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Next issue: Friday 29th June

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Upcoming Events

Fri 15 June	7.30 pm	Folk Fortnight Ceilidh
Mon 18 June		Class 7 on DofE Elm award walk
Mon 18 June	7.00 pm	Class 5 Parents' Evening about the Olympics
Tues 19 June		Classes 9 and 10 to Big Bang Fair at Staffs Uni
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound choir - Eurythmy Room
Wed 20 June	8.00 pm	Adults' Eurythmy Group - Eurythmy Room
	8.00 pm	Community Choir - Hall
Fri 22 June		Class 11 on trip to Slovenia
	Afternoon	St John's Festival
	7.30 pm	Folk Fortnight Grand Concert
Sun 24 June	12 – 4 pm	Summer Fayre
	12 – 4 pm	School Shop open
Mon 25 June	7.30 pm	Class 1 Parents' Evening
		Class 8 on class trip until 29th
		Class 10 on class trip until 29th
Tues 26 June	7.30 pm	Class 3 Parents' Evening
Wed 27 June	1.00 pm	<i>Deadline for copy for next Loose Ends</i>
		Class 5 to Olympics
Fri 29 June	Afternoon	<i>Next issue of Loose Ends</i>
	7.30 pm	Class 6 play in Hall

Elmfield News and Information

A brief roundup of some recent goings on...

- Class 1 have been busy weeding and planting flowers in the school grounds.
- The last night of HMS Pinafore was a resounding success.
- The GCSE exams are very nearly finished (only one more paper on Monday to go). We wish Classes 10 and 11 the best of luck with their results.
- The Talent show was standing room only and bursting with talent – congratulations to everyone who took part.
- The RSPB visited Classes 1-4 and looked at the wonderful variety of habitats, insects and creatures in the school grounds.
- Class 5 had a lunchtime feast to celebrate Eid, including kebabs, rice, chapattis, melon and juice.
- Class 9 completed their 3-day Silver DofE Assessed expedition in the Elan Valley in Wales. It was very tough conditions due to the excessive heat and pollen, but they all did extremely well!

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

Sveva and Francesco in Early Years, and Sean who has re-joined Class 4.

We are also welcoming Frieda back to Class 9 for the remainder of the Upper School.

The new entry system at the school gates is going well but a **polite reminder** that everyone who comes though needs to announce themselves to the office before entering the school grounds. So, if the gate is being held open for you please remember to still buzz the office. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Tonight it's the folk fortnight ceilidh and sing-around, starting at 7:30pm. The dancing will all be in the first half, and any pupil who has reached the stage of dancing in school will be able to manage the dances. Do come along and have loads of fun! Donations on the door, samosas on sale in the interval!

The grand concert to round off our folk fortnight will take place on Friday 22nd June at 7:30. Starring Will Pound, Matt Price and Nath Fischer, Beccy Hurst, Jon Doran, and some of our own pupils who have been working alongside these wonderful musicians all week as well. Ticket-sized donations on the door, and delicious refreshments on sale! It's also alright to bring younger children just to the first half. If you make the effort to come along, you will be greatly rewarded by the gift of music these musicians will share with you!

Monday morning Parent and Child sessions are starting again on Monday 18th June. They will run from 9.15 to 12.00 and cost £6 per session. Please contact the school office (01384 394 633) if you are interested.

