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## Upcoming Events

Sat 28 April		Class 7 leave for Tall Ships class trip
Mon 30 April	7.30 pm	<b>Parents' Evening Jackie &amp; Rebecca's kindergartens</b>
Tues 1 May	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound - Eurythmy Room
Wed 2 May	12.30/3.15	Early Years Sale
	8.00 pm	Adults' Eurythmy group
Thurs 3 – Fri 4 May		Class 8 away on Bronze DofE expedition
Mon 7 May		<b>Bank Holiday - school closed</b>
Tues 8 May	7.30 pm	<b>Parents' Evening Nursery</b>
	7.30 pm	Parents' Evening Class 5
Thurs 10 May		Ascension Day walk to Wychbury Hill for classes 1 - 6
Mon 14 May		Class 6 leave for trip to Hadrian's Wall
Wed 16 - Fri 18 May		Class 9 away on Silver DofE expedition
Wed 23 May	1.00 pm	Deadline for copy for next Loose Ends
Fri 25 May	Afternoon	Next issue of Loose Ends
Mon 21 May		Class 5 day trip to London
Wed 23 May	7.30 pm	Performance of HMS Pinafore
Thurs 24 May	7.30 pm	Performance of HMS Pinafore
Fri 25 May	7.30 pm	Performance of HMS Pinafore

## Elmfield News and Information

### A brief roundup of some recent goings on...

- The concert at St James' Church involving some of our pupils and Stream of Sound was a great success.
- The bird boxes that Class 1 made with the help of Upper School pupils have now been put up around the school grounds.
- In March two of our Class 11 pupils visited Auschwitz along with other Dudley pupils as part of a trip organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust. They said it was an intense but important experience to be part of. This morning they did an Assembly about their trip for classes 10 and 8.
- Class 4 visited the Falconry centre in Hagley and had an amazing day seeing the incredible birds of prey. Since coming back to school, they have been presenting the Animal projects they worked on over the holidays. They also have a new pet in the classroom - an African Land Snail called Alex!
- Class 9 are currently in Germany visiting our sister school 'Schloss Hamborn'. They are staying with host families and working on and learning about the school's farm.

- Class 11 art pupils started the term with two full days in the art studio completing the very last section of their Art GCSE. This is the traditional start of the exam season for both classes 10 and 11 and we wish them all the very best of luck.
- C10 & 11 History pupils visited Kenilworth Castle as part of their History GCSE work.
- Class 7 have been excitedly completing last minute preparations for their tall ships adventure before they head off early tomorrow morning. We wish them a safe voyage and calm seas.

**A very warm welcome to the following new pupils and their families:**

Chantelle in Class 7; Mia in Class 2; Amelia, Ronan, Henry, Cian, Isla and Casseopia all in Early Years.

**SIS inspection:** Our latest SIS report is on the school website if you haven't had a chance to read it yet. The school was rated as 'Outstanding' for pupils' personal development and 'Good' in all other areas. These results reflect the continuing hard work and dedication of everyone involved with Elmfield.

**Estates round up:** Work has been taking place over the holidays to repair the Tobias roof and toilets. The work on the roof is now finished. The toilets will be finished by May half-term. Roofing repairs have now started on a small section of Thornhill. Thank you to everyone for your patience while this work is/has been going on.

**Saving HMS Pinafore** - This mammoth production of 'Saving HMS Pinafore' (based on Gilbert & Sullivan's well-loved musical) will be performed by classes 8 & 9 on three nights: Weds 23rd May, Thurs 24th May and Fri 25th May, all starting at 7:30pm. There are two different casts, so the performances will differ - which is a great reason to come along more than once!

Because of the design of the stage set, there will be a limited amount of seats per night, so we are running this as a ticketed event. Tickets will cost £3.00 each, to help offset the costs of production, and forms will be given out to pupils next week so you can book your tickets in advance.

We aim to fill all the seats on every night - please help us to do this, by bringing your sisters, cousins & aunts, or any other neighbours, relatives & friends!

