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Wed 12 July	1.50 for 2.00 pm	End of term School Festival
	12.30 pm	Early Years Department end of term
	3.15 pm	Class 7 cake stall
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	12.00 am	Class 6 cake stall
Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept		Teacher Training Days
Thurs 7 Sept	8.40 am	School opens for Autumn term
	10.00 am	Early Years Department term begins

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

Supporting Live Music! Northern Harmony are visiting Elmfield in September. Northern Harmony are on tour again this year, and they are coming here! Sixteen amazing young singers from Vermont, USA, as part of their tour of England and Europe, will be with us on Tuesday 12 September for a workshop and on Wednesday 13 September for a concert. Please come and support this outstanding choir, put the dates into your diary now. Parents, please encourage your children to come to this so they can see what other young people can achieve musically - Northern Harmony are always impressive. We are going to need 14 beds for the two nights, and it's going to be pretty hard to organise that in just the first few days of the Autumn term, so if you could offer a bed or sofa, would you please email me as soon as possible to let me know (then I won't have to worry about it all summer!) Caroline.price@elmfield.com.

Elmfield Gift Shop- Thursday 13th (8.30 - 4.00), Friday 14th (9.00 - 3.00), Saturday 15th (11.00 - 2.00) & Monday 18th (9.00 - 3.00).

Parent's Library The library is now closed for the Summer holidays. Any books currently out on loan are due back in September. Please look out in Loose Ends, next term, for details of the library's re-launch - in our new location! If you wish to return books before the end of term - please hand them in at the shop. Enjoy your Summer reads! The Library Team

Off on an adventure! Anne, Joe, Sam (Class 5) and Toby (Fabienne's KG) are leaving the school and the country to live in our off grid, dry stone property, Trullo D'Albero in Alberobello in Italy on 23rd August. If you'd like to see us off on our adventure you are invited to a leaving party at 27 Princes Road, DY8 3ED on Sunday 13th August. Drop in anytime between 1pm and 7pm, bring and share food at lunch (1pm) or dinner (5pm) If you want to keep in touch you can email us at trullodalbero@gmail.com or anne.bearne@gmail.com or joseph.bearne@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming visitors, anyone wanting to work and holiday, those seeking a place to reflect on God's world and everyone else in Alberobello over the coming months and years. Thank you all for a wonderful and fulfilling time at the school. We will miss you all, but are looking forward to a new chapter and anew adventure. Stay well and safely, Anne, Joe, Sam and Toby.

Elmfield Gift Shop: Don't forget that we are open for a few days after the end of term - perfect for last minute shopping! Thurs 13th (8.30 - 4.00), Fri 14th (9 - 3), Sat 15th (11-2) & Mon 18th (9 - 3.) Beautiful hand dyed cotton bags: £3.99 - £5.99. All proceeds to support Raphaeli Waldorf School in South Africa. Weleda offers: Calendula Nappy Cream (£6.95) - Buy one & get one free. Calendula Shampoo & Body Wash (£11.25) Buy one & get one half price! As seen at the Summer Fayre: 'Soul Gardening' - a delightful collection of poetry on the theme of gardening, selling at just £4.99 - great little book for a gardening friend! The Summer edition of New View magazine (£6.00) is now available - only a few copies left. Wishing everyone a relaxing Summer break! The shop will re-open on Wednesday 6th September (11.00am - 2.00pm). The shop team.

Accommodation wanted It's that time of year again when we are looking for accommodation for our Schloss Hamborn visitors. Are you able to offer a bed (a mattress on the floor would suffice) please. If you can please email elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com or sue.dutton@elmfield.com ASAP, Many Thanks, Elaine & Sue.

Learning Support Assistant Starting 1st September 2017, 5.25 hours per week starting 9.45/10am, term time only. £8.16 per hour. We're looking for an outstanding individual to join our Learning Support Team. You will be responsible for applying agreed strategies, maintaining records and updating our SENCO with progress. You will be supporting one child within the classroom and you will be expected to join in and contribute to classroom activities with all of the children when appropriate. For full details and application form please see school website.

