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Upcoming Events

Fri 25 May	7.30 pm	HMS Pinafore - last performance - Hall School closes for half term
Tues 5 June	7.15 for 7.30 7.30 pm	Class 7 Parents' Evening Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
Wed 6 June	8.00 pm	Adults' Eurythmy group - Hall
Sat 9 June	10 – 4 pm	Adult Singing Day - Hall
Sat 9 - Mon 11 June		Silver D of E trip
Mon 11 June		Beginning of Folk Fortnight
Wed 13 June	1.00 pm	<i>Deadline for copy for next Loose Ends</i>
Fri 15 June	Afternoon	<i>Next issue of Loose Ends</i>
Tues 19 June		Classes 9 and 10 to Big Bang Fair at Staffs University
Fri 22 June		St Johns festival
Sun 24 June	12 – 4 12 – 4	Summer Fayre School shop open
Mon 25 June	7.30 pm	Class 8 on class trip Class 10 on class trip Class 1 Parents' Evening

Elmfield News and Information

A brief roundup of some recent goings on...

- Class 7 spent 3 days and nights on a traditional tall ship, The Lord Nelson, in Southampton, having an amazing sailing adventure.
- Class 6 have been working hard gardening around the school grounds.
- Class 7 had an inspiring yoga session with Emma Cartwright as part of their Main lesson on Asia.
- Classes 1 to 6 had glorious weather for the annual Wychbury Hill Ascension Day walk. A big Thank You to the PTFA for providing lovely fresh fruit and drinks. The children and their many adult helpers greatly appreciated the delicious refreshments after a fabulous day out.
- Classes 1 to 6 danced beautifully round the maypole for our May Day celebrations.
- Class 6 had a great trip to Hadrian's Wall.
- "Saving HMS Pinafore" rehearsals have culminated in a fantastic show by Classes 8 and 9 that we've all been enjoying this week.
- Bronze and Silver DofE Practice expeditions have taken place in Clent and the Long Mynd for pupils from Classes 8 and 9.

- Class 4 went to the Black Country Living Museum as part of their Geography Main Lesson. They also had a visit from the Blue Cross.

A very warm welcome to Katie who has recently joined Class 7, and her family.

Saving H M S Pinafore – 7.30 pm tonight!

It's the last night tonight of this fabulous show. Suitable for all ages it's a musical extravaganza and undoubtedly one of the best shows that's ever been put on at Elmfield.

There may be a limited number of tickets still available tonight at a cost of £3.

The **SWSF Summer newsletter** is now out and is available on the school website via our Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship page. Elmfield is in it twice, including a report on the recent Class 7 Tall Ship adventure.

Elmfield Gift Shop: We are currently trialling having a small selection of food items on our shelves e.g Clearspring Organic Tamari Soya Sauce (£3.39/150ml) and Essential Organic Short Grain Brown Rice (£3.75/1Kg) - please let us know what your thoughts are on continuing or extending this service? New! Beautiful postcards and greeting cards featuring the artwork of Daniela Drescher and Wil Huygen. Featuring fairies and gnomes - appealing to both big and little people! Bargain Books - we've just added a few new titles to our selection - all well below publisher's prices! The Shop Team

Parents' Library: Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. Thanks to Sam (Estates) we will now have access to our trolley of overflow titles during the library sessions. This will greatly extend the range of books available to borrow. The Library Team

JOB VACANCIES

If you are interested in any of the following roles please visit the job vacancies section of the school website to read more and apply using the application form that each particular job links to on the website.

Upper School Science/Maths Teachers

Full-time - Starting September 2018

We are looking for exceptional individuals to join our teaching team and develop the learning experience for our teenagers. You will be teaching Waldorf main lessons and GCSE lessons in science and maths. These will mainly be in our upper school (ages 14-17), but you may also be required to teach or assist with some main lessons in our middle school. You should therefore enjoy teaching children and young people aged approximately 12-17.

Early Years Teacher - Kindergarten

We are looking for an excellent Early Years Teacher who will be part of a team carrying responsibility for the Early Years Department which consists of three kindergartens, a nursery class, transition class, parent and child group, afternoon care and open events. The teacher will be responsible for a group of children up to six years old within that department. He/she will be responsible for both classroom work and pastoral care, and also may be required to take responsibility for pre-school parent and child work. As part of the Early Years teaching team, s/he will carry a share in the running of the department, and also be expected to attend staff and departmental meetings and take part in the work of the College of Teachers (unless circumstances prevent this). The Teacher will be responsible through the Early Years Lead to the Education Lead and pedagogically to the College of Teachers. A commitment to and understanding of Waldorf education is essential.

