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Lower School Spanish Teacher required

Volunteer at Elmfield!

Upcoming Events

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 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. 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

The Elmfield grounds need you... Are you desperate for more fresh air, exercise and the chance to make a difference? Volunteering at Elmfield could be the answer! We would be really grateful for any help you can offer in the grounds with general maintenance, leaf collecting, tidying up, etc. With Spring here it's the perfect time to be outside helping making a real difference to the school. You'll need to be DBS cleared as the work would take place during school hours (we can help you get your DBS if you don't have one). If this sounds like just the sort of opportunity you've been looking for then please contact the school office (01384 394633) and let them know. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.

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 or post to the office.

Fee Discount Scheme reminder: closing date for applications is Thursday 27th April, the first day of term. Forms and information can be found on the school website.

Elmfield Gift Shop Don't forget to stock up with all of your favourite toiletries, teas, toys etc. before we close for the Easter break! We're open until 4.00pm on Thurs 6th April and, for any last minute purchases, from 9.00am - 1.00pm on Friday 7th April. Happy Easter! The Shop Team

PTFA

Email address: elmfieldptfa@gmail.com

Parents' Library The library is now closed for the Easter holidays. We re-open our doors on Wednesday 3rd May (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

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.

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 Available from Elmfield's violin teacher, Rachel French. All ages and standards welcome. Free trial lesson. For more information or to arrange a lesson please contact me by email at rachyfrench@me.com

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Cheap people carrier for sale 7 seater Kia Sedona. 05 plate. MOT mid June. 5 seats, will remove to make mid size van. £500 ono. Please phone or text Richard on 07532 464464.

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

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.

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

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

English tuition Ex Elmfield teacher of English has new spaces available after Easter. I am offering 1:1 and small group tuition for ages 11-14 years, 14-16 years, and G.C.S.E. I am currently working in an area with a very large and dynamic group of home educating families. My teaching is Steiner based, using appropriate texts for the developmental age of the children. I will be running an open morning taster session in Stourbridge after Easter. Home ed children are welcome to choose their hours to fit in with other daytime activities, or to join with school children after school. Contact : Alison, 01453 297780 Thank you.

Come Play With Me A Steiner inspired family group held on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 - 11.30. Children up to school age are most welcome with their parent or carer. We play, bake a snack and enjoy songs and rhymes together. If you would like to join us in the community room at the Christian Community, 22 Baylie Street, please contact Janet Klaar, 01384 352177 or by email janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

Ashtanga Yoga at Elmfield Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Beginners' Ashtanga Yoga Course (10 weeks) - an introduction to Ashtanga Yoga (8 May - 17 July) and Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Improvers' Ashtanga Yoga Course (10 weeks) - for people who have a working knowledge of Ashtanga Yoga (4 May - 13 July). Mind calm - body vibrant. James Critchlow 01384 394702 / 07967 211748 www.yogabirmingham.co.uk

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 Tel: 07812 991770

Begin it NOW! A weekend storytelling course with Julie Neale 7.30pm Friday 23th June - 1.00pm Sunday 25th June

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to tell a traditional story from the heart, if you've ever thought "I could never remember all that", if you've ever worried about standing up in front of an audience to speak, then this could be just the course for you. By the end of the weekend you'll have a traditional story under your belt, gained confidence in speaking in front of others and go away with some hot tips on how best to tell a story. All this will take place in a supportive atmosphere with plenty of fun to allow you to unfold your natural creativity and

begin storytelling now! Venue: The Elysia Therapeutic Centre, 52 Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands, UK. DY8 3RZ. To book or for more information about this and other storytelling courses visit: www.schoolofstorytelling.com, weekend courses or call 01342 822563. Payment for this course is on a GIFT ECONOMY basis - just pay what you can afford.

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

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

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 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

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.)

Happy Easter!