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Class 11 Quiz Night  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm

Stream of Sound Singing Day (age 9 upwards)  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

## Upcoming Events

Wed Mar 22 NB Change of date 6.30 pm

Fri Mar 24 6.30 pm  
Sat Mar 25 10.00 am  
Mon Mar 27 7.00 pm  
Tues Mar 28 7.30 pm  
Wed Mar 29 6.30 pm  
Fri Mar 31 7.30 pm  
Wed Apr 5 12.30 pm  
Wed Apr 5 1.50 for 2.00  
Wed Apr 5 7.30 pm  
Thurs Apr 6 12.00 am  
Sun April 7 7.30 pm

Thurs April 27  
Fri April 28 7.00 pm

*Asterix and the Kidnapped Bard* –  
Play by Class 6 – Hall  
Quiz Night – Hall for Class 11 funds  
Pupil Singing Day – Hall  
Class 10 Parents' Evening  
Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room  
PTFA meeting Learning Support Room  
Gallimaufry – Eurythmy Room  
Early Years end of term  
Easter School Festival - Hall  
Middle and Upper School Concert  
School closes for Easter holidays  
Easter Festival Eurythmy Room – organised  
By the Anthroposophical Society  
Summer term begins  
Concert by Robin Ireland Eurythmy Room

Please email any entries by the end of Tuesday to [loose-ends@elmfield.com](mailto: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

**Good news** We wanted to let everyone know we have had two very generous donations recently. One from a private individual who wishes to remain anonymous of £4,120 and one from our sister school Schloss Hamborn in Germany of 1000 euros. We are very grateful for these unexpected generous gifts.

**Spanish teacher required** Lower School Spanish Teacher for 12 lessons per week. Starting September 2017. You should have a sound teaching track record and be suitably qualified (e.g. Diploma in Steiner Waldorf Education or PGCE/QTS plus a commitment to Steiner Waldorf education). To apply, you should have enthusiasm, an infectious passion for teaching and learning, and a track record of designing and delivering inspiring, fun language lessons for children aged 6-12. Language lessons at this age are mostly oral, involving, songs, rhymes, games, drawings and activities but the older children will be introduced to basic grammar. For full details please see the website. Application forms must be received by 27th April 2017 via email to [info@elmfield.com](mailto:info@elmfield.com) or post to the office.

**Mother's Day - Class 2 will be hosting a craft stall** on Thursday 23rd March at 3.15pm, just in time for Mother's Day on the 26th. Come along for hand made gifts, wildflower seed pockets, seasonal crafts and more! Find us outside the hall. All proceeds to Class 2 funds."

**Quiz and Food Night - Friday 24th March at 6.30pm** Everyone is invited to this Italian-themed Food and Quiz night organised by Class 11 to raise funds for their class trip to Italy in the summer. Tickets include food and cost £5 for over 12s and £3 for under 12s. They are available from Reception and should be purchased in advance. Don't worry if you don't have a team, they can sort you out on the night. There's even a prize! It promises to be a really fun and relaxed evening and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

**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](mailto:kelly.underwood@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.

**The School Shop** Pop to the shop for some fabulous savings: Faith in Nature Shampoo and Conditioner now on offer at half price! And 20% off Inca wool, both plain and rainbow "magic" yarn. The Shop Team

## PTFA

Email address: [elmfieldptfa@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Violin lessons** All ages and standards welcome. For more information please contact Rachel, [rachyfrench@me.com](mailto:rachyfrench@me.com)

**Singing Days run by Stream of Sound** The next singing day for young people will be on Sat 25th March from 10:00 - 3:30. Ages from about 9 upwards. A day full of fun, games and singing (and biscuits) with a short showcase at the end so you can see what we have done! £10. Due to the growing popularity of these events - many people come along from outside of the Elmfield community - it would be good if you could let me know that you are intending to come along, via email ([caroline.price@elmfield.com](mailto:caroline.price@elmfield.com)) by phone 01384 377833 or by a note in my pigeonhole. Thanks. Caroline

**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

## SALES AND WANTED ETC

**For sale (reluctantly!)** a 'Dorset Four Shaft Floor Loom' made by FC Wood - £250 o.n.o. It's a very good solid make, which isn't in production any more, but similar new versions are selling for about £1000! It comes with some accessories, a very comprehensive instruction/project book (2007) and a 47" square 'warping frame'. It folds up to about 16" depth for storage. It's fairly old, but in good working order. email [ro.yates@elmfield.com](mailto:ro.yates@elmfield.com) for more details. Thank you, Ro Yates

**Piano wanted** A group of parents are looking for a piano to enrich their children's musical lives. Any offers (donation, lending, sales) welcome. Please call Darshan at 07759561672 or email her at [darshan@landkun.de](mailto:darshan@landkun.de)

**Beautiful 3-bedroom cottage now available for rent** Near Bewdley, on a farm site (baby lambs and sheep are roaming on the fields!), a stunning high-spec cottage is available now for rent. Small but very, very nice. Part furnished (living room and bedrooms). Gas central heating and lovely woodburner. You'll hear the owls at night and you might see deer, buzzards and pheasants nearby. 25 minute drive from Elmfield. Please contact Tony (0796 740 8075) or Maria (079 292 56955) for more details.

**Free to a good home as no longer needed** Hand-built bunk beds; can be used as two low beds or as high bed with play/desk space beneath. Ring Catherine or Lawrence 01384 440345.

