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Tues Mar 7	7.15 pm	Open Evening
Tues Mar 7	7.00 pm	PTFA AGM – BioLab
Tues Mar 7	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
Sat Mar 11	10.00 am	Adult Singing Day - Hall
Tues Mar 14	7.30 pm	Class 7 Parents' Evening
Thurs Mar 16	6.00 pm	Eurythmy Festival – Hall
Fri Mar 24	6.00 pm	Quiz Night – Hall for Class 11 funds
Sat Mar 25	10.00 am	Pupil Singing Day – Hall
Fri Mar 31	7.30 pm	Gallimaufry – Eurythmy Room
Wed Apr 5	7.30 pm	Middle and Upper School Concert

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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SCHOOL NEWS

Next singing days with Stream of Sound:

Sat 11 March 10 - 4 A singing day for Adults, (and Upper School pupils) on the two themes of shanties and revolutions!
Sat 25 March 10 - 3 A singing day for pupils from class 4 upwards, songs, fun & games.

Elmfield's Middle and Upper School Annual Concert Please note that the concert will be held on Wednesday 5 April at 7:30 - please put the date in your diary now!

Wanted: old working typewriters for a Class 10 poetry installation. They need to have ribbon that actually has ink on as we will be using them to churn out poems! Please either donate for good or can we borrow them and return them at Easter... Thanks!
kelly.underwood@elmfield.com

Calling all parents and grandparents! Bothmer sessions are up and running: drop in 9am in the Movement Room 28th Feb, 7th March, 14th March. Until 10am. Free of charge. Come and experience a connection with the space around us. Contact Mr. Neale for more info.
ian.neale@elmfield.com

Art department requests The art department is looking for donations of the following: fabric - netting and lace; ribbon; tissue paper; glass beads; old working cameras for pupils to use in lessons. Please bring any donations to the office.

Sainsburys Vouchers It is the time when we can collect these again, so please if you shop at Sainsburys, collect the vouchers and bring them into school. We are able to get equipment for the sports and cookery departments with these, so the more we can collect the better. The box to put them in is by the office. Maigread Reynolds

PTFA

Email address: elmfieldptfa@gmail.com

AGM The PTFA will be holding their AGM on the 7th March 2017 7pm in the Extra Lesson Room. Our PTFA depends on parent involvement. As parents, teachers and others involved in the daily life of the school you are already members of the PTFA. Please come and join the committee. We meet once every 4 to 6 weeks to plan events and activities and to vote on how funds will be spent. This year we have a vacancy on the committee for a new Chair - could this be you? For further information or just to get in touch please email secretary@elmfieldptfa.com or 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. Books can be requested and returned via the School Shop if you are unable to come on Wednesdays. The Library Team

MUSIC MATTERS

Springtime Gallimaufry Come and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen at our next Gallimaufry on Friday 31st March from 7 pm until around 9 pm in the Eurythmy room. Gallimaufry is an open musical evening and all are welcome - pupils small and big, teachers, parents and friends. We try and have one very term and we are now in our 10th year! As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6 pm on 01384 442 106.

Piano Recital Friday 24th March @ 7.30pm at the Glasshouse Arts Centre, Stourbridge The Hungarian concert pianist Domonkos Csabay presents music from Mozart, Schubert, Debussy and Bartok. Tickets £8, £6 concessions

African Drumming Classes in Stourbridge! New Members/beginners always welcome. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday 7-9pm, at Quaker Meeting House, Scotts Road, Stourbridge. Beginners class every Tuesday at 6pm, venue as above OR also every Wednesday evening 7-9pm at Katie Fitzgeralds, Enville Street, Wollaston. £5 per session, including drum hire if needed. Children's lessons also available! Every Thursday Tea Time 5-6pm, at the Quaker Meeting House. Every child needs to be accompanied by an adult. To book a place and borrow a drum please get in touch with Faith Sax at faithsax@gmail.com or on 07526261250. I'd like to recommend this group - I've been drumming with Faith for a while now and think this is one of Stourbridge's best kept secrets. Playing the Djembe is invigorating, uplifting, good for the heart and the brain and sounds fabulous! - Margy Henderson

Peter Knight's Gigspanner at the Glasshouse Arts Centre On Friday 3rd March at 7:30pm. Since his departure from folk-rock pioneers Steeleye Span at the end of 2013, fiddle player Peter Knight has turned his full attention to his trio Gigspanner, and in the process has established their reputation as one of the most innovative acts on the folk/roots scene, garnering along the way a reputation for dismantling traditional music and song and reassembling it in an entirely original, imaginative and beautiful way. Tickets available online <http://www.rmt.org/glasshouse/events/theatre@ghc.rmt.org> 01384 399433