Closing date for applications: Friday 8th June 2018.

Member of the School's Council of Management - Finance

We are looking for an individual to join our Council of Management – the School's Governing Body. Members of the Council of Management act as the trustees of Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School which is a charity and a registered company. The role of Trustee is a voluntary position.

We currently have a need to appoint an individual with finance expertise to our team. Ideally, you should

either hold a relevant accountancy qualification or have management experience which includes responsibility for overseeing large budgets.

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 to improve financial management but also to challenge them and hold them to account.

Closing date for applications: Monday 11th June 2018.

Eurythmy Teacher

We are looking for a committed and inspiring Eurythmy Teacher for Classes 5 to 8 and Upper School Eurythmy blocks/modules. 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.

Cleaner

We are looking for a committed, reliable and hard-working cleaner to join our cleaning team from 3.30pm to 7.00pm every weekday, all year round. To apply, you should have an excellent work ethic and have very high standards of tidiness and cleanliness.

You should have a helpful and flexible approach to work and be committed to providing excellent customer service to all visitors and staff. School cleaning experience would be an advantage.

School Doctor/School Health Professional

We are looking for someone with genuine enthusiasm for Steiner-Waldorf education, and ideally some experience of working in a Waldorf school as a school doctor/school health professional. The successful applicant will work with the school to provide a holistic point of view informed by anthroposophical medical and developmental insights, to offer anthroposophic treatment and to make referrals for therapeutic interventions with the aim of enhancing our understanding of the development of the children and their well-being. They will communicate as necessary with other agencies such as CAMHS or the NHS in cooperation with the school. This is a great opportunity to help shape the lives of the young people in our school.



MIDSUMMER FAYRE

This year the PTFA are holding the midsummer fayre on Sunday 24th June 12pm – 4pm in the school grounds. This is a great opportunity for you to raise funds for your class.

- Class Reps – If you haven't already, could you please decide with your class what you can offer at the fayre e.g. an activity stall, games, plants etc. and let the PTFA committee know as soon as possible by emailing them on elmfieldptfa@gmail.com.
- Parents & Friends of the school - There is a limited number of table top stalls available to rent at £10 each. If you are interested please email the PTFA committee on elmfieldptfa@gmail.com.
- Music - We will be having the music stage like last year. If you would like to play a set please email elmfieldptfa@gmail.com or speak to Rhiannon Bright.
- Matched Funding If any parent works for a company that match funds please get in touch with the PTFA. It makes a big difference to the money we raise.

Please look for our first edition of the PTFA newsletter and our noticeboard for more information on the fayre. We understand that we live in a busy world but we want to make this event a friendly, fun couple of hours, in addition to bringing the community together while the classes and the PTFA raise funds.

Facebook – Please like our new Facebook page 'elmfieldptfa' to keep up to date with PTFA events etc. This is a closed page for parents and teachers of the school only.

Thanks, PTFA Committee

Wider Community

EVENTS

LUTLEY COMMUNITY VOICES are presenting a concert of Music from Stage and Screen on Saturday June 9th, at 7.30pm at Carters Lane Baptist Church, Halesowen B62 0BX.

Music includes pieces from Jersey Boys, 'Les Mis', La-La Land and The Greatest Showman, amongst others. When you hear pieces like these, you normally hear just 'the tune'. LCV will be singing them in glorious full-colour stereophonic three- and four-part harmonies which is why we're rehearsing like crazy. To steal a phrase, "Oh, what a night!"

Tickets are just £6 for adults; children (under 16), accompanied by adults, go free. All profits go to Church funds. Some tickets may be available on the door but, judging by past concerts, advance booking is advised. Contact Phil Turley on 0121 550 4678 for tickets.

Pilates taster workshop on Saturday 16th June, 1030-12pm, Eurythmy room.

For both children (from class 6 upwards) & adults. Come & see what pilates is all about & how it can help to strengthen your core & rebalance your muscles. Mats & small equipment provided. £8 per person. Classes will be arranged following this workshop.

Please call to book your place! Sarah Tustain (aka the 'cello teacher!)/Power For Life Pilates & Power Plates lessons on 07969 036913

3 Events at the Glasshouse Arts Centre, Wollaston Road, Stourbridge, DY8 4HF:

Theatre/Dance: Chalk About - Friday 1st June 2018 6:30pm

Cost: £8/6; Age range: 8+

TICKETS: <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/Event/chalk-about> 01384 399433

Turning the stage into a giant chalkboard, 'Chalk About' explores the nature of identity. What makes us who we are? Is it where we are from? How we talk? Our pasts or futures? Or is it the way we dance? Come on a journey to see how two performers find new and inventive ways to share their stories in this joyous and thought-provoking show that has been enjoyed across the globe by children and adults alike.

