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Fri Dec 9	7.00pm	Gallimaufry
Mon Dec 12	7.30pm	Teachers' Christmas Play followed by Carol Singing - Hall
Wed Dec 14	12.30pm 1.50pm for 2 pm	Early Years End of Term Christmas School Festival - Hall
Thurs Dec 15	12.00 noon 8.30am – 4.00pm	School closes for Christmas holidays Gift shop open
Fri Dec 16	8.30am – 4.00pm	Gift shop open
Sat Dec 17	10 am – 2 pm 7.30pm	Gift shop open Stream of Sound Concert - Hall
Mon Dec 19	10am - 2 pm	Gift shop open
Tues Dec 20	10 am – 2 pm	Gift shop open
Thurs Jan 5 2017		Spring term begins
Wed Jan 11	7.30pm	PTFA Meeting Learning Support Room

Please email any entries 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

### School Vacancies

**Temporary Teaching opportunity** – We are in need of people with skills in Woodwork and/or Metalwork, who would be available from January until mid-July 2017. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact the school office ASAP.

### Teacher's Play – Monday 12th December at 7.30pm

This being Elmfield's 70th Anniversary year, the teachers have chosen to offer as their gift the "Mack Play". This is based upon the York mystery plays, reworked by the school's founder Eileen Hutchins. A little different from our usual Oberufer play, it offers iconic pictures and plenty of humour too. Music for the play will be performed by an octet from Stream of Sound. After the play there will be carols and mince pies. Do come and join us – all are welcome and it will be an evening to enjoy.

### Christmas School Festival – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1.50pm for 2.00pm start

Do come along to the Christmas School Festival in the Hall, there will be music, songs and much more. Please be seated by 1.50pm for a 2pm start and if you have very young children do sit at the back near to the door and be prepared to take them out of the Hall if they become restless to ensure that they do not disturb the pupils when they are performing. Many thanks.

### Advent Deed

Thank you to all the pupils/staff/parents who have donated money for Mary Stevens Hospice. We are still collecting for this until the end of term. Many thanks, Elaine Sheppard.

### Painless Fundraising for Elmfield!

Parents and friends of Elmfield can trigger an automatic donation to Elmfield when shopping online if they place their order by going first to: [www.thegivingmachine.com](http://www.thegivingmachine.com) Many online retailers are registered there, including Amazon, Ebay, Next and major supermarkets. You need to register the first time you use it, and nominate Elmfield to receive a commission each time you shop. Especially at Christmas, this steady trickle of small donations is a useful addition to our funds. Many thanks, Carrie Smith.

### Careers Talks

Upper School for the New Year: we are in the process of organising a series of talks and would like to ask the wider community if you (or anyone you know) would come in and talk to us about your chosen career path and give us a little window into that world. If so, please could you contact us at [elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com](mailto:elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com) or [sue.dutton@elmfield.com](mailto:sue.dutton@elmfield.com) as soon as possible. We are seeking people from a wide variety of careers/jobs/vocations to help our Upper School students with thinking about their future steps.

## PTFA

Email address: [elmfieldptfa@gmail.com](mailto:elmfieldptfa@gmail.com)

**Elmfield 70th Birthday Mugs, Notebooks and Bags** Mugs, bags and notebooks celebrating Elmfield 70th Birthday are now available to buy. Order forms are available from the office or the shop. Makes a great Christmas present to past pupils and staff. Mugs £3 each, large bags £2.50 each, small bags £2 each and notebook with pen £2.50 each. Receive a free birthday postcard with any order.

**Greenery** Please help yourself to the greenery outside the yellow passage. Ideal for wreath making and decorating the home ready for Christmas.

**Parents' Library** Open every Wednesday throughout the term (8.45am - 9.30am.) Located in the Learning Support Room (off the main entrance foyer.) Please sign in at reception and wear a visitor's badge whilst using the library. The Library Team

## MUSIC MATTERS

**Choroi Flutes** Do you have any Choroi Flutes which you don't use anymore and would like to sell? If so, please contact [jedidja.butijn@elmfield.com](mailto:jedidja.butijn@elmfield.com) or come and see Jedidja in Class 1 and I will put you in contact with Class 1 parents.

**Christmas Concert - Saturday 17th December 7:30, Elmfield School Hall** Stream of sound would like to welcome you and your family to an evening of unusual carols and songs for winter. The singers are intent on bringing you tasty refreshments, delicious harmonies and plenty of good cheer to start your Christmas off on the right note! No tickets, just donations on the door.

**More good news!** Just arrived - new Christmas CD!!! Spanning the last five years of Stream of Sound singers, and covering seven centuries worth of music, this CD will bring warmth into your sitting room, or car, for the winter. Available from the school bookshop now, or from any SOS member.