Cello for sale Half size, Stentor II, including bow and soft case. Very good condition. £200. Please call Margy, 01384 351414 or 07817555204
2 choro flutes for sale both used in class 1 and 2 by my daughters and in excellent condition. One with tone block, one without. Wooden cleaners included. £25 each. Email Teresa at thm.7475@googlemail.com

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Home and cleaning services, Children's care, Spanish classes Hello, I'm an eurythmy student from Spain. Weekends anytime and weekdays from 6pm. 12 years of education experience and very loving and trustful presence for children, of all ages. Please contact for knowing more! Gracias! Mavi, 0784 985 9970 flechadefe@gmail.com

We are looking for Bed and Breakfast Accommodation for participants of the Anthroposophical Medical Conference to be held in Stourbridge 12th, 13th and 14th May. Rooms required for 2-3 nights for Thursday, Friday, Saturday night (from May 11th). £20 per night paid. Contact Brenda Newton, brenda.newton@elmfield.com

Sleeping night support (Oldswinford) We are currently looking for a support worker to sleep at our 40 year old daughter's house 3 nights each week (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00pm to 7.00am). Our daughter has an intellectual disability and anxiety disorder - and attended Elmfield until she moved to a special needs school when she was 11 years old. £50 per night. For further information please call Candy on 01384 872821 or email at candiaandjohn@hotmail.com

For sale: National Bee Hives Handmade redwood pine brand new and excellent quality. £75 free delivery to local area. Please call Dean Shepherd for further details on 07817517926.

Wanted: Newspapers I am extremely grateful to all the friends who leave newspapers for my cats and at this time of year we need more than ever. Please leave any newspaper you can spare in the covered side passage, well secured in a bag or box at 21 Hall Street, Oldswinford or phone Alison Hodge on 01384 379925.

Flat to Rent Bracken Park Gardens, Wordsley. 1 bedroom, 1st floor, quiet and south facing, few mins walk from canal, £400/month Contact: Jon Hazlewood jon.hazlewood@gmail.com 0774 969 8466

Au pair from Germany We are looking for a family for our son Titus who is nearly 16 to stay with from 1 April to 21 May, or during the Summer of 2017. 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 with 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 biodynamic farm 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

Myeloma UK Fundraising I am the mum of Beth (ex-pupil) and Laura Gilde-Young (class 8) and am cycling from London to Paris to raise money for Myeloma UK. It will take 4 days and I will cycle on average 80 miles a day! Myeloma is a rare type of blood cancer and is incurable. Myeloma UK helps support patients and research towards treatments and ultimately cure. Any donations would be hugely appreciated. I have a JustGiving page, search for me using Ange Young. Or I have sponsorship forms, Laura can take donations and record them. Many thanks. 01384 442106

Heart to Heart Storytelling presents a women's weekend workshop on the story of White Bear King Valemon. Friday 10th March (eve) - Sunday 12th March, The Coach House, Stourbridge. An immersive and exploratory storytelling workshop for women, looking at the themes of transformation and inner strength. As women it seems as important as ever to come together to celebrate, support and encourage each other in these challenging times. By exploring this ancient Norwegian fairy tale of courage and wisdom we can explore these issues through rich imaginative language, laughter, song and imagery. This weekend is suitable for experienced or complete beginners to storytelling. We will explore the skills of the storyteller in the community, finding our own authentic voice and the role of a storyteller in today's world. (The content of this workshop is not suitable for children, but the story - which you will learn, is!) For further info: julie@storiesmatter.co.uk £75/£55 concs.

Meet & Eat - Saturday 4th March All welcome to a 'Bring-and-Share' Meal to raise funds for Leslie's Care Packages for the Homeless, a local project run by Vi Wood. The event is from 6pm to 9pm at St Thomas' Church Hall, Market Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AQ (opposite Waitrose). Come along and bring food or drink to share (vegetarian please). Meet your local community! Donations gratefully received on the night for those who can, and Vi will also be happy to take any of the following to distribute to local homeless people: Clothes, toiletries and dry/tinned foods. Register at www.meeteatlcp.eventbrite.co.uk, text 07530310553, or just turn up! The Meet & Eat Team : Odilia, Vi, Margy, Lloyd, Lara, Maya, Tom, Jacky.

Rich World Poor World Supper Saturday 11th March 2017 You are warmly invited to our next supper to an evening of cheer, good company and good food (that is if you draw a Rich Person's ticket in life's lottery), at 7 pm on Saturday 11th March at Carrie's house. Tickets £12, and as spaces are limited, please book in advance, via Carrie Smith (07941 869863), Rosanne Adams (01384 390095), Helen Mosley (07800 596632) or Katherine Savage (07976 648562). Takings will go to Medecins Sans Frontieres and Wateraid.

