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Community Choir performance tonight, Wednesday 29th!

New Chair of Council sought

Lower School Spanish Teacher required

Gallimaufry Friday 31st March 7pm

## Upcoming Events

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| Wed Mar 29     | 6.30 pm        | PTFA meeting Learning Support Room   |
| Fri Mar 31     | 7.30 pm        | Gallimaufry – Eurythmy Room  |
| Wed Apr 5      | 12.30 pm       | Early Years end of term  |
| Wed Apr 5      | 1.50 for 2.00  | Easter School Festival - Hall  |
| Wed Apr 5      | 7.30 pm        | Middle and Upper School Concert  |
| Thurs Apr 6    | 12.00 am       | School closes for Easter holidays  |
| Sun April 7    | 7.30 pm        | Easter Festival Eurythmy Room – organised<br>By the Anthroposophical Society |
| Thurs April 27 |                | Summer term begins   |
| Fri April 28   | 7.00 pm        | Concert by Robin Ireland Eurythmy Room                                       |
| Mon May 1      |                | Bank holiday – school closed   |
| Tues May 2     | 7.15 – 7.30 pm | Class 6 Parents' Evening   |

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

**Chair of Council** We are looking for an individual to chair our Council of Management – the school's Governing Body. You will be accountable for managing major risks, strategic decision-making, approval of significant changes, supporting the school's leadership and holding school leaders to account. The Chair of Council is a voluntary post. To apply, you should be diplomatic, confidential and constructive, and you should have a genuine passion for Waldorf education. Further details about this role can be found on the school website. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact our current Chair, Maarten Ekama, by 28th April 2017. His email address is: [ekamam@live.de](mailto:ekamam@live.de).

**Concert of music for Violin, Viola, Cello and Piano** Friday April 28th 7pm, Eurythmy Room. Raising funds for the Class 11 trip to Italy. Entry £5 plus a collection. Children free. Given by Robin Ireland, parent from Class 11 and former violist with the celebrated Lindsay String Quartet, with Thomas McMahon, cello, and Janine Parsons, piano, parent from Class 4. The programme will feature music by Bach, including the great Chaconne for solo violin, Fauré's "Après un Rêve", and some lighter music in the second half including pieces by Kreisler and Frank Bridge.

**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.

**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

**Community Choir performance Wednesday 29th March** 8.00pm in the hall. All are welcome to our Community Choir performance on 29th March. Donations for refreshments in aid of Mediciens Sans Frontiers and Wateraid appreciated.

**Calling all musicians young and old!** Why not come to our spring term **GALLIMAUFREY** this Friday. If you are a pupil and planning on playing in the middle and upper school concert, why not have a trial run in front of a friendly audience. Otherwise, come along anyway to share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen on Friday 31st March from 7pm until around 9pm in the Eurythmy room. Gallimaufrey is an open musical evening and all are welcome - pupils small and big, teachers, parents and friends. We try and have one every term and we are now in our 10th year! As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6pm on 01384 442106.

**Springtime Gallimaufrey** Come and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen at our next Gallimaufrey on Friday 31st March from 7 pm until around 9 pm in the Eurythmy room. Gallimaufrey is an open musical evening and all are welcome - pupils small and big, teachers, parents and friends. We try and have one every 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 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

**Violin lessons** All ages and standards welcome. For more information please contact Rachel, rachyfrench@me.com

## SALES AND WANTED ETC

**Kefir grains** Does anyone has some kefir grains to share? please contact Charlie and Celine 01384386793. With thanks

**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 for more details. Thank you, Ro Yates

**Administrator Wanted** The Christian Community, an independent church with congregations around the UK, is looking for an administrator to manage its central fund and liaise with the congregations which are self-administered. Unfortunately, the person recently appointed was unable to take up the role after all. Applicants should be computer literate and numerate, with some bookkeeping experience. A high level of communication and liaison skills are equally essential as this role demands an ability to interact with a wide range of people both within our congregations and with professional advisers. We are looking for a person on a part time basis with flexible hours. They would work from home (but they need to be in reach of our office in Forest Row). The role involves attending four to five day-long meetings a year and occasional visits to congregations around the country. Please send your application by 24th April. This should include a CV, a covering letter stating your reasons for being interested in the position and highlighting relevant experience, and 2 referees. We are intending to hold the interviews for this post on 3rd May. Please send your application to Rev Tom Ravetz, 11 Upper Close, Forest Row, RH18 5DS or by email: [t@ravetz.org.uk](mailto:t@ravetz.org.uk)

**House to rent in France** We are parents of a pupil of the Steiner School in Avignon (South of France) and want to offer our house and a mobile home to rent during next summer holidays (from June to September). It's an ideal spot to discover Provence, near Chateuneuf du Pape... equipped with all comforts, SWIMMING POOL (9X4,5m), trampoline... The house is for 5 persons at 720€ a week: picture and movie on <http://maisonprovence84.canalblog.com>. The mobile home is for 4 persons at 500€ a week: pictures on <http://mobilhome84.canalblog.com> For information email: maisonprovence775@gmail.com. We speak English, Italiano et Français. Thank you very much. Sylvie, Bruno, Marion et Angelo Hildesheim.

**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.

**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

**Primal Sound Healing with Gongs, Drums & Didgeridoo** Sat 6th May 4.15 – 5.30pm. Join Sarah Westwood for her first magical sound healing experience at Elmfield School - with stunning gongs, didgeridoo, drums and more! The powerful vibrations created by all these ancient instruments deeply relax and revitalise us, bringing us back into a loving connection with ourselves, the earth and the universe. Bring water to drink, mat & bedding to lie on, (chairs available), and eyemask if you wish. Arrive 4pm for a 4.15pm start. 18+ only. Cost: £10 Booking at: <https://www.meetup.com/Sound-Healing-Midlands/events/238766876/> or email [Sarah@drumvoice.co.uk](mailto:Sarah@drumvoice.co.uk) Tel: 07812 991770

**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. 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.annavanzelderren.com](http://www.annavanzelderren.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: [julienneale.counselling@gmail.com](mailto:julienneale.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*

*"You can't have a good day with a bad attitude, and you can't have a bad day with a good attitude"*

*Anon*