.thegivingmachine.com Many online retailers are registered there, including Amazon, Ebay, Next and major supermarkets. You need to register the first time you use it, and nominate Elmfield to receive a commission each time you shop. Especially at Christmas, this steady trickle of small donations is a useful addition to our funds. Many thanks, Carrie Smith.

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

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

Choroi Flutes Do you have any Choroi Flutes which you don't use anymore and would like to sell? If so, please contact jedidja.butijn@elmfield.com or come and see Jedidja in Class 1 and I will put you in contact with Class 1 parents.

Christmas Concert - Saturday 17th December 7:30, Elmfield School Hall Stream of sound would like to welcome you and your family to an evening of unusual carols and songs for winter. The singers are intent on bringing you tasty refreshments, delicious harmonies and plenty of good cheer to start your Christmas off on the right note! No tickets, just donations on the door.

More good news! Just arrived - new Christmas CD!!! Spanning the last five years of Stream of Sound singers, and covering seven centuries worth of music, this CD will bring warmth into your sitting room, or car, for the winter. Available from the school bookshop now, or from any SOS member.

SALES AND WANTED ETC

The following are offered FREE but a donation to Medecins Sans Frontieres would be appreciated:

- Antique bureau: three drawers and pull down piece for desk. Inside the desk compartment are small drawers/pigeon holes etc. All original brass handles. There is a bit of damage but it doesn't really show if the bureau is in an alcove!
- Fold up Ikea type desk - it only has a work top with small compartment for pencils etc. Useful as a homework desk.
- Table - extendable. Useful as a work/mess surface.
- Wooden high chair which converts into a small chair and table.

Please contact Rosanne Adams: 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.

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

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. My husband and I are both music educators and work at a music school. Titus would like to help in a family with young children he has an excellent reference from a Demeter biofarm near Frankfurt where he has helped several times in the past. Please email Berit at fb.lang@t-online.de or call on 0049 1712 781494.

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Christmas Carols in the Barn (a.k.a Singing to the Cows) at Vale Head Farm on 24th December 19.30 – 20.30. All welcome. Bring lanterns and treats to share. No naked flames please. Vale Head Farm, Compton Rd, Kinver, DY7 5NJ. Contact: Ed Berger 07977 174 772

Change your habits for the new year! Psychophonetics counselling can help us to become aware of and to change our old habitual ways of thinking, feeling and acting in the world. These old habits keep us stuck in the same old track with the same old difficulties, both internal and external. It is possible to step out of that track and find that there are many possibilities and choices for dealing with what we meet in our lives. Psychophonetics, as well as talking, uses body work and imagination to go deeper into ourselves. Come and have a free trial session (with no obligation). Or find out more about it by calling: Jacqui Williams 07986 747826.

Find Words for Yourself A new 5 week course to help people to express themselves through writing. You will be taken through a process to enable you to connect to different parts of yourself: both painful and difficult feelings, as well as your hopes and dreams can express themselves through your writing, unlocking your creativity. You may be surprised by your own wisdom. We wish to provide a safe and supportive space for people struggling in their lives in one way or another. No experience of writing necessary. At the Coach House, Old Swinford, Stourbridge on Monday mornings 10.30-1.00 9th January-6th February 2017. Cost: £50 (£35 concessions) for the course. For more information: www.purplehats.co.uk. To book a place and make enquiries contact Jacqui Williams 07986 747826 or Sue Gazey 07813 070610.

Peg Loom Workshop Come and learn the simple craft of peg loom weaving using sheep's fleece and take home a fabulous handmade, natural piece that can be used as a wall-hanging, seat pad or cushion cover. The workshop will be held at Churchill Village Hall, Iverley on Saturday 25^h February from 10am – 1 pm. Places are £30 for early bird bookings before 4th February and £35 for people booking thereafter. Spaces are limited and are filling up fast. To book please visit my website at www.facebook.com/thecrazylittlesheepco, or you can email me at thecrazylittlesheepco@gmail.com or call me on either 07980 777498 or 01384 671554. Any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me, Alex Greaves.

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

Please note from next term Loose Ends will be produced on Wednesdays. All submissions to be in by the end of Tuesday please!

Have a very happy Christmas!