SENDCo (0.6) needed to start September 2017 We're looking for an exceptional individual to join us in September 2017 to take up this post, covering all children/young people aged 3-17. The SENDCo is responsible for leading and project managing all aspects of SEND assessment, additional needs, individual support plans, EHCP applications and reviews, and sourcing of external support. They will also oversee a school-wide coherent approach to differentiation and gifted and talented pupils. This role is primarily a management role with limited teaching duties. Application forms must be received no later than Tuesday 27th June. The salary is £20,910 - £29,000 (pro rata) depending upon allocation of allowances. Visit www.elmfield.com and click the 'school' link to read more and apply.

Member of the School's Council of Management: Boarding, We currently have a need to appoint an individual with boarding expertise to our team to oversee our boarding provision. We have a small number of overseas students boarding at Elmfield each year, mainly in the Upper School. For this role, therefore, you should ideally have some experience of boarding provision within schools. Members of the Council of Management will normally bring relevant skills to impart such as safeguarding, health and safety, pedagogy, finance or planning. To apply, you should be diplomatic, confidential and constructive. You should have a genuine passion for Waldorf education and be prepared to support school staff and also to challenge them and hold them to account. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact our current Chair, Maarten Ekama, by 28th June 2017 at councilchair@elmfield.com

Eurythmy Teacher needed for September We're looking for an experienced Eurythmy Teacher for Classes 5 to 8 and some Modules in the Upper School. Ideally you should have a Eurythmy qualification, together with either a state teaching qualification, Waldorf Diploma or experience of teaching Eurythmy in a Waldorf School. You should also have excellent classroom management skills and be able to create and maintain a positive and healthy climate for learning, as well as an age appropriate coherent curriculum. If you wish to know more about this exciting opportunity please email Diana Ball, on diana.ball@elmfield.com. Application forms via email to info@elmfield.com or post to Elmfield School, Love Lane, Stourbridge, DY8 2EA. CVs will not be accepted. No agencies please.

Are you a qualified Child and/or Adolescent Counsellor? Would you be able to provide support for children and young people? We are in the process of compiling a list of Counsellors to whom we can refer any Elmfield families who need this service. This would be a private arrangement between you and the family with all costs covered by them. You must have experience of working with children and young people and will need to be able to demonstrate an understanding of child and adolescent development theories. You would need to be UKCP or BPC Registered. We are looking for inclusive therapists who can work with sensitivity, fairness and in culturally appropriate ways. Please contact Diana Ball by email – diana.ball@elmfield.com if you are interested.

PTFA

The PTFA would like to wish the staff and families at Elmfield a relaxing and peaceful summer holidays.

Elmfield PTFA AGM - The PTFA will be holding the AGM on Thursday 20th September 2017 at 7pm at school. Room of meeting TBC. We are looking for a chair and secretary to join the PTFA. If you would like to be our new chair, secretary or to join the committee please email us.

Chair - main duties: provide leadership, sign the approved minutes of the last meeting, set the agenda for meetings, get to know members of the committee, run meetings in an efficient and timely manner ensuring that everyone is able to contribute, agree a date for the next meeting, welcome and involve new members, write the annual report in cooperation with the Secretary.

Secretary - main duties: deal with correspondence, arrange meetings, prepare and distribute agendas, take the minutes of meetings, type them up and distribute them. ensure that enough committee members are present to make the meeting quorate, write the annual report with the Chair.

Advent... Yes we know it seems like a long way away but the PTFA would like to get a core team organised by the beginning of September. We already have volunteers to take on the tearooms, raffle and external stalls. We need.....

Decorating Team ... we need a team of parents to coordinate the decorations at the Advent Fayre.

Restaurant... we need someone to coordinate the food. Ideally would like a class to take on the restaurant.

If you would like to help with decorating or the restaurant please email elmfieldptfa@gmail.com

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Parents' Library With apologies for lack of notice - **the library is now closed for the summer holidays!** This is because we need to move out of our current space before the end of term. So any books that are out on loan can now be returned in September. Please look out in Loose Ends next term for details of the library's re-launch in our new location! If you wish to return books now, please hand them in at the shop. The Library Team.

