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Mon 25 Sept	7 for 7.30 pm	Class 2 Parents' Evening
Tues 26 Sept	7.30 pm	Class 8 Parents' Evening
	7.00 pm	Class 9 Parents' Evening
Thurs 28 Sept	7.30 pm	Class 6 Parents' Evening
Fri 29 Sept		Michaelmas Day
Fri 29 & Sat 30 Sept	7.30 pm	Shakespeare play by class from Schloss Hamborn
Sun 1 Oct	7.30 pm	Michaelmas Festival Eurythmy Room
Mon 2 Oct	7.30 pm	Early Years Department Parents' Evening
Tues 3 Oct		Schloss Hamborn class leave
	7.15 pm	Open Evening – Staff Room
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound choir Eurythmy Room
Thurs 4 Oct	1.50 for 2.00 pm	Michaelmas Festival Hall
Sat 7 Oct	11.30 am	Science Fun Day
Tues 10 Oct	7.30 pm	Class 3 Parents' Evening

Please email any entries by the end of Thursday 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 PTFA presents: Science Fun Day - Saturday the 7th of October: 11:30 - 15:30 at Elmfield
Fun for the whole family! Hands on activities for all ages: Meet the jungle room animals; Make your own Pterosaur; Excavation! Dig for gold! Physics with model cars; Make your own Planet; Making animal masks; Live experiments, and much more!
£2 for children, Adults go free; Make and Take 50p; Refreshments and hot food on sale!

Vacancy - Learning Support Teacher (Full-time)

Monday – Friday, term time only, to start as soon as possible

The Learning Support Teacher (LST) will work with a specific pupil who is in receipt of an EHCP. You will support the pupil's learning, physical and behavioural needs with the aim of helping the pupil to access as much of our curriculum as possible. At times you will be required to design, deliver and review tailored lessons for this pupil. You will be a member of the learning support team, sharing best practice and classroom experiences as required. A full job description is available on the school website via <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/>.

Schloss Hamborn Anniversary

Our sister school, Schloss Hamborn in Germany, are celebrating their 70th Anniversary tomorrow. Our connections go back a long way and Elmfield was instrumental in helping them start their own journey. To mark this ongoing relationship, Ian Neale and Heather Howes are travelling out to Germany today to represent Elmfield at the celebrations and present a specially commissioned glass plaque to the school. The plaque was made possible through the generosity of the PTFA to whom we are most grateful. It can be seen on our Facebook page and was made by Charlotte Hughes-Martin who is based at the red house glass cone in Stourbridge. We hope the celebrations go well and the whole Schloss Hamborn community have a fabulous day.

Schloss Hamborn Shakespeare Play

It's that time of year again and on Sunday evening Class 10 from Schloss Hamborn arrive at Elmfield for their annual visit. Our pupils visited them last term and are now eagerly awaiting seeing their new friends again. This visit would not be possible without all the families and staff who are hosting the students in their houses and we really can't thank you all enough. The highlight of their visit is the Shakespeare Play they have been working on. This year it's "Taming of the Shrew" and performances are on Friday 29th Sept at 7.30 pm and Saturday 30th Sept at 7.30 pm. The Plays are always wonderful and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Elmfield Gift Shop

Welcome back! Do come and visit us as new stock is arriving daily! Our Fair Trade ranges are being replenished - including new purses, sun catchers and incense. Just in! Our first consignment of the Maria Thun Biodynamic Calendar: 2018 (£7.99) - get organised and buy your copy early this year! Also available The Stargazers' Almanac 2018 (£14.99) and the ever popular Elsa Beskow Calendar 2018 (£9.99). Finally, at the end of last term, we found a bag of paper patterns for children's clothing. We are unsure whether they were a general donation to school, or were intended to be given to a specific person? Can anyone shed any light on this?

Our Love Lane entrance is open 9.00am - 4.00pm Monday - Friday (Term Time only) Elmfield families are welcome from 8.30am via the school entrance. A reminder that the minimum spend on a credit or debit card is now only £1.00. Thanks. The Shop Team

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 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 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

Congratulations to all our pupils who undertook their Silver DofE Assessed Expedition over the weekend. They spent three days in the beautiful Elan Valley in Wales and all did incredibly well. It's an amazing achievement and they should all be really proud of themselves. They covered 50km, camped out for two nights and experienced lots of different weather! This expedition came after their successful Practice Expedition in the Long Mynd last term.