**Needed:** There are a few things we are still trying to find for our production, so if you could lend any of these, we'd be grateful:

A large (44" chest) navy or black jacket that we can decorate with braid for the Captain - or a real naval jacket!

A bosun's whistle.

A pipe for 'smoking'.

Ladies' hats with a small brim, 1940s style, blue, yellow, cream or white.

See you at one of the performances! Caroline

**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!

**Elmfield Gift Shop:** Spring edition of 'New View' magazine now available (£6.00.) Get ready for the sunshine! Organii Sun Milks are back on our shelves. High Protection Sun Milk (SPF50) is fragrance free & suitable for babies, children & adults. Buy now with 20% discount (125ml/£19.20.) Medium Protection Sun Milk (SPF20) has a 35% discount and a FREE 50ml Aftersun (125ml/12.95.) Limited stocks of Anti-Ageing Facial Sun Cream (50ml/£12.90.) All Organii Sun Milks offer UVA & UVB protection, are paraben free, suitable for sensitive skins and are vegan. New! Wooden framed slate boards (£7.50) - perfect to use with our boxes of chalks or slate pencils. The Shop Team

**Parents' Library:** Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am). Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. Our energies this week are focused on adding more titles to the library shelves. So if you haven't browsed for a while, do come and take a fresh look! The Library Team

**Spring Sale of preloved kindergarten EYD items** - Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of May. 12.15 and 3.00pm at School. Contact Jane Sahin - 01384 395 268.

**Unwanted white tops needed!** If you are able to donate any to the school I will leave a large box in the reception. Many thanks. Claire Twist, Class 6 teacher

## JOB VACANCIES

**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.

Visit <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/> to read more and apply using the application form on the website.

**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/>

**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/>

## Wider Community

## EVENTS

**This Friday 27th April 7pm at the Glasshouse Arts Centre: 'Honey' - Reaction Theatre Makers.** Tickets £8/£6

Just like a jar of honey, this brand-new play by Tiffany Hosking has sweetness, richness and depth. Come and explore a patchwork of life in the Welsh mountains where bees, bomb disposal and autism are all wrapped up in folk music to squeeze your senses.

'There is a warm, golden glow about this show. At the very beginning we are introduced to a beautiful honeycomb quilt made of shining yellow hexagonal pieces. It looks absolutely lovely and, like this play, it feels soft and warm and has a certain weight to it. Tiny pebbles from a nearby stream are stitched into the quilt's seam...just as matters of gravity are worked into the play.' Chris Eldon Lee (BBC Shropshire)

Whilst developed for an adult audience, Honey is also a rare opportunity for younger people to be introduced to modern theatre. To book tickets please visit our website: <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/Event/honey>

Tomorrow Saturday 28th April: 2-4 pm Eurythmy room, Elmfield school

**Join Harriet Quinn- dance artist and bodywork practitioner to explore your internal universe.**

The second in a series of workshops exploring the soma; our bodies as perceived from within. (no need to

have attended #1). Continuing to connect with our cells through breathing and touch, we will release and restore a sense of self though working alone and with others in a safe and experiential environment. We will move and rest, practicing developmental patterns of movement to release habits held in the body, finding easier ways to move.

Perceiving our bodies with authenticity and presence, starting to unpick our understanding of self-image and how that informs our way of seeing and of being in our body.

Get in touch to book **\*\*LIMITED SPACES\*\***

hpquinn@hotmail.co.uk 07512352360 <https://www.facebook.com/BMMHARRIET/>

**RICH WORLD...POOR WORLD** supper back by popular demand! Sat 12th May at 7 pm.

Who will you be in life's lottery? MEAL OR NO MEAL? How will you deal with this?

Fabulous vegetarian food (if you're rich) and modest offerings if you're poor, with interesting ethical dilemmas!

Tickets £12 (min donation) for meal. Preloved books and DVDs available for a donation.

More details and booking through Elaine Sheppard at Elmfield or Rosanne Adams 390095 or Carrie Smith 833738. Look forward to seeing you there.

Proceeds to Médecins Sans Frontières and Wateraid.