MUSIC MATTERS

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

For Sale – Little used Care Co "Viper" self propelled wheelchair with solid tyres, was £79.99 sell for £40.00 or nearest offer. Telephone number 01384 392451, email. mandrg@hotmail.com

Wanted – Dear community. We have an exciting new breakfast project starting September 17 for upper school and we are in need of your unused bread makers. If you are looking to dispose of yours please contact me – Nathalie.fischer@elmfield.com. Thank you. Nathalie.

Language Tuition – Would you like to improve your German or French with some private lessons, £10.00 per lesson, please call 01384 444113.

Help needed – Reliable help needed for elderly person, mid-day on Saturdays and Sundays, to serve simple lunch (partly pre-prepared) and to clear and wash up. If you can help please telephone Josephine Kent on 01384 379939 – Thank you.

Wanted – Looking for a Cello and Diatonic flute for my 11 year old daughter please contact Pam on 07806669574 or 01384 591911.

Learning opportunity in August 2017. During August 2017 an opportunity will be available for someone (aged 18+) who is passionate about working with children with learning difficulties, to be a Volunteer/ Occupational Therapy Helper, and work alongside an experienced OT using a Sensory Integration Therapy approach. Would suit someone who is keen to pursue or is developing a career working with children. Times and dates yet to be confirmed as a new facility is in the process of being completed. Sessions will take place 4 days a week in Romsley, Worcestershire, or at Elmfield School in Stourbridge), reasonable expenses agreed beforehand will be paid, sessions will probably not start before 10am! DBS clearance is essential as is an interest and physical ability to interact with kids with challenging behaviour. Interested? Then please ring Marion on 07879.431371 or email Marion at rrogerso@waitrose.com ASAP as she goes on holiday on 15th July!

Help wanted for the Holidays An elderly couple in Stourbridge are looking for some help around the home with some domestic duties. An understanding of the Festivals and anthroposophy is important. Would suit a university student home for the holidays. Please call Hannah (Class 1 parent) 07848803482 or email hannah.shepherd@live.co.uk

Room to Let at 79, Love Lane, Tel no 01384 444113.

Help needed for disabled lady, hoping a pupil from class 8 or 9 would be willing to come on a Tuesday afternoon. Starting in August to help with shopping/cleaning/gardening, putting out the wheelie bins. I need someone who likes cats and very reliable and responsible. Payment will be £6.00 per hour. Contact Alison Hodge 01384 379925.

Free fabric Golden yellow heavy jacquard curtains (L140 x 390cmW) or use for upholstery, craft, costumes, decoration, etc. Surplus pillow cases and towels, various colours and sizes. Woollen fabrics/jumpers for felting – all free to collect. Contact Carlotta on 01384 373929.

For sale: Lava rock Gas Barbeque (brand new) £50.00. Contact Carlotta on 01384 373929.

Hay Bales needed for a wedding! Do you, or does anyone you know, have any hay bales that you would be willing to lend to us for our daughter's wedding on 2nd Sept in Kinver? We're looking for about 20, and can collect and return them locally. If you can help, please could you contact me, Ro Yates at ro.yates@elmfield.com, or 07766 947532. Thank you!

All weather, full size table tennis table In excellent condition, made by Cornilleau. Fully weather resistant so can be stored outside all year round. On wheels for easy manoeuvring £50. Contact Jane Newsome 07854 815521.

Reliable person needed to help with housework once a week. £10 per hour. Anita Large 01384 396356.

Stourbridge and Halesowen Life Group are in need of baby girl clothes for 12 months - 2 years for the Welcome Refugee and Asylum Settlers Group in Halesowen. If you can help please contact Emma Cartwright on 07973 376 267. Thankyou.

I am a eurythmy student and am looking for accommodation from September 2017. In my final year I would love to live with an elder person (or a couple) who would appreciate my company and help. Dasha. Please call until 23 June. 07522620846 (evening hours)

3 bedroom house wanted Family returning to the UK with young son enrolled at Elmfield and baby are looking for a 3 bed roomed house to rent in Stourbridge, preferably from September. If you are able to help please phone Vicky or Paul at 01384 873080, 07768 942032 – paulrandon@btinternet.com

Wanted - 3 bed house with garden for new Elmfield parents. Rent or buy. Not too far from school. Contact Naomi 07479 202522.

To rent - 3 bed house on outskirts of Romsley; option of ¾ acre paddock. Large garden, outbuilding, £800 pcm. Contact Sally on 07715 653746.