They've all learnt so much and it was great to see just how far their skills have come on. Ten minutes into camp on the first day and their tents were already up despite the rain, with everyone looking really organised. The Assessor was very impressed as were we. Most impressive though was their team spirit, mutual support, and general cheeriness across the three days despite the sore feet and heavy packs. We do Bronze and Silver DofE at Elmfield and it's a great opportunity for the pupils to learn new skills and gain real confidence in their abilities. The Bronzes did both their expeditions last term and did really well too. Hopefully some of them will now step up and take on the even bigger challenge of Silver.

PTFA

WINTER FAYRE SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 11-4 PM

New Name - Please note the new Name for the fayre "Winter Fayre"

Design the Winter Fayre Poster – The PTFA are looking for pupils to design the poster for the Winter Fayre. The theme is winter. Please submit your A4 poster to the office by Friday 13th October. Pictures only on the poster, no text. Print name and class on the back. There will be a £15 Amazon voucher for the chosen design. For any help please speak to Mrs Dutton, Art Teacher.

Winter Fayre Stalls - The lists of stalls are up in the yellow passage for people to sign up to or if you have an idea for a new stall/activity please email the PTFA. If you can't come into school to sign up to a stall/activity please email the PTFA with your details to elmfieldptfa@gmail.com.

The lists of stalls/activity are: Cookie House; Gnome Garden; Lucky Dip; Raffle; Tombola – children's and adults; Elmfield Home Produce/Food Stall; Pocket Money Stall; Children's Craft; A game/activity for the children to take part in – ideas??

We already have a team who have come forward to do the following stalls but they need a few people to help: Raffle – Selling tickets on the day; Tearooms; Restaurant; 2nd Hand Clothes; Decorating the School on Friday afternoon/ take down on Saturday 4pm onwards.

Decorating the School – Rhiannon Taylor and Louise Westley are coordinating the decorating of the school at this year's Winter Fayre. We need a team of people to help decorate the School on Friday from 12.45pm onwards and to take down the decorations on Saturday from 4pm onwards and also to make decorations in advance.

We also need donations of: Christmas/winter decorations including Christmas trees (real and fake) and wreathes and garlands; Hula hoops; Greenery and pine cones

Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please speak to us, sign up to the sheet in the yellow passage or email Rhiannon pupleppies1127@yahoo.co.uk

Calling all musicians. Please could you volunteer to play a slot in our music room at the Winter Fayre. We are looking for singers, choirs and instrument players. Please contact the PTFA if you would like to play/sing.

Bookings for external stalls are now being taken. This year the winter fayre will be on the 18th November 11am – 4pm. We are looking for local, artisan crafters for our event with genuine handmade goods to sell in the hall. Stalls are £45 for a full stall and £25 for a half stall. If you are interested in booking a stall please contact Emma French, Stalls Coordinator via email eventselmfieldptfa@gmail.com or collect a booking form from the office. Stalls will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis.

Parents' Library. Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45 am) Come along and visit us in our new location - Elmfield Gift Shop! We especially welcome new families - a perfect opportunity to borrow books and meet other parents & carers. More information re. the logistics of using the library will follow in future editions of Loose Ends. The Library Team

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 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 www.chambermusicatworcester.com Tel: 01905 412358

Have you ever wanted to write a piece for recorder? Maybe a piano sonata? Or even a symphony? My name is Stephanie Ann Boyd, I'm a symphonic composer in New York City, and I went to the Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor. You can find me on the list of Famous Waldorf Alumni, and my music is now being played all over the world. I teach music composition lessons via Skype and I've helped over 100 people write their first pieces. I charge \$100 an hour, and have several financial scholarships for those who need them. I love to teach Waldorf students and their parents! You can read more about how I help composers at <http://stephanieannboyd.com/teaching>, and you can send me an email at stephanie@stephanieannboyd.com to learn more.