Elmfield Gift Shop. Don't forget that we are open throughout the Summer Fayre (12.00 - 4.00pm) on Sunday 24 June. Please note that access to the Shop - on that day - will be through the Love Lane gate only. Perfect opportunity to browse our shelves! Summer Fayre special - look out for some bargain 'Bargain' books! Back in stock - quality wooden framed blackboards (£7.50.) New! Yaoh Organic Hemp Seed Oil SPF30 Sunblock (£10.99/250ml) Just in! Fresh supplies of our best-selling Inca wool (100% wool). It's never too early to start your knitting & felting projects! The Shop Team

Parents' Library. Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. As we hurtle towards the end of term - there is never a better time to borrow books - as we now extend the loan period to cover the long summer break! Also watch out for a mini fundraising opportunity which will take place in the shop during the afternoon of the Summer Fayre. All monies raised will go straight back into the library book fund. On that note - please let us know if you have any suggestions for future purchases. (jackie.inman@elmfield.com) The Library Team

JOB VACANCIES

If you are interested in any of the following roles please visit the job vacancies section of the school website to read more and apply using the application form that each particular job links to on the website.

Estates assistant: We are looking for an experienced Estates Assistant. This role will be responsible for the general maintenance of the estate including responsive maintenance of buildings, grounds and physical assets. This includes responding to urgent repairs or emergencies when required. The role must also support the provision of an outstanding and safe Steiner Waldorf learning environment. You will also contribute towards site safety, including fire prevention and assessment of playground equipment. Other responsibilities will include standing in caretaking duties and deputising for the Estates Manager. This is very much a hands-on role in a small but committed team. Closing date for applications: Monday 2nd July 2018.

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. Closing date for applications: Monday 22nd June 2018.

Member of the School's Council of Management - Finance

We are looking for an individual to join our Council of Management – the School's Governing Body. Members of the Council of Management act as the trustees of Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School which is a charity and a registered company. The role of Trustee is a voluntary position.

We currently have a need to appoint an individual with finance expertise to our team. Ideally, you should either hold a relevant accountancy qualification or have management experience which includes responsibility for overseeing large budgets.

To apply, you should be diplomatic, confidential and constructive. You should have a genuine passion for Waldorf education and be prepared to support school staff to improve financial management but also to challenge them and hold them to account. Closing date for applications: Monday 18th June 2018.

School Doctor/School Health Professional

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.

PTFA

MIDSUMMER FAYRE:

Sunday 24th June 12pm – 4pm in the school grounds. We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions please email the PTFA committee on elmfieldptfa@gmail.com.

Please scroll down to the next page for adverts and community events, etc.

Wider Community

EVENTS

Off Grid Festival: an ethical eco-political sustainability festival taking place from 9-12th August at Tapeley Park, Instow, North Devon.

The event is educational in nature with workshops and lectures during the day, and educational film and music in the evenings. It's solar and wind powered and all the food and drink are wholesome, organic and locally sourced. The gathering brings people together who want to share information and especially practical skills on sustainability, eco-living, politics, arts and crafts, health and off grid technologies, and has a strong family focus with a wild kids' area in the woodlands. Festival Highlights:

- Resilience College - A 12 module course in practical sustainability and appropriate technology from the 'Association of Resilient Living.
- Wild Woods nature immersion experience for all the family. Carving, archery, foraging, painting and sculpting using natural materials.
- Serenity Zone mental and physical well-being zone. Massage, yoga, one-to-one sessions and group workshops.
- Live Music - Words, tunes, poets and musicians to soothe the soul and ignite the ideas.
- NEW! Permaculture Hub - A space for connecting and networking. And for anyone curious about permaculture.

Full details available at www.offgrid-festival.co.uk

Martina Gebhardt **Skincare Event & Workshop** - 29 June from 10 am until noon at Skeys Farm, Hartlebury, DY11 7YA. Workshop covers:

- Listening to your skin and begin to understand what it is telling you
- Explore the skin's rhythm and how it changes with the seasons and time
- Experience the simplicity of soulful skincare
- Discover how you can support your skin so that it is strong, vital and radiant.

£10 booking fee, 100% redeemable against products purchased on the day plus receive a discount on products. To book your place: Book at the Elmfield Gift Shop, Stourbridge; email mailto:school@liv.co.uk or call 07504 821593

Pilates taster workshop on Saturday 16th June, 1030-12pm, Eurythmy room.

