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Upcoming Events

Sat 3 Feb	10 – 3.30 pm	Children's Singing Day Hall
Mon 5 Feb	7.30 pm	Class 1 Parents' Evening
	7.30 pm	Class 5 Parents' Evening
Tues 6 Feb	7.30 pm	Class 3 Parents' Evening
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound choir - Eurythmy Room
Wed 7 Feb	8.00 pm	Adults' eurythmy group - Hall
Thurs 8 Feb	7.30 pm	Class 6 Parents' Evening
Fri 9 Feb	7.30 pm	Middle and Upper School Concert
Mon 12 Feb	7.00 pm	AGM of Elmfield Association - Eurythmy Room
Tues 13 Feb	7.25 pm	Open Evening – Staff Room
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound choir - Eurythmy Room
Wed 14 Feb	12.30 & 3.15 pm	Class 3 Valentines Stall
	7.00 pm	Variety Evening – hosted by Class 9 - Hall
	8.00 pm	Adults' eurythmy group - Room tbc
Fri 16 Feb		<i>School closes for half term after lessons</i>
	7.00 pm	Play by Class 11 - Hall
Mon 26 Feb		<i>Teacher Training Day - school closed</i>
Tues 27 Feb		<i>School reopens</i>
Wed 28 Feb	1.00 pm	<i>Deadline for copy for next Loose Ends</i>
Fri 2 Mar	Afternoon	Next issue of Loose Ends
Sat 3 March	10 – 3.30 pm	Adults' Singing Day
Wed 14 March	2.00 pm	Eurythmy Festival
Sat 17 March	TBC	Concert at St James Church, Wollaston for Upper School and Middle School

Elmfield News and Information

A brief roundup of some recent goings on...

- The Upper School took part in a practical, hands-on science day with 'Operating Theatre Live.
- Class 9 performed a comedy version of the Scottish Play that can't be named!
- Class 4 performed a lovely version of "The Six Godly Gifts" based on their study of the Norse Myths.
- C3 have built some amazing models of shelters as part of their Building Main Lesson, which are on display outside the office.

Elmfield pre-loved **Rocking Horses for sale**. Stall outside yellow passage on Monday 12th February 12.00 a.m. Sold as seen. Reasonable offers accepted. Elmfield EYD

Eurythmy Teacher – Vacancy

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.

For more details and the application form please visit the school website at <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/>. Closing date Friday, 16th February 2018.

Class Teacher – Vacancy

To start September 2018. We're looking for an exceptional individual to join our team of committed teachers in September 2018 to take up the post of Class Teacher. You should be a creative individual, prepared to take a group of children on a journey of self-development. Our selection criteria include the following:

- Waldorf Teaching Diploma or state teaching qualification with understanding and experience of Waldorf education
- A genuine passion for Waldorf education and teaching itself
- Commitment to bring learning alive using art, music, drama, the outdoors and other sources of inspiration
- Enthusiasm and flexibility
- Willingness to play a full role in the school community

You may also be expected to contribute to curriculum development and be asked to take on additional responsibilities as required. As with all teaching posts, you'll also need a minimum of grade C in GCSE English and Maths.

For more details and the application form please visit the school website at <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/>.

School Doctor/School Health Professional - Vacancy

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.

Full details and a description of the role are on the school website at <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/>. Closing date Friday, 16th February 2018.

Learning Support Assistant – Vacancy

Monday – Friday, term time only. To start as soon as possible

The Learning Support Assistant (LSA) 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.

You will have:

- Ideally a level 4 or 5 SEN qualification
- A Waldorf Diploma, state teaching qualification or PGCE
- A proven track record of SEN teaching experience
- A genuine enthusiasm for working with children with SEN
- Knowledge and understanding of Steiner Waldorf education
- Excellent organisational skills
- A flexible and positive attitude to work

For more details and the application form please visit the school website at <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/>.

Gym and Games Teacher – Vacancy

We're looking for an exceptional individual to join our team of committed teachers in September 2018 to take up the post of Gym and Games Teacher. You will take a central role in developing this area of school life, including after-school activities.

You will lead the teaching of Gym and Games curriculum at Elmfield. You will be responsible for groups of pupils up to 27 in number per class, between the ages of 8 and 17 years. You will need to plan, prepare and teach suitable Waldorf Gym and Games lessons and maintain the progress of all pupils through the subject at a pace suitable to their age, development and ability in line with the School's curriculum policy. You will be expected to lead one or two after-school Games clubs per week. Full details and a description of the role are on the school website at <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/>. Closing date Friday, 9th March 2018.

Are you interested in taking up a **part-time cookery teaching position** at Elmfield in September? Please send expressions of interest along with your relevant experience to info@elmfield.com. A job description will then be forwarded to you in due course.