**Piano and Violin lessons** offered during school hours or locally after school. Please contact [levi.french@elmfield.com](mailto:levi.french@elmfield.com)

## SALES AND WANTED ETC

**The following are offered FREE but a donation to Medecins Sans Frontieres would be appreciated:**

- Antique bureau: three drawers and pull down piece for desk. Inside the desk compartment are small drawers/pigeon holes etc. All original brass handles. There is a bit of damage but it doesn't really show if the bureau is in an alcove!
- Fold up Ikea type desk - it only has a work top with small compartment for pencils etc. Useful as a homework desk.
- Table - extendable. Useful as a work/mess surface.
- Wooden high chair which converts into a small chair and table.

Please contact Rosanne Adams: 01384 390095

**House for Sale** As parents of children who attended Elmfield we realise how important it is to be near to the school to take full advantage of what is offered. We will be placing our house in South Avenue for sale soon through an estate agency but would like to make members of the Elmfield community aware first. Without estate agent speak we have the following: link/end of terrace detached property in the 'Old Quarter' with two large reception rooms, three bedrooms, kitchen/utility, bathroom, extra downstairs toilet, cellar/office, large garden, garage plus possible off-road parking; many period features. It will be priced around £389,950. If you would like more information please contact us on 01384 833108 or 07515 146330. John and Lesley Henley.

**For Sale** Mixed bag of 50 books (Including 3 hardbacks), good condition, available in batches of 10 for £5 or job lot for £30. Unused pink and white teddy changing mat - £5. Vidal Sasson hair straighteners £5. 4 x Jigsaws (all 500 pieces) - 50p each. 4 x Board Games (all complete) £1.50 each. Telephone Lynne on 01384 353616.

**Wanted** Second-hand sturdy wooden work bench with vices. Rainer - [rainer.klocke@btinternet.com](mailto:rainer.klocke@btinternet.com)

**Au pair from Germany** We are looking for a family to stay with from 1 April to 21 May, or in summer 2017, for our son Titus who is nearly 16. We are a family of four with two boys who both attend a Rudolf Steiner School near Frankfurt. I graduated from another Steiner School in 1990 and was myself an au pair in England in the family of the eurythmy teacher at Michael Hall. My husband and I are both music educators and work at a music school. Titus would like to help in a family with young children he has an excellent reference from a Demeter biofarm near Frankfurt where he has helped several times in the past. Please email Berit at [fb.lang@t-online.de](mailto:fb.lang@t-online.de) or call on 0049 1712 781494.

## EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

**Gallimaufry** on Friday 9th December from 7pm until around 9pm in the Eurythmy Room. Come and share your musical talents, join in with our impromptu folk band or just listen. All welcome - pupils small and big, teachers, parents and friends. As always, bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6pm on 01384 442106.

**Change your habits for the new year!** Psychophonetics counselling can help us to become aware of and to change our old habitual ways of thinking, feeling and acting in the world. These old habits keep us stuck in the same old track with the same old difficulties, both internal and external. It is possible to step out of that track and find that there are many possibilities and choices for dealing with what we meet in our lives. Psychophonetics, as well as talking, uses body work and imagination to go deeper into ourselves. Come and have a free trial session (with no obligation). Or find out more about it by calling: Jacqui Williams 07986 747826.

**Find Words for Yourself** A new 5 week course to help people to express themselves through writing. You will be taken through a process to enable you to connect to different parts of yourself: both painful and difficult feelings, as well as your hopes and dreams can express themselves through your writing, unlocking your creativity. You may be surprised by your own wisdom. We wish to provide a safe and supportive space for people struggling in their lives in one way or another. No experience of writing necessary. At the Coach House, Old Swinford, Stourbridge on Monday mornings 10.30-1.00 9<sup>th</sup> January-6<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Cost: £50 (£35 concessions) for the course. For more information: [www.purplehats.co.uk](http://www.purplehats.co.uk). To book a place and make enquiries contact Jacqui Williams 07986 747826 or Sue Gazey 07813 070610.

**Peg Loom Workshop** Come and learn the simple craft of peg loom weaving using sheep's fleece and take home a fabulous handmade, natural piece that can be used as a wall-hanging, seat pad or cushion cover. The workshop will be held at Churchill Village Hall, Iverley on Saturday 25<sup>h</sup> February from 10am – 1 pm. Places are £30 for early bird bookings before 4th February and £35 for people booking thereafter. Spaces are limited and are filling up fast. To book please visit my website at [www.facebook.com/thecrazylittlesheepco](http://www.facebook.com/thecrazylittlesheepco), or you can email me at [thecrazylittlesheepco@gmail.com](mailto:thecrazylittlesheepco@gmail.com) or call me on either 07980 777498 or 01384 671554. Any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me, Alex Greaves.