For both children (from class 6 upwards) & adults. Come & see what pilates is all about & how it can help to strengthen your core & rebalance your muscles. Mats & small equipment provided. £8 per person. Classes will be arranged following this workshop. Please call to book your place! Sarah Tustain (aka the 'cello teacher!)/Power For Life Pilates & Power Plates lessons on 07969 036913

Theatre: A Strange New Space - Friday 22nd June 2018 5pm. Cost: £6, under 5s Free. Age range:3+ TICKETS: <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/Event/a-strange-new-space> 01384 399433

A completely original one woman show without words, A Strange New Space will meld physical theatre with stunning puppetry and original music. You will be taken on an imagined voyage into space, which is paralleled with Amira's real-life journey as a refugee across continents, forming an unforgettable introduction to theatre for audience of three years and older. Tessa Bide's A Strange New Space is the winner of the Edinburgh Fringe Primary Times Children's Choice Award. Supported by Black Country Touring this show has been selected for the programme by students of the Glasshouse College as part of the Young Promoters scheme. Glasshouse Arts Centre, Wollaston Road, Stourbridge, DY8 4HF

Exhibition: experienceCOLOUR - 29 August - 14 October

experienceCOLOUR is a remarkably beautiful, hands-on exhibition, inviting visitors of all ages and abilities to explore the fascinating science and art of colour through large scale installations, displays and experiments. Come and discover the world of colour, find out how different colours influence us all, and ask new questions about the meanings of colour in the world around us. The exhibition was developed in Switzerland by a team of scientists and artists at the Goetheanum<<https://www.goetheanum.org/en/>>. The exhibition explores many strands of science, philosophy, art and education theory. It is a fascinating exploration of

the science of colour, how different colours affect us all, and the power of colour. A wide and varied programme of events will run alongside the exhibition. Glasshouse Arts Centre, Wollaston Road, Stourbridge, DY8 4HF. For more information or to get involved please visit experienceCOLOUR.org or email ifg@rmlt.org.uk

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.

W.R.Edgar Therapies - **Pilates instruction**. Class, small group or 1 to 1 training, Beginners / intermediate
For more information and bookings please call / text: 07969 797709

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

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

HEALTH

Dr Claudia Kempfen – **Anthroposophic Medical Consultations**. Next surgery date: Saturday 14 July. To book please call Dr Kempfen directly on 07869 219559 or otherwise contact the Elysia Therapeutic Centre on 01384 392 072

Wellbeing One-Day Retreat. Saturday 7 July 2018 at Elysia Centre, Stourbridge DY8 3RZ
Includes: three 1hr anthroposophic therapy treatments of your choice; a nutritious organic lunch and a workshop and talk on our summer theme: Root, Leaf and Flower.
Cost: special offer £85. Some of the therapies available on the day include: Rhythmical Massage; Therapeutic Art; Eurythmy; Reflexology & Holistic Facial Treatments.
To find out more and to book: Call Elizabeth on 01384 392 072 or email info@elysiacentre.org Places limited to 8 people.

Sacred Lotus Centre **Organic reflexology and Reiki**. Reiki Share 26th June. Drumming Circle 30th June.
Outdoor sessions this summer weather permitting. Contact Lisa on 07952 477545 or visit www.sacredlotus-centre.com

W.R.Edgar Therapies - For **Sports, Remedial & Relaxation therapy treatments**.
Couch or seated treatments available. For further information about treatments or to book an appointment please Call / Text: 07969 797709 Facebook page: [w.r.edgar therapies](https://www.facebook.com/w.r.edgar.therapies)

SERVICES

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

English Tuition: For students aged 11-16 years. I am a local English teacher with many years of experience.

rience teaching in the Stourbridge area. I have successfully taught in local schools and created individual learning plans and programmes of work for whole classes and one to one. My lessons are unique and are designed with the whole student in mind. They are developmentally appropriate, and use texts that are carefully chosen to suit each individual. I have vacancies for local students who are at school, home educated or just need a little extra attention. If you think I can help your child in their studies, call or email me now for a free consultation - 01384 380286 alison.cooke4@btinternet.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.