New open classes to experience Eurythmy Something DIFFERENT to refresh mind, body and soul with a weekly morning classes of eurythmy at the Glasshouse Arts Centre. Regular friendly classes of social eurythmic movement will help engagement, stimulate your creativity (that's right) and enhance your resilience to stand in the modern world. No previous experience required. Everybody is welcome to join one, a few, or all classes. Wear comfortable clothing, eurythmy shoes can be provided. Please contact Maren Stott: 01384 442563 Cost: £6 per class – concessions for the whole course. (Men: no charge/contribution). Mondays: 10.15 –11.15am = exploration of speech & poetry through eurythmy, Tuesdays: 10.15 – 11.15am = exploration of music through eurythmy, 11.45– 12.45am = speech eurythmy, Wednesday: 10.15–11.15am = eurythmy exercises with copper rods, Thursday: 10.15– 11.15am = speech eurythmy, 11.45– 12.45am = music eurythmy

Patients & Friends of Anthroposophic Medicine PAFAM is a Patient Group specifically orientated towards promoting the use of Anthroposophic Medicines and Therapies in the UK. It aims to support and promote legislation at a national level to achieve this, at the same time as offering a member service that includes information about the availability of doctors, therapists and healthcare in general. PAFAM also provides workshops and retreats, a bi annual Newsletter as well as its distinctive 'Living Will' within the context of its belief in freedom of choice and access to medication, medical treatments and therapies. For more comprehensive information or to become a member of PAFAM please visit: www.pafam.org.uk Email: cathiegreen@outlook.com Tel. 07974 390197

'MAN AND THE MUSES' Friday 17th March at 7.30pm, Glasshouse Arts Centre, Stourbridge An Ancient Greek program four years in the making on Beauty, Wisdom, Suffering, Gods and Goddesses. From original ancient sources - with extracts from Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, including myths, fables, poetry and philosophical fragments...accompanied and threaded with live music. Performed by Canadian-born actor and speech artist Ryan Kouroukis. Tickets £8, £6 concessions. Booking enquiries: theatre@ghc.rmt.org call 01384 399433 or www.rmt.org/glasshouse/events

SERVICES

Julie Neale, Child and Adolescent Integrative Therapeutic Arts Counsellor is now at the Elysia Centre in Stourbridge. Growing up can be difficult at times. Therapeutic Arts Counselling can give the young person an opportunity to increase their self awareness, develop their personal resources, and find strategies to cope. Using different art forms, children and young people can find a way to express unspoken feelings and fears. For an initial conversation please contact: julieneale.counselling@gmail.com Sessions from £28. (Dip in Steiner/Waldorf Ed., Cert in Anthroposophical Art Therapy, PG Cert Therapeutic use of the Arts/PG Cert Integrative Child Psychotherapy. Integrative Child Psychotherapy MA - in training, UKCP reg.)

Experienced Lady Available To Do Housework, Including Deep-cleaning Hours to suit. Excellent References Available (from 'Elmfield-related, Stourbridge old-quarter' referees). Call Heather on 07746-834-572.

Dog Walking And/Or Cat Sitting Offered Experienced, Reliable Lady with Excellent References Available for both dog-walking and/or cat-sitting (feeding your cat and spending a little time giving it some love and attention each visit, while you are away). Please call Heather on 07746-834-572.

Gardener and Handyman Experienced gardener, also maintenance work and odd jobs. Contact: Jon Hazlewood, jon.hazlewood@gmail.com 0774 969 8466

The Straw Cottage hidden in the heaven of Radnorshire: an unforgettable experience to delight your children! A unique cottage built of straw, surrounded by woodland, meadow and stream set in 3 acres of its own grounds within a 130 acre farm in Mid Wales. Children have the freedom to explore safely and use their imagination and creativity to build dens, stream dip, follow a treasure hunt, toast marshmallows by the bonfire, star gaze and create wild art. Candles, lanterns and solar light, a wood burner, hot shower and flushing WC, cosy beds and sofas provide the perfect mix of comfort and escape from the modern world. Sleeps 4, weekly lets and 3 or 4 night breaks. www.tygwynfarm.co.uk. margot@tygwynfarm.co.uk. 01597 822665 house or 01597 829298 farm office.

40 Day Network - Opt in time again! The 40 Day Network is a group who support families with new babies. We provide about 40 days of help like meals, washing, cleaning, help with other kids, shopping or whatever they need or want. We ask people to opt in for each new family so that you can tailor it to your own busyness. What it often means is one extra meal a week, or baking a cake, or adding a few things to your shop, or running the Hoover round for someone. Follow this link to join the WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/6ypkLy1r92zK4yExDxfEA1> OR Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/40daynetwork/> OR text: 40days count me in to 07986 301696. Note that joining now doesn't commit you to anything, just gets you on the mailing list.

Last But Not Least

Let your smile change the world. Don't let the world change your smile.