'Chalk About' from Curious Seed (www.curious-seed.com/chalk-about) has been performed more than 130 times for over 7000 people in eleven countries including Saddlers Wells and the Sydney Opera House. This performance is supported by Black Country Touring and the Dance Initiative.

Theatre: A Strange New Space - Friday 22nd June 2018 5pm

Cost: £6, under 5s Free. Age range:3+

TICKETS: <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/Event/a-strange-new-space> 01384 399433?

A completely original one woman show without words, A Strange New Space will meld physical theatre with stunning puppetry and original music. You will be taken on an imagined voyage into space, which is paralleled with Amira's real-life journey as a refugee across continents, forming an unforgettable introduction to theatre for audience of three years and older.

Tessa Bide's A Strange New Space is the winner of the Edinburgh Fringe Primary Times Children's Choice Award. Supported by Black Country Touring this show has been selected for the programme by students of the Glasshouse College as part of the Young Promoters scheme.

Exhibition: experienceCOLOUR - 29 August - 14 October

experienceCOLOUR is a remarkably beautiful, hands-on exhibition, inviting visitors of all ages and abilities to explore the fascinating science and art of colour through large scale installations, displays and experiments. Come and discover the world of colour, find out how different colours influence us all, and ask new questions about the meanings of colour in the world around us.

Visitors are invited to act as researchers - to play and be creative with experimental exhibits ranging from colour appearance in nature to its scientific explanation and the application of colour in technology and art. The exhibition was developed in Switzerland by a team of scientists and artists at the Goetheanum <<https://www.goetheanum.org/en/>>. The exhibition explores many strands of science, philosophy, art and education

theory. It is a fascinating exploration of the science of colour, how different colours affect us all, and the power of colour. A wide and varied programme of events will run alongside the exhibition. For more information or to get involved please visit experienceCOLOUR.org or email ifg@rmlt.org.uk

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.

W.R.Edgar Therapies - **Pilates instruction**

Class, small group or 1 to 1 training, Beginners / intermediate

For more information and bookings please call / text: 07969 797709

Yoga Classes at Elmfield. Tuesdays 7pm – Hatha; Thursday 8pm – Yin; Sunday 9.30am – Hatha. 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

Children's Summer Camp – 21st to 31st July 2018 at Colin Godman's farm, Furners Green, near Forest Row, Sussex. For children from 7 to 14 years of age of all backgrounds. Games, singing, art and craft projects, organic farm food, treasure hunt, hiking, improvisation, swimming ... This is an initiative of The Christian Community in Stroud, Gloucestershire
Full details at www.cc-camps.org

HEALTH

W.R.Edgar Therapies - For **Sports, Remedial and Relaxation therapy treatments.**

Couch or seated treatments available. For further information about treatments or to book an appointment please Call / Text: 07969 797709 Facebook page: [w.r.edgar therapies](https://www.facebook.com/w.r.edgar.therapies)

Chakra Cycle Workshop - Tuesday 12th June, 7.30 - 9.30pm

- Learn about the annual and 7 year cycles connected to the 7 main chakras
- Find out how they influence our child's emotional development
- Develop a deeper understanding of your own & your child's experience, to create a
- stronger connection

Venue ~ The Bridge House, Stourbridge Cost for 2 hr Workshop & handout £30

****Pre booking essential as limited places**** Please contact Jennie Harrison on jennie@jennieharrison.com or 07530153955 for more info or to book

MUSIC MATTERS

Singing Day for Grown Ups - Saturday 9th June, 10am - 4pm

Come and sing with Stream of Sound! The last singing day, despite the snow, was a resounding success! Come along and sing a wide variety of 'A Capella' music with us: American shape-note hymns, South African folk songs, ancient Georgian polyphony and beautiful English traditional melodies! Cost just £10:00 for the day, book via caroline.price@elmfield.com or siobhan.king@elmfield.com.

Cello pupils concert on Friday 8th June at 7pm in the Eurythmy room. An evening of cello solos, duets & group pieces by the Elmfield cello pupils. Call Sarah Tustain for details on 07969 036913

Folk Fortnight starts on 11th June, and there will be events (concert/ceilidh etc) on Friday 15th and Friday 22nd June at 7:30 pm. Put the dates in your diary, and we'll let you know very soon about the amazing musicians who will be visiting us!

