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Tues May 23	7.30 pm Stream of Sound Eurythmy Room
Wed May 24	7.30 pm Class 5 Parents' Evening
Thurs May 25	Ascension Day walk to Wychbury Hill (weather permitting)
Thurs 25 & Fri 26 May	7.00 pm A Midsummer Night's Dream play by Class 8
Fri May 26	School closes for half term
Sun June 4	7.30 pm Whitsun Festival Eurythmy Room
Mon June 5	School reopens
Mon June 5	Class 7 on class trip to Lake District
Wed June 7	6.30 pm PTFA Learning Support Room

Please email any entries by the end of Tuesday 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

Eurythmy Teacher needed for September We're looking for an experienced Eurythmy Teacher for Classes 5 to 8 and some Modules in the Upper School. 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. If you wish to know more about this exciting opportunity please email Diana Ball, on diana.ball@elmfield.com. Application forms must be received by **22nd May 2017** via email to info@elmfield.com or post to Elmfield School, Love Lane, Stourbridge, DY8 2EA. CVs will not be accepted. No agencies please.

Learning Support Assistant 15 hours per week, varied timetable, Monday – Friday, term time only, starting September 2017. We are looking for an outstanding individual to join our Learning Support Team. To apply, you should have a sound track record of supporting children to achieve their potential, particularly at middle school age. You will be supporting one child within the classroom and you will be expected to join in and contribute to classroom activities with all of the children when appropriate. You will need to be a team player and should be prepared to independently research relevant conditions and attend relevant training. The salary is based on £8.16 per hour. For further information and application form, please go to www.elmfield.com. Closing date: 25th May.

Chair of Council We are looking for an individual to chair our Council of Management – the school's Governing Body. You will be accountable for managing major risks, strategic decision-making, approval of significant changes, supporting the school's leadership and holding school leaders to account. The Chair of Council is a voluntary post. To apply, you should be diplomatic, confidential and constructive, and you should have a genuine passion for Waldorf education. Further details about this role can be found on the school website. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact our current Chair, Maarten Ekama, by 25th May 2017. His email address is: ekamam@live.de.

Elmfield String Orchestra! We're starting a new string orchestra ... would you and your child like to join? All ages and abilities welcome. First get together will be on Wednesday 24th May (Eurythmy room) at 3:30pm for an hour. For more information contact Rachel rachyfrench@me.com

Adults' Eurythmy Before half term there will be 3 sessions starting Wednesday 10th May at 8pm. We will start exploring 4 temperaments in eurythmy. Cost: £15 (£5 per session). Everybody warmly welcome! Contact either Tomie Boardman 01384 821811 tomie.boardman@elmfield.com or Alice Barnsdale 07470 303774 alice.barnsdale@elmfield.com Or just turn up!

The Elmfield grounds need you... Are you desperate for more fresh air, exercise and the chance to make a difference? Volunteering at Elmfield could be the answer! We would be really grateful for any help you can offer in the grounds with general maintenance, leaf collecting, tidying up, etc. With Spring here it's the perfect time to be outside helping making a real difference to the school. You'll need to be DBS cleared as the work would take place during school hours (we can help you get your DBS if you don't have one). If this sounds like just the sort of opportunity you've been looking for then please contact the school office (01384 394633) and let them know. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sainsburys vouchers The time to collect these when you shop has now ended, so if anyone is still holding onto any vouchers please bring them into school and pop them in the box at the office. Please could we have them by half term to enable us to get them counted and make the order in good time. We always get a lot of gym and cookery equipment for the school with these so will be grateful for as many as possible. Thankyou. Maigread

Elmfield Gift Shop Extended range of *Green Pebble* greeting cards now in. Not only are they very reasonably priced - they also have 'heart & soul!' Featuring the work of British artists with a few words from the artists themselves. *Offer of the Week:* At just £9.90 we have a limited supply *Dr. Hauschka* Moor Lavender Calming Bath Essence 100ml (40% off RRP £16.50) Great gift idea - or why not treat yourself! *Weleda* toothpaste - Salt, Plant Gel, Rhatania & Children's Tooth Gel - all at £1 off. The Shop Team

PTFA

Email address: elmfieldptfa@gmail.com

Summer Fayre A call out for singers, songwriters and bands to perform on the festival stage at our Summer Fayre on Sunday June 25th. If you are interested please contact Julia on 07828 591456.

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. Books can be requested and returned via the School Shop if you are unable to come on Wednesdays. If you want to 'try before you buy' - we have just added some back copies of 'New View' Magazine to our shelves. 2015/2016 editions - filled with fascinating articles and book reviews. The Library Team

MUSIC MATTERS

For Sale Full size Stentor Violin with case - £50. This violin was refurbished by David Luff (who some of you may know) and it has served us well over the past two years. Please contact Joanne on 07910 538052 or ask for me at Reception.

