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Upcoming Events

Sat 3 March	10 – 4 pm	Adults' Singing Day
Mon 5 March	7.30 pm	Class 1 Parents' Evening
Tues 6 March	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Class 7 Parents' Evening
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound Choir - Eurythmy Room
Wed 7 March	8.00 pm	Adults' Eurythmy Group - Eurythmy Room
Thurs 8 March	12.30 & 3.15	Kindergarten Mothers' Day stall
Fri 9 March	7.00 pm	Disco for Class 7 funds - Hall
Mon 12 March	7.30 pm	E-safety workshop - Hall
Wed 14 March	1.00 pm	<i>Deadline for copy for next Loose Ends</i>
	2.00 pm	Eurythmy Festival - Hall
Fri 16 March	Afternoon	<i>Next issue of Loose Ends</i>
	7.00 pm	Gallimaufrey - Eurythmy Room
Sat 17 March	Evening	Concert at St James' Church - Middle and Upper School pupils involved
Sun 25 March	7.30 pm	Easter Festival - Eurythmy Room - organised by the anthroposophical society
Wed 28 March	1.45 for 2.00 pm	Easter End of Term Festival
		Early Years End of term
Thurs 29 March	12.00 pm	School end of term
Thurs 19 April		Summer term begins

Elmfield News and Information

A brief roundup of some recent goings on...

- Class 11 performed their very funny Play "Romeo you idiot!"
- Class 9 held a very enjoyable Valentine's Night Variety Show with a delicious meal for all the guests.
- C4 went on a trip to Birmingham museum to see the Anglo-Saxon hoard.
- Stream of Sound held a fantastic Singing Day.
- We were treated to a very impressive Middle and Upper School Concert.
- The Fire Services visited classes 4 and 5 to educate them about fire safety.
- Classes 2, 3 and 4 took advantage of the snow to have fun in the park this morning.

Term dates for next year are now available from the office or on the school website.

We have added a new online brochure to the school website showing **examples of Main Lesson work** all the way through from Class 1 to 11. It's a great way of seeing the progression of pupils' work and the amazing range of subjects they cover. You can view the brochure via <http://elmfield.com/the-education/through-the-school/examples-of-main-lesson-work/>

The art department would be grateful for any donations of: Emulsion paint (white or colours); Newspapers - broadsheets e.g. Telegraph or Times; Press (for printing); Type writer; Beads / ribbon / fabric remnants; Tissue paper; Unwanted working camera (digital or film) for pupil use in class; Wall paper; Maps.
Kind regards, Sue Dutton

We have also added a new page to the website where you can find out more information about the **Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship** (SWSF) - <http://elmfield.com/the-school/about-us/steiner-waldorf-schools-fellowship/> Included on this page is the latest copy of the SWSF newsletter and back copies.

A polite reminder – if have any concerns about any elements/areas of the school please contact Lesley Taberer (lesley.taberer@elmfield.com) or Diana Ball (diana.ball@elmfield.com). Our **Concerns and Complaints Policy** can be found under the Policies section of the website - <http://elmfield.com/the-school/key-info/policies/>

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.

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/>.

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 Thursday, 29th March 2018.

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 Thursday, 29th 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: Fairtrade Fortnight 26 Feb - 11 March: We have added to our fairtrade gifts - all at very reasonable prices! Includes the ever-popular wooden mice and mini crystal & coin pouches. New to shelves: Hand carved wooden angels and brocade zipped purses. By popular demand we now have a selection of hanging crystals inc 'Rainbow Maker' crystals in a variety of shapes & sizes and Pegasus & Dragonfly glass ornaments with Swarovski crystals. If you're in Spring cleaning mode - reminder that we stock Ecover, Bio-D & Faith in Nature household cleaning products. The Shop Team

Parents' Library: Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. If you have any queries about using the library, or are searching for a particular book - please email: jackie.inman@elmfield.com The Library Team

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

Wider Community

EVENTS

Tree planting day with Transition Stourbridge - Saturday 10th March, from 10am, come for as long or as short as you can!

After a bit of a lull, here we are, planning a tree planting event! Tom from Vale Head Farm in Kinver has invited us to help with planting 400 Woodland Trust trees. The address is: Compton Road, Kinver, DY7 5NJ. Hot drinks provided, Bring-and-share lunch. Suggested to wear boots and warm clothing. All welcome! Spread the word! Any questions, please call Margy on 07817555204. Hope to see you there!