Elmfield Gift Shop: We've added to our Book Bargain boxes - inc titles from Floris, Temple Lodge, Sophia, Clairview & Rudolf Steiner Press. Time-limited offer on all Faith in Nature shampoos & conditioners - £4.20 each. Dr Hauschka offer - free Daily Hydrating Eye Cream (2.5ml) with purchase of selected full-sized day creams. Limited availability only! New from Weleda - tinted lip balms. Lip care with a hint of colour - nude, rose & berry red £6.95/10ml. Finally, we have replenished our toy shelves - old favourites have returned and new lines added inc. wooden puzzles & games, train whistles, Viking horns and many more pocket money priced toys! The Shop Team

Parents' Library: Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in the Elmfield Gift Shop. This week we want to promote 'Learning with Nature: A how-to guide to inspiring children through outdoor games and activities' by Marina Robb with foreword by naturalist, Chris Packham. A beautiful book packed with loads of ideas to encourage natural play - whatever the weather! The Library Team

Please scroll down/turn to the next page for community events, services, etc.

Wider Community

Ring lost on Tuesday 30th January at around 08:50 on the private lane off Love Lane opposite the entrance to Elmfield School. It has huge sentimental value and is a simple band with sapphires and diamonds. I would be grateful for its safe return & can be contacted on 07896 560999.



EVENTS

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.

ENSWaP Conference 2018 - "Digital Reality in the Waldorf School" - 13-15 April 2018 - Bologna, Italy

Digital technology has become part of our everyday life. Some people embrace it without any questions, others demonise it – but for most of us it is an exciting challenge. At our conference we aim to look further than the question of whether to use smartphones at school. We would like to explore such issues as:

How can we find the right balance for our children? What is age-appropriate digital education? How to remain human and humane in this digital world? How to prevent game or social media addiction? What is SDD? What will the future look like? Together we, parents, teachers, experts, pupils, can find some answers which help us in our daily lives.

The registration fee is €150 which includes the full programme and all food and beverages offered throughout the conference. The final programme and other information will be posted to the conference page (<http://enswap.org/conferences/2018-bologna/>) where you'll also find contact details to enquire about registering.

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

Ashtanga Yoga at Elmfield Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Beginners' Course (10 weeks) - an introduction to Ashtanga Yoga (8 January - 26 March) and Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Improvers' Course (10 weeks) - for people who have a working knowledge of Ashtanga Yoga (11 January - 22 March). Mind calm - body vibrant. James Critchlow 01384 394702 / 07967211748 www.yogabirmingham.co.uk

HEALTH

Aromatherapy, Yin Yoga & Gong Healing Day Retreat - Saturday 10th February 11am to 4pm, £45 book in advance, just a few places remaining. In the Eurythmy Room, Elmfield School, Love Lane, Stourbridge. Come and join us for a very special one day chakra workshop. Physical, emotional and energetic release & re-balance. The morning consists of an aromatherapy workshop in which you'll get a blend of high-grade oils mixed for your personal needs and then we'll do a group guided chakra meditation. After lunch there'll be a



Children's Summer Camp

An initiative of The Christian Community in Stroud, Glos.

For children from 7 to 14 yrs of age of all backgrounds

21st July – 31st July 2018

Colin Godman's Farm, Furners Green nr Forest Row, Sussex

Games, Singing, Art and Craft projects, Organic Farm food, Treasure Hunt, Hiking, Improvisation, Swimming...

WWW.CC-CAMPS.ORG

Creating experiences for children where they can most wholly and truly be themselves. Every child is precious and has something important to bring to the world, regardless of their apparent challenges. The Helper team comprises mostly experienced Waldorf Upper School & College Students and Parents under the leadership of Dominic Corbett, Hagar Geula and Aaron Mirkin. Aaron has 18 years of experience running such camps in South Africa and England. The children grow in social awareness and confidence through shared initiatives and activities together with 70 other children. They gain new skills, and experience the challenge and joy of taking a creative project through from beginning to end.

Aaron Mirkin 01453 299311 ccstroud@talktalk.net



gorgeous Yin Yoga & a powerful, rejuvenating Gong Healing session.
Contact Nicola Heathcote on 07929 627271 to book or for more information

Sacred Lotus Centre: **Organic Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Reiki, Crystals and Reiki Drum**
February Dates: 20.02.18 - Reiki Share; 24.02.18 - Drumming Circle; 27.02.18 - Reiki Level One: Self Healing
Mobile: 07952 477545 Website: www.sacredlotuscentre.com Lisa

Anthroposophic Medical Care available at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre: For pains or stiffness in limbs or spine. Not sure what's going on or nothing seems to help? Dr Rainer Klocke, Consultant Rheumatologist, is available for integrative-medical consultations. To find out more, please call the Centre on 01384 392072.