**Assorted wooden figures and wooden beads** Probably about 100 pieces in all. Free to anyone who wants them, or we'll donate any payment to the PTFA. Please ring Kumiko on 07962429029. Located near the school.

**Student exchange** My name is Odilia Mast and I'm fifteen years old. I attend class 9 at the Waldorfschool in Freudenstadt in Germany. I'm interested in a student exchange visit at your school to improve my English. Freudenstadt is a small town in the Black Forest in the South-West of Germany. Together with my parents and my 3 siblings I live in a house near the Town Center and 10 minutes by bike to school. We have a big garden around the house. The school I go to is a rather small one with 225 pupils. In my class we are 22 pupils. In my leisuretime I like to be with other teenagers from the youthgroup "Artaban". We organize us self, we make camps, go hike, dance, sing, experience Adventure, have fun. Also I play piano, classic violin and a little bit guitar and I like drawing and painting, also I like to play in a theatre. I love the wild Nature. I'm vegetarian. I am interested in an exchange visit for at least three months. Please let me know if it is possible as soon as you can. I am very much looking forward to hear from you, best wishes, Odilia Mast. Please email enquiries to: [jessika.mast@t-online.de](mailto:jessika.mast@t-online.de)

**Help with German** We are looking for a tutor or experienced person/student to assist Elmfield student in Class 5 with basic German conversation, please contact Kim 07766 727716 for a chat about our requirements.

**Calling Classes 1 to 5 parents - Community Support Network NEEDS YOU** In the last few months we have expanded our 40 Day network to support families with seriously sick parents or children. The 40 day network is currently formed of mainly early years parents, as it is designed to help families with babies who tend to be early years parents. We would now like to extend this wonderful and fulfilling initiative to parents and families through the rest of the school. There is a family at school with children in the lower school who needs OUR HELP IN MARCH. IF you would like to help with any of the following, please contact the network RIGHT NOW: Cooking meals for delivery; helping with lifts to school; cleaning and washing; companionship. Note that I will keep your details on a list and contact you just once each time a needy family is identified. You then OPT IN or OUT depending on your availability EACH TIME. Please contact Anne B – 07986301696; [anne.bearne@gmail.com](mailto:anne.bearne@gmail.com) and JOIN THE PARTY.

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

## EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

**'Experience Djembe' day** at Bodenham Arboretum, Monday 27th March. A day of African drumming from 10:00am - 4:00pm. A welcoming cup of tea or coffee from 9:45am, ploughman's lunch, and afternoon cream tea - all for £30

**A huge thank you** to all the lovely guests (and helpers) who made the Rich World Poor World supper such a success. In addition to having a lively evening, we raised £444 for Médecins sans Frontières and Wateraid. Thank you and see you next year! Carrie Smith

**Painting Workshop** I am holding a Druidic Painting Workshop to celebrate Oestra on Saturday 1st April, at my home The Guildings, Trimpley from 10 am till 1 pm. The cost is £25 and includes all materials, coffee/tea and cake. The Morning is led by Gill Archer, a Druid and trained art teacher. If you would like to join us, please email me at [theguildings@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:theguildings@hotmail.co.uk). Kate MacMaster.

**Free exhibition - A Time It Was: Black Country Photographs** by Phil Loach. April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>, Himley Hall, Tues-Sun 2.00 – 5.00pm

**Open Day Weekend at Elysia Therapeutic Centre, 1st & 2nd April** – An opportunity to come and visit the Centre and experience all that it has to offer both you and your family. Complimentary taster sessions and talks include: Rhythmical Massage; Naturopathy; Child & Adolescent Art Therapy; Life Coaching, Counselling and Psychotherapy; 1-on-1 Pilates Rehabilitation and Holistic Skin Care & Natural Make-up. Dr. Claudia Kempfen, will also be available on Sunday afternoon, offering 15 minute complimentary anthroposophic medical consultations. To find out more about what is available on each day please visit our events page on website: [elysiacentre.org](http://elysiacentre.org) or email [info@elysiacentre.org](mailto:info@elysiacentre.org)

**Fibromyalgia – Talk by Dr. Rainer Klocke on 8 April** at 14:30 – 16:00 (including discussion) at The Elysia Therapeutic Centre, Stourbridge. This talk is for anyone interested to learn more about this intriguing condition; and free to attend. It will attempt to give a current understanding of the disease and various aspects of treatment from a rheumatological perspective. Dr. Klocke has been a Consultant Rheumatologist in the West Midlands for over 12 years. Please note: spaces are limited so please register your attendance by calling 01384 392072 or email [info@elysiacentre.org](mailto:info@elysiacentre.org)

## SERVICES

**Are you suffering from muscular tension** in neck or shoulders? Back pain? Joint problems? Physiotherapy (holistic approach), rhythmical massage therapy, 1-1 modified pilates are offered as separate therapies or as an integrated approach at Elysia Therapeutic Centre. For info: [www.annavanzelden.com](http://www.annavanzelden.com) For appointments please phone Anna: 07789 852378

**Host family sought** Is anyone interested in hosting (on a paid basis) a 17 year old quiet-ish German boy from Bremen who would like to practise his English, please contact me, Elaine Sheppard. [elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com](mailto:elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com)

**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](mailto: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.)

### *Last But Not Least*

*Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation*

*Henry Ward Beecher*