SERVICES

English Tuition: For students aged 11-16 years.

I am a local English teacher with many years of experience teaching in the Stourbridge area. I have successfully taught in local schools and created individual learning plans and programmes of work for whole classes and one to one. My lessons are unique and are designed with the whole student in mind. They are developmentally appropriate, and use texts that are carefully chosen to suit each individual.

I have vacancies for local students who are at school, home educated or just need a little extra attention. If you think I can help your child in their studies, call or email me now for a free consultation - 01384 380286 alison.cooke4@btinternet.com

Gary (Elmfield parent) offering **professional gardening services and handyman help**. 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

Do you need a face painter for your child's birthday party? I am a self-taught face painter for children's parties and events. I can create children's favourites such as frozen, Spiderman, batman and other super hero's etc, animals, butterflies and Princesses and much more. I only use the best products for face painting available which are Snazaroo. If you would like to discuss or have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07580982278 - Syeda Khan (elmfield parent)

Hello, I am Tara Rose, a class 11 pupil and I am looking for jobs. I can do **cleaning (all sorts), babysitting, dog walking & cat sitting**. If you think I can be of use, please contact Rosa, my mum, on 07986 313838.

ACCOMMODATION

House for sale at 6, Leonard Rd, Dy8 3LU; 3 bedrooms, garden, driveway; 1.5 miles from Elmfield School. £165 000. Phone Tim on 01384 396702 or mobile 07469799568

3 bedroom house for rent in Princes Road, Norton. Easy walk to school. Available end of June. Martin and Jan Wilkes 01527 821287

Rental House Wanted in Stourbridge area for reliable family of 4 at Elmfield (2 girls ages 5 and 13). Long term let required. We are available to move in any between now and summer 2019. Please contact Emma if you know of anywhere. 07973 376 267. Many thanks.

David and Marie-Reine Adams who once lived in Stourbridge (Marie-Reine taught eurythmy at Elmfield) and also Botton Village, will be in Stourbridge during the summer. They will be searching for furnished accommodation (flat or house) between Sept 1st and December 31st. Marie-Reine will be joining the Mystery Drama production in Stroud. She would also like to offer eurythmy therapy, baby-sitting, cleaning or any other work needed. Any help gratefully received!

Please contact Rosanne Adams (rosanneadams@yahoo.co.uk) Tel: 01384390095 I will forward to them.

Holiday House Swap in August 2018!

My Mum & Dad live in Normandy in a lovely modern wooden house, 40 mins from Cherbourg and 10 mins from beautiful beaches. They need to be in Stourbridge for 1 to 2 weeks during the period 13th - 24th August (final dates TBC) - ring me if you might be interested in swapping homes with them. Sarah Clay 07752 165342

Finca (cottage) in Mallorca with small swimming pool, sleeps 6 (+ 2 in independent Casita outside) surrounded by fields but in walking distance to delightful village square, with bank, chemist and shops. 20 minutes by car from the airport and with good bus and train connections all over the island. Two families could go together but be independent.

See <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/430885> for photos and details, but much lower rates will apply: email Graham at kennish46@gmail.com or phone 07973 680959

OPPORTUNITIES

2-year biodynamic horticulture and farming training in the West Midlands, available at Vale Head Farm in Kinver and Sunfield Farm in Clent. We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated people to work and live on a biodynamic farm. Trainees receive a full training package including regular weekend courses, ongoing tutorials and support, accommodation, spending money and farm produce. The training is run by Ruskin Mill Trust and is a practical training in Biodynamic Agriculture, within the context of human development and education. The aim of training programme is to:

- Equip participants with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to become an independent and confident land worker, in order to work in agriculture/horticulture.
- Provide participants with the opportunity and attributes to work with people with differing educational and developmental needs in a therapeutic context through land-based activities.

For further information see <http://biodynamictraining.org/> or contact Ed Berger on 07977 174 772 or ed.berger@ghc.rmt.org

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Do you have a Cheese plant that is too large for your room? The Staff Room needs a large plant (we have the pot waiting for it!) and we thought an unwanted Cheese plant may fit the bill. Please let reception know if you have a plant you would like to donate. Many thanks. Elmfield staff.

Exercise Bike - Does anyone have an exercise bike that they no longer use and would like to sell? If so, please contact Beth 07946 624 261

Last but not least...

“Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine.”

Mario Fernández