New Oasis Pathway - Sacred Activism 2018

Alternate Saturdays 9.30am – 12.30pm from 3rd February until 14 April

Oasis is a support group open to anyone looking for new perspectives on life in the face of challenging life circumstances. We work with personal narrative, art and story as a way of describing our inner and outer life experience with a view to stepping into a future rich with new possibility. The new Fourth Pathway, can be taken as a stand-alone course offering a new approach to answering life questions in a dynamic yet soul filled way, with the purpose of living life from a sense of sacred activism.

To find out more or to join: Contact Melanie Taylor on 07810 048 739 or email melanie@elysiahealth.org

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

SERVICES

NEWBORN BABY PHOTOSHOOT - I am training as a newborn baby photographer and I need your help please. My professional photographic partner and I need someone who has had a baby in the last couple of weeks or is due to give birth in the next 3 to 5 weeks to please help us. We will do a full blown newborn baby photo shoot for you - FREE OF CHARGE. You will get 5 high quality JPEG images from us, as a huge big THANK YOU!

First come first served as we can only do one. Please call BRIDGIT on 07726953033

Are you looking for a **baby sitter and/or cleaner**? My name is Tara. I am a pupil in class 11 at Elmfield, looking for work in and around Stourbridge. I can do cleaning, babysitting or dog walking every school day after 4 o' clock, as well as on Sundays. I have experience. If interested, please call 01384-936636 or 07986313838

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

HANDY MAN looking for jobs! Hello Stourbridge, My name is Benjamin, 1st year student at the eurythmy school at the GlassHouse College. I am looking for jobs in fixing and building things. I can help you with all the daily things to fix or bigger works in masonry, carpentry, decorating, maintenance of properties (garden clearance, outdoor works, Fencing...) Please contact me : benjamin.davidlaurence@gmail.com 07858566200

Thoroughly Helping Hands is very excited to announce that we have recently expanded our team of thoroughly lovely helpful people, which means we now have capacity to help more people, particularly in the Stourbridge area in the afternoons, evenings and weekends.

If we can help you in any way that's moral and legal then do please get in touch with Georgie on 07792775751 for a chat. www.thoroughlyhelpinghands.com

Babysitting services: My name is Marie, I am 55 years old, Argentinean/ Portuguese, doing my 3rd year training as Steiner kindergarten teacher and doing my work placement (as a volunteer) at Elmfield Steiner School. I am a mum of two grown up children and have been a childminder and nanny for many years. I have some experience with children with special care needs as well. Availability: weekdays after 2,00pm and nights, anytime at weekends and holidays. £8/hour. Mobile 07918767197. Thankyou.

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.

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

PRIVATE TUITION - Mathematics, Physics and French - Dear Parents, do you feel your daughter or son might benefit from some after-school support in Maths, Physics or French? I taught all three subjects as an upper and middle school teacher at St. Michael Steiner School in London for the last three years before coming to Stourbridge last September to train as a Eurythmist. I have a Waldorf Teacher Training Diploma and an MSc in Physics. I speak fluent English, French and Italian (my mother tongue) as well as some Spanish. I am passionate about my subjects as well as Waldorf Education and I will be happy to support both middle and upper school pupils. Please email elisa.laera@gmail.com or on my mobile at 07943 87 02 06, Elisa Laera

Spanish and Portuguese lessons. My name is Marie, I was born in Portugal but grew up and attended school and University in Argentina. I lived in Portugal for the last 20 years. If you would like to learn or improve your Spanish or Portuguese, please contact me on weekdays after 2pm, or weekends anytime, on this number 07918767197. Thankyou

My name is Maria Fernandez, if you have an interest in **macrobiotics** please contact me: 07983 783399 or mmfernandezjurado@gmail.com (Spanish lessons/conversation also available).

ACCOMMODATION

LARGE DOUBLE ROOM available to rent in Norton, close to Mary Stevens Park, from beginning of February. Sharing with a friendly, young women, who's looking for someone similar to contribute towards a positive living environment. Contact Thalia at 07759210868

OPPORTUNITIES

Income opportunity: Looking for a suitable person to fulfil a weekly school run to and from Worcester (WR5 2AA) to Elmfield school. Arrival at Elmfield 8.45am, collection 3.15pm. Paying £100 per week. Contact: 07391543604

SALES AND WANTED ETC

I have an **upright piano** that was made about 1930s, by B. Squire. It is in key and plays well but has scratches and marks on the wood. We no longer need the piano in the house. It is free to take. Contact Pam 01384 591 911

Last but not least...

"Love is all you need."

The Beatles