MUSIC MATTERS

CALLING ALL MUSCIANS YOUNG AND OLD. Our **next GALLIMAUFRY** will be on Friday 6th July 2018. Come along and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen on Friday 6th July 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 every term and it's an excellent opportunity to practice playing in front of a small and friendly audience and share what you have been working on or prepare for an exam. As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6 pm on 01384 442 106.

ACCOMMODATION

Room wanted in the Stourbridge area. Hi, my name is Paul Spurgeon and I'm fronting the Cornerstone Academy social enterprise which aims to give gainful employment to some of our students with learning disabilities at Argent College in the jewellery quarter Birmingham. I'm a Goldsmith by trade and jewellery manufacture will be the core of the project. Please ring 07785 901325 to contact me.

Temporary Accommodation available in Stourbridge during July and August.

Two single bedrooms available to rent for July and August 2018 in flat in Amblecote, Stourbridge (next to the Glasshouse College). Flat has bathroom with bath and shower and a fully equipped kitchen. The cost is £50 per week per room inclusive. If you are interested in renting one or both room for some or all of the time please contact Sarah: slett@live.co.uk

Holiday in the south of France. We are parents of a pupil of the Steiner School in Avignon (South of France) and would like to rent our house during the August holidays 2018. It's an ideal spot to discover Provence, near Chateuneuf du Pape. The house sleeps 5 people and is are equipped with all comforts, including a swimming pool (9X4,5m) and trampoline. Picture and movie on <https://maisonprovence775.wixsite.com/rent>

The rental price is €880 a week or €1520 for two weeks. For information call 00.33.490.51.97.17 / 00.33.668.40.50.01 or email: duchateau.bruno@wanadoo.fr We speak English, Italian and French.

House for sale at 6, Leonard Rd, Dy8 3LU; 3 bedrooms, garden, driveway; 1.5 miles from Elmfield School. £165 000. Phone Tim on 01384 396702 or mobile 07469799568

3-bedroom house for rent in Princes Road, Norton. Easy walk to school. Available end of June. Martin and Jan Wilkes 01527 821287

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) Tel: 01384390095 and I will forward to them.

OPPORTUNITIES

THOROUGHLY HELPING HANDS is recruiting again. We're looking for two roles, one a gardener, the second is a general position (cleaning, care, meal preparation, company). Please contact me to discuss if you are interested in either position, my number is 07792 775751 or e-mail - thoroughlyhelpinghands@mail.com Our website has plenty of information, too! www.thoroughlyhelpinghands.com

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. For further information see <http://biodynamictraining.org/> or contact Ed Berger on 07977 174 772 or ed.berger@ghc.rmt.org

SALES, OFFERS AND WANTED

Shared Car Journeys to and from the School. Hello all, calling any parents from Harborne B17 or the surrounding area who are willing to share car journeys to and from Elmfield School on a weekly basis. Our son will be attending nursery from September 2018. Please get in contact with Marilena Koukoulis, on 07826121933 to discuss further. Many thanks, looking forward to hearing from you.

For sale: Swing set with sturdy steel frame. 2 classic swings and a 2-seat glider in good condition. Comes with assembly instructions and spares information. £60. Please contact me for pictures and more details. Sophie Wall 07968721404

Do you have a Cheese plant that is too large for your room? The Staff Room needs a large plant (we have the pot waiting for it!) and we thought an unwanted Cheese plant may fit the bill. Please let reception know if you have a plant you would like to donate. Many thanks. Elmfield staff.

Exercise Bike - Does anyone have an exercise bike that they no longer use and would like to sell? If so, please contact Beth 07946 624 261

Last but not least...

"When the weather's good, there's no better place to be than the British countryside."

Ross Kemp

