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Upcoming Events

Sat 7 Oct	11.30 am	Science Fun Day
Tues 10 Oct	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound choir
	7.30 pm	Class 3 Parents' Evening
Wed 11 Oct	tbc	PTFA AGM
Fri 13 Oct		<i>School closes for half term</i>
		Next issue of Loose Ends
Mon 16 & Tues 17 Oct		Teacher Training days
Mon 30 Oct		<i>Second half of term begins</i>
Sat 4 Nov	10 - 4.00 pm	Singing Day Hall
Tues 7 Nov	7.00 pm	Class 9 Parents' Evening
	7.15 pm	Open Evening
	8.00 pm	Parents' Eurythmy Group Hall
Fri 10 Nov	tbc	Martinmas walk classes 1 - 3



Sat 18 Nov

11 - 4.00 pm

Elmfield Winter Fayre



Elmfield News and Information

Welcome to Elmfield!

We would like to welcome the following new pupils and their families to Elmfield: Tristan Hobday - Class 3 and Josie Teasdale - Class 5.

A fond farewell to Schloss Hamborn

On Tuesday morning we said goodbye to our German visitors with lots of hugs and a few tears. It's been another great visit that's really added to all the pupils' life experience. The Shakespeare Play was very enjoyable and as usual a testament to all the incredible hard work they put in. Thank you to everyone who hosted students, it wouldn't be possible without you. We look forward to welcoming them back next year.

Changes to Loose Ends

You'll notice a slight change to Loose Ends in this issue... you now need to keep scrolling to find the adverts and community events etc. at the end as there is now a clear break between that section and the Elmfield News and Information. The hope is this will make it more user-friendly. Please also note that after half-term Loose Ends will be switching to two issues each half term instead of weekly.

Can you help?

Did anyone see an incident on Love Lane on Wednesday 27th September at approx 12.35pm? A car drove into the side of our car and it would be helpful if there were any witnesses to what happened. Please would you make contact if you did? Many thanks, Andy Donaldson 07866 891 091

Elmfield Gift Shop.

Half Term break is fast approaching - don't forget to stock up with all of your favourite items! Our first toy order has just arrived - includes quality wooden teething rings, harmonicas, pull-along toys, dressing-up puppets & dolls, Holtztiger wooden animals & figures, tubs of street chalks, wooden puzzles. . . plus much, much more! Canvas pencil cases and cotton bags are back in - get creative and decorate them with our fabric crayons. Newly published Floris and Hawthorn Press books are out on display. The Autumn edition of New View magazine (£6.00) is also now available. The Shop Team

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/>.

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.

PTFA

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!
Donations of cakes gratefully received. Please leave on the Friday in the little kitchen or with the office.

Parents' Library

Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. Adults can borrow up to 4 books each - for 4 weeks. The library is free to use. There is a simple registration process where we ask for contact details. Just in case we need to remind you about books that are due back, or recall reserved titles. We are now chasing overdue loans from the Summer Term. But if you know you have any outstanding books - please return them to the Shop or email jackie.inman@elmfield.com to renew them. Thanks.
The Library Team



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Make your own Pterosaur
Excavation! Dig for gold!
Physics with Model Cars
Make your own Planet
Making Animal Masks
Live experiments
Static Snakes
... and much more!

£2 for Kids
Adults go Free!
Make and take 50p

Refreshments and hot food on Sale!





The poster features a light blue background with various scientific icons: a DNA double helix, a test tube, a snail, a periodic table element for Nitrogen (N), a globe, and a green leaf. A rocket is shown launching from the bottom left, and a microscope is at the bottom left. A butterfly is on the right side.

WINTER FAYRE SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 11-4 PM

The Winter Fayre is the main PTFA event of the year and all the money raised goes back into the school for the benefit of the pupils.

Winter Fayre Stalls - Help is still needed with many of the stalls. In particular no-one has yet signed up for the following stalls: Children's Game; Gnome Gardens; and the Pocket money/Children's Market. These stalls are real favourites of the children who are already looking forward to the fayre with great excitement. Help is also needed with the Tearooms, Restaurant and decorating the school on Friday afternoon (see below). The Winter Fayre is only made possible through the generous donation of parents' time so please help if you can - it's a great way to make new friends and have fun!

The lists of stalls are up in the yellow passage for people to sign up to. 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.

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; Ribbon; Tree branches; Fabric; 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 purplepoppies1127@yahoo.co.uk

Please note the amended email address!

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, including anything you might be able to contribute to a wonderful Christmas Hamper. 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, or telephone 07905 052954 if you are able to help in any way. Many thanks. Rhiannon (Rose's mum, Class 2)"

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.



Please scroll down to the next page for adverts and community events, etc.