**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](mailto:janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk)

We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

### **Conscious Connecting with Skin & The Soul Within**

The Conscious Connecting course introduces soul orientated techniques to holistic skin care and body therapists, supported by insights from anthroposophy about the soul and relationships. Participants will be taught new pulsing techniques, and introduced to Rhythmical Einreibung. The course has an experiential approach involving art and movement as well as practical and theoretical content.

For more information: [www.liv.co.uk/school](http://www.liv.co.uk/school) or phone Elizabeth on 07504 821593

**Ashtanga Yoga at Elmfield** Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Beginners' Course (10 weeks) - an introduction to Ashtanga Yoga (23 April - 9 July) and Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Improvers' Course (10 weeks) - for people who have a working knowledge of Ashtanga Yoga (26 April - 12 July.) Mind calm - body vibrant. James Critchlow 01384 394 702 / 07967 211748 [www.yogabirmingham.co.uk](http://www.yogabirmingham.co.uk)

**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](http://www.yogasouls.co.uk); [Namaste@yogasouls.co.uk](mailto:Namaste@yogasouls.co.uk)

**Learn How to Teach Craft to Children from Kindergarten to age 12**, with a holistic approach and natural materials. A year long Handwork Course in London: 2 Saturdays a month from September 2018-July 2019. Cost of the Handwork course: £1850 includes all material and food. For more info please visit [www.threeseedgarden.com](http://www.threeseedgarden.com)

Email: [create@threeseedgarden.com](mailto:create@threeseedgarden.com) Mob : 07813981795 (Sevim)

**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](http://www.cc-camps.org)

## HEALTH

Dr Claudia Kempfen – **GP & Mistletoe Therapy**. Next surgery date: 17 May at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre, 52 Bowling Green Road, DY8 3RZ. For appointments please call 01384 392 072.

### **Exploring Touch - Workshop for anyone whose life is affected by Fibromyalgia**

Saturday 19th May 2018 10am – 12.30pm. Facilitated by Dr Rainer Klocke, Consultant Rheumatologist and Fiona Sim, Registered Nurse.

This workshop is for those with fibromyalgia who would like to rediscover their own world of touch through guided, simple and safe exercises. The main objective is to begin to experience touch as something safe and enriching. The workshop is hands-on and participatory and is open both to people who have fibromyalgia with - or without - their partners. Cost: £20 per person. £16 for early booking before 5th May 2018. Maximum number of participants is 8. For more information and to book a place email [fiona.sim@live.co.uk](mailto:fiona.sim@live.co.uk) or alternatively call the Elysia Therapeutic Centre directly on 01384 392 072.

## 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](mailto:caroline.price@elmfield.com) or [siobhan.king@elmfield.com](mailto:siobhan.king@elmfield.com).

### **ASTARIA STRING QUARTET** - 'Like This? Like That?' Thursday May 3rd at 7:30 pm

Music to include quartets by Kreisler, Borodin & Boccherini

[www.astariastringquartet.com](http://www.astariastringquartet.com) [bookings@astariastringquartet.com](mailto:bookings@astariastringquartet.com)

Tickets: Worcester Live Box Office - 01905 611427 Info: 01905 456432

## SERVICES

**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. Please contact me via email at [elisa.laera@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.laera@gmail.com) or on my mobile at 079 43 87 02 06 Elisa Laera

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

**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

**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.

## ACCOMMODATION

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ed.berger@ghc.rmt.org)

## SALES AND WANTED ETC

**Free, basketball stand** with base, for use outdoors. Contact Pam: 01384 591911 / 07498733598.

**12 ft trampoline, free** to anyone who can help us dismantle it & can take it away. You will need to replace the padding (easy to buy) but everything else in good condition. Best money we ever spent on our then 8-year-old. Sarah Clay 07752 165342

**Newspapers** - Many, many thanks to all of the friends who continue to leave newspapers for my cats. If anyone has spare newspapers, please leave them well secured in a bag or box in the covered sideway at 21 Hall Street, Oldswinford, or phone me on 01384 379925. Alison Hodge

*Last but not least...*

*“Education is not just about going to school and getting a degree. It’s about widening your knowledge and absorbing the truth about life.”*

*Shakuntala Devi*