Violin lessons Available from Elmfield's violin teacher, Rachel French. All ages and standards welcome. Free trial lesson. For more information or to arrange a lesson please contact me by email at rachyfrench@me.com

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Stourbridge and Halesowen Life Group are in need of baby girl clothes for 12 months - 2 years for the Welcome Refugee and Asylum Settlers Group in Halesowen. If you can help please contact Emma Cartwright on 07973 376 267. Thankyou.

For Sale: Small open plan wooden self assemble (already assembled) doll's house (made in Germany). It has some wooden doll occupants and a few items of wooden furniture. Suitable for younger child. £15 to Medical Aid for Palestinians. Rosanne 300095

For Sale: Small fold away pine desk (Ikea type). Suitable for younger child. Donation to Medical Aid for Palestinians. Rosanne 390095

I am a eurythmy student and am looking for accommodation from September 2017. In my final year I would love to live with an elder person (or a couple) who would appreciate my company and help. Dasha. Please call until 23 June. 07522620846 (evening hours)

AU PAIR IN FRANCE (Paris region) We are a family of French and Russian professional musicians looking for a new au pair to look after our very sweet nine year old son. He has started his primary education at the Waldorf school, as did both of his elder sisters, however, now he is attending an english speaking school. We are looking for a native English speaker to stay with him in the afternoon and help him with homework. We live in a peaceful and quiet area just outside of Paris (St-Germain-en-Laye). You would have your own room and living area separate from that of our family's. You would also be able to attend the french classes next to our house. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information! Family Saitkoulov Tel : +33 6 51 62 70 54 email: claire.oppert@gmail.com

Au pair in Germany opportunity

We're a German and Mongolian family. We live in Freital bordering to Dresden in a new house with lots of space both inside and outside. We have two children, our daughter Sanja is 3 years old and our son Darwin is 9 months old. We educate our children using Rudolf Steiner (Waldorf) methods. We looking for a Scottish girl to live and learn with us for one or two years. You can be a part of our family. You should help my wife with the children and see necessary work byself. You have enough free time. You can learn German if you like. We'll help you. I'm native German. My wife knows the grammar better than me :-). We're currently staying in Edinburgh until end of May. If you like you can meet us! Email: sylvio@melodoi.de Mob.: [00491635868781](tel:00491635868781) More information about us at: https://www.aupairworld.com/de/aupair_detail?a=3805212#letters

3 bedroom house wanted Family returning to the UK with young son enrolled at Elmfield and baby are looking for a 3 bedroomed house to rent in Stourbridge, preferably from September. If you are able to help please phone Vicky or Paul at 01384 873080, 07768 942032 – paulrandon@btinternet.com

Wanted - 3 bed house with garden for new Elmfield parents. Rent or buy. Not too far from school. Contact Naomi 07479 202522.

To rent - 3 bed house on outskirts of Romsley; option of ¾ acre paddock. Large garden, outbuilding, £800 pcm. Contact Sally on 07715 653746.

MAGIC DVDS 6 DVDS available free to any budding magician. Learn cups and balls, linking rings, card tricks etc. Phone 01384 394 709.

Do you have what it takes to become a Shared Lives Carer? We are in the process of recruiting paid carers for a new Scheme that is being developed in partnership with Dudley MBC. Shared Lives is sometimes described as a bit like 'foster care for vulnerable adults, but it's so much more. You support the person from your own home to develop the skills to be as independent as possible.... it's such a rewarding role! There is also opportunity to take part in social events and celebrations as well as connect to a wealth of support and friendships from within our existing Stourbridge community. You don't need any qualifications or experience, just the right values, commitment and of course.....a spare bedroom. To find out more go to: www.cvt.org.uk/sharedlives or call Dean Barnshaw on 07984 896010 or dean.barnshaw@cvt.org.uk

To celebrate National Shared Lives Week, CVT (Camphill Village Trust) are holding an information event 'Do you have what it takes' with the aim of recruiting new Shared Lives Carers to the CVT Scheme. The event will take place on Wednesday 21st June at 4 Norton Road, Stourbridge, Dudley, DY8 2AE and start at 7pm, refreshments will be provided. Any queries please call Dean Barnshaw on 07984 896010. For further information, please go to: www.cvt.org.uk/sharedlives or follow us on facebook at: Camphill Village Trust.

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Running Wild Fun Day Wolverhampton Grand Theatre is inviting those aged 8-15 to a puppet making workshop on Saturday 10th June linked to the show RUNNING WILD. The workshop will start at 11.30am finishing at 2.00pm with a 30-minute lunch break. The cost of the workshop is £20. Attendees are also invited to watch the matinee performance of RUNNING WILD at 2.30pm with a parent/guardian for an additional £40.50 (plus £3 booking fee). For more information or to purchase a place call Libbie Doyle on 01902 57 33 20 or email at elizabethd@grandtheatre.co.uk.