A workshop exploring your body through experiential learning - Sat 10 March, 2 – 4 pm in the Eurythmy Room at Elmfield.

Join Harriet Quinn - Bodywork Practitioner, Yoga Teacher and Dance Artist – and take time for yourself to drop down into your internal world, learning techniques to release habitual patterns in the body. We will connect with our body systems through slow, guided, mindful movement explorations. Delving deeper into felt experience through cultivating Body Awareness. This practice allows you to release held patterns of pain, quiet the mind and help navigate your way to a holistic perception of self.

Open to anyone interested in bodywork, movement, meditation and mindful yoga, or anyone suffering with back pain or postural problems.

Prices: £20 waged; £15 unwaged/concession To book or for more details please get in touch with Harriet directly on 07512352360 or by email hpquinn@hotmail.co.uk.

Three Seed Garden - Steiner based Handwork course

Learn How to Teach Craft to Children from Kindergarten to age 12, with a holistic approach and natural materials. This is a year-long Handwork Course: 2 Saturdays a month from September 2018-July 2019. The course leaders, Cecilie Telle and Sevim Metin, describe the course as a unique Handwork Course where you will learn many natural, age appropriate, seasonal and traditional crafts, underpinned by Steiner educational principles and it's Handwork curriculum.

There will also be lectures and workshops run by other experienced visiting tutors.

Cost of the Handwork course: £1850 includes all material and food

For more info please visit www.threeseedgarden.com or Email: create@threeseedgarden.com or call 07813981795 (Sevim)

Instagram: [three_seed_garden](#) Address: Three Seed Garden, 122 rectory Rd, London N16 7SD

They also run short courses such as: Natural dye, felted slippers, mending, and willow basketry.

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

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

HEALTH

Gifting Mum with a nurturing treatment! Treatment Gift Vouchers are available at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre, Stourbridge. Offering a wide range of therapies to provide both relaxation and rejuvenation; the perfect treat for mothers!

To arrange a voucher simply pop into the Centre between 9.30 am and 3 pm, email info@elysiacentre.org or call us on 01384 392072. We are also happy to arrange the voucher be delivered directly to you or the recipient.

Some of the many gift treatment ideas include: Rhythmical Massage, Reflexology, Holistic Skin Care Facials, Therapeutic Art, a session of Eurythmy and Kinesiology – Touch for Health balance.

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

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)

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

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

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 contact me via email at elisa.laera@gmail.com or on my mobile at 079 43 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

Handyman 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

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).

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

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

MUSIC MATTERS

CALLING ALL MUSCIANS YOUNG AND OLD - Our next GALLIMAUFURY will be on Friday 16th March 2018. Come along and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen on Friday 16th March from 7 pm until around 9 pm in the Eurythmy room. Gallimaufry is an open musical evening and all are welcome - pupils small and big, teachers, parents and friends. We try and have one very term and we are now in our 10th year! As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6 pm on 01384 442 106.

ACCOMMODATION

HOUSE FOR SALE: 4-bedroom Victorian semi-detached house in Stourbridge Old Quarter is soon to go on the market. For details ring 01384 394 709.

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

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Pine, bed frame. Very good condition. Fits a standard, single bed mattress (not included). £40 or nearest offer, Contact Sarah on 07811879535.

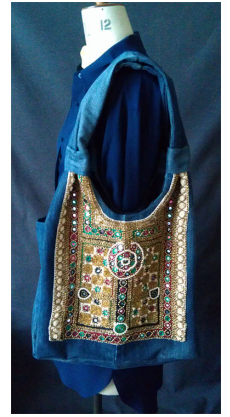


New, **custom handmade bag**, limited one off designer Denim bag, with water proof lining, side pockets and central pocket.

The bag is embellished with Indian mirrors and embroidery on silk. The embroidery is in antique, vintage style of the late 60's and early 70's. The bag measures from top strap to base of the bag 65cm, with width of 38cm and depth/sides 8.5cm.

This would suit a trendy bohemian or Hippie Chick.

Selling at £65. Contact Pam on 01384 591911 or 07806669574



Last but not least...

*“Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up,
snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather,
only different kinds of good weather.”*

John Ruskin

Stay safe and warm this weekend...