**Christmas Storytelling Workshop.** Find your voice as a storyteller in a one day workshop for adults to learn the skills of telling stories to children 'heart to heart' with experienced storyteller and facilitator Julie Neale. Saturday 10th December at The Christian Community, Baylie Street, Stourbridge. 10.00am - 4.00pm. £35/£25 concs. For bookings/further information: [julie@storiesmatter.co.uk](mailto:julie@storiesmatter.co.uk)

**Midwifery Taster Course** 1 Day introduction to the work of midwives, by independent midwives, takes you from history through to contemporary practice. Includes theory, anatomy and physiology, midwifery equipment and regulation. Choice of attending antenatal classes, aqua natal sessions, maternity forums. Courses held at central Birmingham venue. For information and bookings contact Elsie Gayle 07815 308180.

**Emerson College's "Art of Vegetarian Cooking" programme** begins in January 2017; two students will work alongside our chef (Monday to Friday), cooking for between 20 and 60 people each lunchtime preparing fresh, tasty and nutritious meals with love for the people who will eat them. You will gain practical and theoretical knowledge in vegetarian cooking, food hygiene, menu planning and nutrition. Further details and application form can be found at [www.emerson.org.uk/vegcooking](http://www.emerson.org.uk/vegcooking)

**Youth Initiative Program Internship Fundraiser** I am writing on behalf of YIP9, the ninth year of The International Youth Initiative Program based in Ytterjarna, Sweden and would like to ask for your help with our online fundraising campaign. Some of you may remember me as I was a pupil at the school for quite a few years. We (my 22 friends/housemates/classmates) are raising money to be able to go on out internships, a cornerstone of the program's curriculum. We are headed to 5 different continents to share what we have learnt in our course so far and learn from the various initiatives we will be visiting. Please check out our campaign page at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/yip9-in-the-world-internship-fundraiser#/> for more information. Rebeca Lopez Walker and YIP9

**Transforming the Food System** Saturday 10th December 7pm for 7.30pm. Transition Stourbridge presents an evening with a talk, short film and questions/discussion. All welcome! Talk: Forager and nutrition researcher Owen Raybould - 'Can healthy eating save the planet?' - about Ecological farming, Soil science, Climate change and Human health. Short Film: Featuring the 'Incredible Edible' grow your own food network in West Yorkshire. Refreshments available. Entry by donation. [www.transitionstourbridge.co.uk](http://www.transitionstourbridge.co.uk)

## SERVICES

**Babysitter available!** Ex Elmfield student aged 19, charging £6.50 an hour. I am friendly, responsible and reliable with lots of experience babysitting and working with children. I live in the Old Quarter and I'm readily available. Please call or text on 07412 740213. Thank you. Rhiannon Kenny.

**Thoroughly Helping Hands** are excited to be recruiting! We are looking for individuals, who share our vision, join us on a part time, self-employed basis. For further information and an application form please email [georgie.britton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:georgie.britton@yahoo.co.uk) or call her on 07792 775751. Information will also be on our website: [www.thoroughlyhelpinghands@mail.com](mailto:www.thoroughlyhelpinghands@mail.com)

**GCSE French tutor** Does your child need help preparing for their French exams? I am Juliet Hall, an experienced French tutor and former Elmfield student with an excellent track record in helping students achieve their desired GCSE results. I pride myself on offering tutoring at extremely competitive rates, in a non-intimidating and friendly environment, with tailor-made lesson plans according to each pupil's needs. I am currently studying at Cardiff University but will be back in Stourbridge and available for tutoring over the festive season, whether for a one-off lesson or on a regular basis - it's entirely up to you. To find out more, please get in touch at [sjwaliet1@gmail.com](mailto:sjwaliet1@gmail.com)

**Suffering from Low Back Pain?** Muscular Tension in Neck Shoulders? Joint Problems? Physiotherapy (holistic approach), Rhythmical Massage Therapy, and 1-1 Modified Pilates are offered as separate therapies or as an integrated approach at Elysia Therapeutic Centre (locally). For appointments and more information, please phone Anna van Zelder 07789 852378

**Eurythmy student offers** home and cleaning services, children's care, Spanish classes. Weekends and evenings during the week. 12 years of education experience and very loving and trustful presence for children, of all ages. Please contact for further information 0784 985 9970 [flechadefe@gmail.com](mailto:flechadefe@gmail.com)

**Gardening services** offered by Gary (Elmfield parent) including general maintenance, edible landscape gardening and vertical indoor/outdoor growing systems. Please contact me to find out more - 07584 088176 [ecoponix@gmail.com](mailto:ecoponix@gmail.com)

**Need a babysitter? Please, call me.** You've seen me around... I'm Patricia, the Spanish volunteer teacher in Kindergarten and cover in Class One. Weekdays: from 3:15 pm (earlier may be a possibility). Weekends & Holidays: anytime. £7/hour. +34 678 55 07 06 (as this is my Spanish number you can whatsapp me and I'll call you back). Thank you. Patricia

**A birthday present for your child** A puppetry performance with Little Red Riding Hood, could be presented at your home, or any other place you choose as a birthday party venue. For more information please visit <http://childrenstories.uk/> If interested, please contact Maria on 07741208450 or by email: [maria@childrenstories.uk](mailto:maria@childrenstories.uk)

***"It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live."***

*J.K Rowling – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*