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

“This War Is Not Inevitable” a performance by Michael Burton and Ryan Kouroukis at the Glasshouse Arts Centre, Studio Theatre on Tuesday July 25th at 7.30pm. In 1917 Rudolf Steiner's Threefold Social Organism was an attempt to save a devastated Europe. 100 years later do we have a new chance? Suggested donations £10.00. No reservations necessary.

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.

Limits Of Freedom: The Street Children Of Kathmandu - Documentary Screening Ex-student Aidan Joseph will be hosting a talk and film screening of his final university project, an intimate glance into the complex issues surrounding the children that survive feral on the streets of Kathmandu, Nepal. Join us in Elmfield's Eurythmy Room at 7pm on 20th July as we investigate the reasons why children are surviving rough

on the streets of the Nepalese capital city, and how the support that is offered to them can often enable harmful substance abuse addictions and perpetuate the problem.

Yoga workshop with Maria Mountain, Saturday July 29, 10:00am-1:00pm £20 Eurythmy Room, Glasshouse College, Wollaston Road, Amblecote. DY8 4HF. Freeing and enlivening the spine: by the end of the morning the aim is to feel more flowing, more inwardly connected, more conscious and confident of our spines and our whole being. www.wholehealth-yoga.co.uk; or maria@wholehealth-yoga.co.uk; or 07929 256955 for further details and for info about classes too.

Invitation from Dances of Universal Peace Stourbridge Do you enjoy dancing, singing, playing music or meditating? Do you strive to bring peace and joy in your inner life? If yes, you may find Dances of Universal Peace (DUP) to be your favorite soul food, simple circle dances that are inspired by the wisdom and sacred phrases of spiritual and religious traditions of humankind. They combine song and movement to create a sense of peace, harmony and healing. We are DUP Stourbridge, a group of friendly individuals who come together to share the experience of DUP. Our goal is to meet regularly to practise DUP in order to bring the dances to our local community as an open public event in the future. We invite you to come dance & sing with us in a safe and nurturing atmosphere. No prerequisite necessary. For more information, please contact Darshan at darshan@landkun.de. We look forward to hearing from you!

Eurythmy training Have you ever wanted to do something creative but never had time and space to do it? Do your family commitments make it impossible for you to do anything extra, but you secretly long for some movement that keep you happy? If you have answered yes to above questions, please read on. The long awaited part time Eurythmy training is coming to the UK this summer. The weekend sessions take place alternately at the Glasshouse Art Centre, Stourbridge and at Peredur Centre for Arts, East Grinstead, Mid Sussex. Successful students will complete the training with a diploma in Eurythmy issued by Goetheanum, the Section for Performing Arts in Dornach, Switzerland. The training can even be continued to acquire MA Degree. Now may be the time to give your family a chance to support your dream. Be generous. Create a nourishing space for your inner call, and start your own transformational Eurythmic journey this summer. The first Summer Block starts on the weekend of 31st July and ends on 18th August. Please feel free to ask any questions and discuss any concerns you may have. Maren Stott 07825 140119 eurythmywm@gmail.com, www.eurythmy-wm.org.uk

Thoroughly Helping Hands are delighted to announce they now have more thoroughly lovely people waiting to help you. If you need any assistance as long as its moral and legal then we should be able to help you. Please see the website for customer testimonials and more information, or contact Georgie on 07792 775751.

SERVICES

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Anthroposophical Medical Consultations with Dr Claudia Kempfen at The Elysia Therapeutic Centre. This is a unique opportunity for the Centre to offer this medical impulse for the local community. Dr. Kempfen's next dates are: Wednesday 28th June and Saturday 29th July. To make an appointment please phone her directly on 07869 219 559.

English tuition Ex Elmfield teacher available for 1:1 or group tuition. All lessons planned in accordance with the Waldorf curriculum, creative, relaxed and intuitive teaching. Home ed. children welcome, all abilities catered for. Age range 11- 14 years, 14-16 years and G.C.S.E. Phone Alison :01384 380286

Are you suffering from Muscular Tension in Neck 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 the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. For info www.annavanzelder.com. For appointments please phone Anna: 0778 9852 378

Last but not least

"Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact."

William James