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

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Hanging rails - do you have any sturdy clothes hanging rails that the PTFA can borrow/have for the second-hand clothes stall at the winter fayre? I can collect if you need me to. Please email eventselmfieldptfa@gmail.com or leave a message in reception. Many thanks.

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

TONIGHT - Family show at the Glasshouse Arts Centre - Peter and the Wolf

Friday 22nd September, 6:30pm Tickets £5 on the door. Children under 5 years go free.

Goblin Theatre's 'Peter and the Wolf' is a brand-new show with amazing music created live on stage with a variety of instruments. Loosely inspired by Prokofiev's classic, this is 'Peter and the Wolf' as you've never seen it before. The original score gets a total update and is combined with fun interaction, physical comedy and inventive puppetry. An ideal imaginative introduction to music, as well as a positive message about being kind to the world. With grateful thanks to Black Country Touring

Yard Sale, Saturday 23rd September

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

New Yoga Classes at Elmfield!

Tuesdays 7pm – Hatha Thursday 8pm - Yin Sunday 9.30am - Hatha

Hatha Yoga - energising yoga class using the muscles, breath and voice to strengthen, tone and bring balance to the whole body and mind. Suitable for beginners and intermediate.

Yin Yoga - in Yin yoga we relax into deep stretches, maintaining each posture for several minutes at a time. This prompts the fascia (or connective tissue) to release tension and stiffness that has accumulated in the body. Yin is a great antidote to stress, ageing and a compliment to all other forms of exercise. Suitable for all.

All classes are held in the movement Room, Upper School. £8 drop in or £70 for 10.

Also morning classes at Churchill Village Hall, DY10 3LU - Tuesdays 9.30am Yin Fridays 9.30am Hatha

To book or for more info please contact Emma Cartwright on: 07973376267 www.yogasouls.co.uk Namaste@yogasouls.co.uk

Ashtanga Yoga at Elmfield

Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Beginners' Course (10 weeks) - an introduction to Ashtanga Yoga (18 Sept - 27 Nov) and Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Improvers' Course (10 weeks) - for people who have a working knowledge of Ashtanga Yoga (21 Sept - 30 Nov). Mind calm - body vibrant. James Critchlow 01384 394702 / 07967211748 www.yogabirmingham.co.uk

Painting for Wellbeing at the Elysia Centre

Come and experience the wet-on-wet painting technique taught to children in Steiner schools. It is not just for children! This technique is a nourishing and healing way to experience and explore our relationships to colour and to produce something beautiful. The course will run over 6 weeks on a Thursday morning between 9.30am - 11.30am. It is open to all from total beginners to experienced painters in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Numbers limited to 8 participants. From Thursday 14th September - Thursday 19th October 2017. The full 6 week course is £60, or £15 per drop in session. To book please contact Julie Neale: julie@julieaneale.com or ring 07971 635856. The Elysia Therapeutic Centre, 52 Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 3RZ

Are you suffering, for example, from back problems, muscular tension, insomnia, stress, anxiety?

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

Stourbridge & Halesowen Life Group would like to thank Elmfield School and all the parents who have donated children's clothes. It is very much appreciated. So far Sixteen refugee families in the area have been helped by your generosity. We hope your support will remain ongoing. Bernard Cartwright - on behalf of Life Charity.

SERVICES

Naturopathic Nutritional Therapy

Are you struggling with not feeling as well as you could be? Perhaps you lack energy or just want to make some improvements to your diet and could do with some help. Maybe you need some ideas to help you and your family reach optimal health and just don't know where to start. I am passionate about helping people feel better and achieve their goals through food (nature's medicine), natural supplements and herbs and lifestyle advice. I provide support for all conditions/ issues.

If you would like to book a consultation or arrange a free 10-minute initial chat then please e-mail me: info@nutritionforvitality-laraseago.com or call me on: 07887 943037. I look forward to working with you on your improved wellness. Lara Seago

Babysitting Services Available! Previous experience as an Ofsted Registered Childminder and a Mummy! Available weekday and weekend evenings. Contact Jenny on 07929 457355.

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

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.”

Malala Yousafzai