Update on Circus Raj at the Glasshouse!!! Circus Raj were due to open their UK tour at the Glasshouse, Stourbridge but have had to postpone the start because of unforeseen travel restrictions. However, we are delighted to announce that their sister act, the incredible Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band, will be able to stand in for them and will now be performing their family friendly spectacular music and variety show. They will be joined by the Circus Raj fakir, an Indian street theatre performer of amazing tricks, showing off his juggling, balancing, sword swallowing and other extreme, eye-watering, almost unbelievable circus skills. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to find out more about the colourful and vibrant lifestyle of Rajasthan, join in playing and singing Bollywood songs, take part in a musical parade and try their hand at tie-ing a turban. Tickets 5 adults, children free (up to 3 with paying adult). To book please call 01384 399433

Eurythmy training Have you ever wanted to do something creative but never had time and space to do it? Do your family commitments make it impossible for you to do anything extra, but you secretly long for some movement that keep you happy? If you have answered yes to above questions, please read on. The long awaited part time Eurythmy training is coming to the UK this summer. The weekend sessions take place alternately at the Glasshouse Art Centre, Stourbridge and at Peredur Centre for Arts, East Grinstead, Mid Sussex. Successful students will complete the training with a diploma in Eurythmy issued by Goetheanum, the Section for Performing Arts in Dornach, Switzerland. The training can even be continued to acquire MA Degree. Now may be the time to give your family a chance to support your dream. Be generous. Create a nourishing space for your inner call, and start your own transformational Eurythmic journey this summer. The first Summer Block starts on the weekend of 31st July and ends on 18th August. Please feel free to ask any questions and discuss any concerns you may have. Maren Stott 07825 140119 eurythmywm@gmail.com, www.eurythmy-wm.org.uk

Be Calm, Be Happy – a short course in Mindfulness Monday evenings 19:30-21:30 15th May - 26th June (excluding Bank Holiday) at the Friends Meeting House, 37 Scotts Road, Stourbridge. This 6 week course introduces useful mindfulness and meditation practices to help you lead a calmer, happier life. The teachings are offered in the tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh and are suitable for those of any faith or none. Classes are led by Vari and Bernadette, experienced mindfulness teachers. To find out more and to book go to <https://bcbhsbridge17.eventbrite.co.uk> or email Leonora on admin@coiuk.org for any other questions.

Thoroughly Helping Hands are delighted to announce they now have more thoroughly lovely people waiting to help you. If you need any assistance as long as its moral and legal then we should be able to help you. Please see the website for customer testimonials and more information, or contact Georgie on 07792 775751

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.

Ashtanga Yoga at Elmfield Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Beginners' Ashtanga Yoga Course (10 weeks) - an introduction to Ashtanga Yoga (8 May - 17 July) and Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Improvers' Ashtanga Yoga Course (10 weeks) - for people who have a working knowledge of Ashtanga Yoga (4 May - 13 July). Mind calm - body vibrant. James Critchlow 01384 394702 / 07967 211748 www.yogabirmingham.co.uk

Children's Summer Camp An initiative of The Christian Community in Stroud, Glos. for children from 7 to 15 yrs of age of all backgrounds 22nd July – 1st August 2017 at Camphill Oaklands Park, Newnham, Glos. Games, Singing, Art and Craft projects, Organic Farm food, Treasure Hunt, Hiking, Improvisation, Swimming... Creating experiences for children where they can most wholly and truly be themselves. The Helper team comprises mostly experienced Waldorf Upper School & College Students and Parents under the leadership of Johnny Back and Aaron & Judy Mirkin who have run such camps for many years in South Africa and England. The children grow in social awareness and confidence through shared initiatives and activities together with 60 other children. They gain a whole new set of craft skills, and experience the challenge and joy of taking a creative project through from beginning to end. For more information go to www.cc-camps.org

SERVICES

English tuition Ex Elmfield teacher available for 1:1 or group tuition. All lessons planned in accordance with the Waldorf curriculum, creative, relaxed and intuitive teaching. Home ed. children welcome, all abilities catered for. Age range 11- 14 years, 14-16 years and G.C.S.E. Phone Alison :01384 380286

Anthroposophic medicine Dr. Claudia Kempfen is offering anthroposophic medical consultations at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. Her next clinic is on 27 May 2017. (**n.b. amended date**) To find out more information or to book an appointment, please call Dr. Kempfen directly on 07869 219 559. Alternatively call the Centre on 01384 392072 and we will assist in putting you in contact with her.

Are you suffering from muscular tension in neck or shoulders? Back pain? Joint problems? Physiotherapy (holistic approach), rhythmical massage therapy, 1-1 modified pilates are offered as separate therapies or as an integrated approach at Elysia Therapeutic Centre. For info: www.annavanzelderren.com For appointments please phone Anna: 07789 852378

Last but not least

We are all different. Don't judge, understand instead

Roy T Bennett