EVENTS

Apple Juicing Day - Saturday 21st October from 10am - All Welcome

It's that time of year again when the fruit is falling from the trees. So Ashfield Gardens and Transition Stourbridge are holding an Apple Juicing Day on Saturday 21st October, from 10am, at Ashfield Market Gardens, Sugarloaf Lane, Iverley, near Stourbridge, DY10 3PB. Bring apples / bottles if you have, apron / chopping board if you want to. There will be plenty of apples there, so come also if you don't have any to bring. If you need help harvesting or know of apples going to waste, please let us know. Margy - 07817555204. Bring-and-Share lunch. Spread the word!

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

HEALING WORDS - Storytelling Workshop. 27th - 29th October 2017 at Elysia Centre. If you are interested in storytelling, but don't know where to start, this workshop facilitated by Julie Neale is for you. In this weekend of hands on training, it will give you a firm grounding in storytelling skills. You will leave the workshop with one ready to tell story and the tools to learn and tell many more. In a warm and supportive environment you will learn why storytelling is such a powerful form of communication and how to develop your own authentic style of telling. It is for anyone wanting to tell stories, at work or home, to adult or children or to promote healing and open conversations.

Timings: Friday 27th October 7.30-9.30pm, Saturday 28th October 10.00am - 4.00pm, Sunday 29th October 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Cost: £75.00 Elysia Centre, 52 Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge, DY8 3RZ. Contact: julie@julieaneale.com or call 07971 635856.

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

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

Art Therapy Group: Nature as Teacher - Learning about myself from nature observation

Wednesday Afternoon 1.30 – 3.00 pm, 8 weekly sessions, starting 4th October 2017 at the Elysia

Therapeutic Centre, Stourbridge.

Drawing, painting and journaling. This group is an opportunity to study natural objects, to see what they reveal to us and what we can learn from them about ourselves.

Cost £15.00 per person including materials. Concessions may be available on request.

You don't have to be good at art, just bring your curiosity, a journal, and willingness to experiment! Please call Marion Green 01453 764 033. Marion is a HCPC registered Art Therapist and Certified Trauma Therapist. She is also a member of the Association of Anthroposophic Therapeutic Arts.

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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@chambermusicatworchester.com www.chambermusicatworchester.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@chambermusicatworchester.com www.chambermusicatworchester.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

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.

SERVICES

A young eurythmist is looking for **cleaning work**. Please contact Kirsi Ronkko. Email: kimaelro@hotmail.com; mobile: 07546 639064.

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

Professional gardening services and handyman help offered by Gary (Elmfield parent). Specialist in garden permaculture, incredible edibles (eat your flowers/perennials/bushes etc), fast efficient general maintenance both in the garden and in the house. Excellent references available on request. Gary 07584 088176. ecoPONIX@gmail.com

Pet carer or sitter available. My name is Daniela and I am looking for jobs in Stourbridge area. My number is 07804426576. Regards, Daniela

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.

OPPORTUNITIES

Is it YOU we're looking for? Thoroughly Helping Hands is seeking to recruit one or two special people to join the team. For more details of part time work paying £10 per hour please call Georgie on 07792 775751 or visit the website www.thoroughlyhelpinghands.com

ACCOMMODATION

We are **looking to rent a 2/3 bed house** with garden in or near Stourbridge. Our eldest daughter currently attends Elmfield and our youngest will attend in the near future. If anyone can help us in our house quest it will be much appreciated. Gary 07584 088176

Bonjour Stourbridge, My name is Benjamin from France. I have just arrived in England as a new Eurythmy student at the Glasshouse College. I am **looking for a room to rent** in the area. I can offer work in exchange for accommodations. I am experienced as a social worker (in Switzerland), in hospitals in France. I am skilled in building things (stonemasonry, carpentry, painting), in maintaining properties (cleaning, gardening...). I can give French lessons, helping with homework. I am looking for work. Please contact me: benjamin.davidlaurence@gmail.com or 033 6 74 14 24 56 and I will call you back.

A young eurythmist is looking for a cheap accommodation as soon as possible. Please contact Kirsi Ronkko. Email: kimaelro@hotmail.com; mobile: 07546 639064.

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Electric bike - I know of someone who has a good electric bike, 4 1/2 years old, which he wants to sell for £200. Please contact Maigread in the office or on 01384 830758

Aluminium - I am happy to continue collecting cans and tin foil (no plastic) which the school gets a little bit of money for, but please note the following: cans and foil should be put in separate bags and be clean. Please make sure the cans are aluminium and not steel. The bin is in the car park on the edge of the green and please note also that this is not a rubbish bin, there are rubbish bins in other areas of the school. Thank you for your consideration. Maigread

Yamaha Keyboard for sale, ideal for having fun on. Has many features, such as sound effects and various collections of instrumental sounds. It will come with an adjustable stand. £25 Contact Anthony or Pam Tel: 01384591911/07561005950.

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.

Last but not least

“The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty.”

-Winston Churchill