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## Upcoming Events

16-18 Sept			Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition
		7.00 pm	Class 5 Parents' Evening
Tues 19 Sept	7 for 7.30 pm	7.30 pm	Class 7 Parents' Evening
		7.30 pm	Class 4 Parents' Evening
		7.30 pm	Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
		8.00 pm	Parents' Eurythmy Group – Hall
Wed 20 Sept	7 for 7.30 pm	7.00 pm	Class 1 Parents' Evening
		7.00 pm	PTFA AGM Teacher' Library
Sun 24 Sept		eve	Class from Schloss Hamborn arrive
Mon 25 Sept	7 for 7.30 pm		Class 2 Parents' Evening
Tues 26 Sept		7.30 pm	Class 8 Parents' Evening
Thurs 28 Sept		7.30 pm	Class 6 Parents' Evening
Fri 29 & Sat 30 Sept		tbc	Shakespeare play by class from Schloss Hamborn

Please email any entries by the end of Thursday 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

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and even managed to get some sunshine. A huge thank you to all the parents, families and staff who helped out around the school over the summer, it really is appreciated. The freshly painted classrooms look amazing and it was lovely to have them ready and waiting to greet the pupils on their return.

Loose Ends will be undergoing a facelift over the next few issues and we hope you will like the new format. In the meantime, Loose Ends will go out on a Friday and the deadline for any copy will be the end of Thursday. Please can all entries be emailed in ([loose-ends@elmfield.com](mailto:loose-ends@elmfield.com)) rather than hand-written, as otherwise we cannot guarantee we will be able to include them – thank you for your understanding.

**Northern Harmony** visited the school this week as part of their annual tour around the UK. They are such incredibly talented musicians and we were very lucky to host them. They ran a workshop on Tuesday night, open to all; worked with the middle school pupils on Wednesday, and finished with a fantastic concert on Wednesday night. As usual, a big thank you to everyone who was able to provide them with a bed and of course to Caroline Price for helping make their visit possible.

### Are you from the Americas?

I am looking for people from South America, Central America, the Caribbean and the U.S to come in and talk about the place they grew up in as part of my class 7 Geography main lesson on the Americas. If you would like to help me out and bring a real authentic experience to the children of class 7, and you are available, for about half an hour, one morning between October 5th and 12th, please contact me on [gavin.ferris@elmfield.com](mailto:gavin.ferris@elmfield.com) or on 07423064761. Many thanks, Gavin Ferris, class 7 teacher.

### Future Steps Programme

If you, or someone you know, could give a short talk on your career path, then please let me know ASAP at: [elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com](mailto:elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com) This would be a 20/25 minute talk to our classes 9/10/11 outlining your career path to give them a little window into that area and possible short question and answer session. Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you.

### Silver DofE Expedition

Good luck to our pupils from Class 10 and 11 who are off to the Elan Valley in Wales this weekend for their DofE Silver Assessed Expedition. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to you!

## PTFA

## PTFA AGM

The PTFA will be holding their AGM on the 20th September 2017 at 6.30pm in the Teachers' Library.

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 vacancies on the committee for a Chair and Secretary - could this be you?

For further information or just to get in touch please email [secretaryelmfieldptfa@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryelmfieldptfa@gmail.com) or [elmfieldptfa@gmail.com](mailto:elmfieldptfa@gmail.com)

## Advent Fayre Raffle

Dear All. This year we will once again be running a raffle as part of the PTFA Fundraising at the Advent Fayre. We need lots of lovely prizes. Perhaps you work for a company that may be feeling generous, have contacts, or are able to provide a prize yourself - we'd be really grateful. Please email Rhiannon at [rhiannonsbwilliams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rhiannonsbwilliams@yahoo.co.uk), or telephone 07905 052954 if you are able to help in any way. Many thanks. Rhiannon (Rose's mum, Class 2)"

## MUSIC MATTERS

### Chamber Music @ Worcester Festival - Concerts

Beautiful music in an intimate setting. Festival theme 'Virtuosi': Music to include Ravel and Kreisler String Quartet and works by Rachmaninov, Mozart and Bazzini. Admission FREE / Retiring Collection

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th October, 7:30 pm Sunday 8th October 3:00 pm (Family Concert)

[info@chambermusicatworcester.com](mailto:info@chambermusicatworcester.com) [www.chambermusicatworcester.com](http://www.chambermusicatworcester.com) Tel: 01905 412358

Many thanks in advance.

Sean Gilde (on behalf of the Chamber Music @ Worcester Festival Team)

### Chamber Music @ Worcester Festival - Masterclass

Do you play a stringed instrument at Grade 5 level or above? Want to gain valuable performing experience? Sign up to the Festivals 'Morning Masterclass'

Saturday 7th October / 9:30 - 12:30 / Claines Church Worcester

[info@chambermusicatworcester.com](mailto:info@chambermusicatworcester.com) [www.chambermusicatworcester.com](http://www.chambermusicatworcester.com) Tel: 01905 412358

**Monthly drum journey group** in Norton, Stourbridge. Explore the ancient art of drum journeying for guidance and healing. First group Saturday 7th October 3pm-5pm. Price £5. Contact Lisa on 07952 477545. Email [sacredlotuscentre@hotmail.com](mailto:sacredlotuscentre@hotmail.com)

## SALES AND WANTED ETC

### Ukuleles wanted:

Do you have an ukulele gathering dust? If so, Class 5 would love to have it! Please contact Ruth Beachim, Class 5 teacher, if you can help. N.B It would be great if they are in reasonable working order!

I have lots of **jam jar sized jars** with lids if anyone can use any. Please contact Maigread in the office or on 07969 169696.

## EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

**Study Group:** *The life & work of Ita Wegman*, close colleague and collaborator of Rudolf Steiner in anthroposophical Medical and Therapeutic work.

This study group begins 15<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 -10.30 am and runs every other week during Elmfield's term time. Venue: Elysia Therapeutic Centre, Stourbridge. It will be an open group. Please phone Melanie Taylor on 07810 048 739 if you would like to come.

**'Working with Transition'** - Free Open Morning at the Elysia Centre, Stourbridge

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9:30 am until 10:30 am

Centre's Director and founder of Oasis Pathways, Melanie Taylor, continues the exploration and recognition of transitional moments in your life and biography. Lara Seago, Naturopathic Nutritional Therapist will share her expertise on how one can support new phases with nutrition – whether your child is entering a new phase of Kindergarten, Class One or Secondary School, nutrition can provide essential support in helping to maintain energy and concentration, calmness, good digestion and a strong immune system. Simply arrive or to register your attendance please email [elizabeth@elysiahealth.org](mailto:elizabeth@elysiahealth.org) or call 01384 392072.

### Yard Sale, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

10am to 1pm at the Christian Community, 22 Baylie Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AZ. Pictures, bric-a-bac, books, coffee and cakes.

## SERVICES

### Babysitter/Dogwalker Available

My name is Fran, and I am a responsible, mature girl in Class 11, interested in babysitting or dog walking jobs in the Stourbridge area. Please contact my mother Diana on 01384 371348 for more details.

## *Last but not least*

*“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”*

*Jiddu Krishnamurti*