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Upcoming Events

Fri 29 June	7.30 pm	Class 6 Play - Hall
Mon 2 July	7.30 pm	Transition Parents' Evening - Hall
Tues 3 July	7.30 pm	Class 1 Parents' Evening
	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound choir Eurythmy Room
Fri 6 July	7.00 pm	Gallimaufrey Eurythmy Room
Sat 7/Sun 8 July		Class 8 on DofE expedition to Kinver
Mon 9 July	7 for 7.30 pm	Class 2 Parents' Evening
Thurs 12 July	6.30 pm	Class 7 Play
Mon 16 July	afternoon	Sports Day
Wed 18 July	12.30 pm	Early Years End of Term
	1.50 for 2 pm	End of term School Festival
Thurs 19 July	12.00 am	School closes for Summer break
Thurs 19 July	8.30am - 4.00pm	School Shop open
Fri 20 July	10.00am - 2.00pm	School Shop open
Sat 21 July	10.00am - 2.00pm	School Shop open
Mon 3/Tues 4 Sept		Teacher Training Days
Wed 5 Sept	10.00am - 2.00pm	School shop open
Thurs 6 Sept		Autumn term begins

Elmfield News and Information

A brief roundup of some recent goings on...

- Class 3 had great fun with their outdoor building projects. They made a wood store in the forest area and a little wattle and daub hut for play.
- Class 11 have been in Slovenia for their final class trip. They've been rock-climbing, canoeing, mountain biking, paddle boarding and swimming in lakes.
- Class 10 have been at the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales doing some volunteering work and exploring the surrounding area.
- Class 8 have been on a canoeing trip on the River Severn, camping their way down the river.
- Class 5 have joined all the other class 5s in the country for the annual Steiner Olympics, camping for three nights and preparing for the final event tomorrow, watched by their parents.
- Fabienne's kindergarten group had a lovely trip to Sunfield, in Clent. Fabienne would like to thank all the helpers on the day and also thank the whole community for all the support and kindness she has received over the years.

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

Waldorf 100 - celebrating 100 years of Steiner Waldorf education worldwide The SWSF has produced a newsletter as part of the build-up. Issue 1 can be found on the Waldorf 100 page of the school website: <http://elmfield.com/the-school/about-us/waldorf-100/>

They have also created a Facebook group. Whether you are a parent, teacher, alumni or just a well-wisher, all are welcome to join the group and the celebration via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/213478936115246/>

Despite his creaking knees and advancing years :-) Ian Neale is putting his body on the line once more this summer, raising money for two very worthy causes. Any donations will be greatly received. First, he'll be taking on the AJ Bell Olympic triathlon raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and you can support him via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-neale54> Then, he'll be tackling his first 100 mile cycle ride by taking part in the Prudential ride London 100, raising money for the Umunandi charity which supports Greenpark school in Zambia. You can support him via <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ian-neale> This is a great effort by Ian and we as a school salute him and wish him the best of luck.

Elmfield Gift Shop. The end of term is fast approaching - so don't forget to stock up with all of your favourite toiletries, teas etc. We also kindly ask that any outstanding debts in the shop are fully paid off before the Summer break. Please see the diary entries above for our extra opening times. New! 'From Bee to You' - we now have a local supplier of 100% beeswax candles - all shapes & sizes -including rainbow dipped candles. Time to get your summer reading sorted! New books on shelves. Something for everyone - from beautiful picture books to dyslexia-friendly quick reads, from classic children's fiction to thought-provoking teen & adult novels. Wishing everyone a very relaxing summer holiday! The Shop Team

Parents' Library. Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. Our last session will be on Wed 18 July and then we re-open on Wed 12 Sept. We will only be chasing books for return before the end of term if they have been reserved by another borrower. All books currently out on loan will now be due back in September. Happy summer reading! 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 - <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/> - to read more and apply using the application form that each particular job links to on the website.

Kindergarten SEN Support Assistant: Monday – Friday, term time only; 32.5 hours per week. To start 1st September 2018. The successful candidate will work in the Kindergarten with a specific young child who is in receipt of an EHCP. You will support the child's learning, physical and behavioural needs with the aim of helping the child to access as much of our Kindergarten curriculum and routines as possible. You will sometimes be required to plan and deliver individual lessons for this child. You will be a member of the learning support team, sharing best practice and classroom experiences as required. Closing date for applications: 4pm Tuesday 3rd July 2018

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: Friday 6th July 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.



A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising and helping out at this year's Midsummer Fayre! It was a fabulous day and thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

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

Wider Community

EVENTS

An Introduction to Veil Painting at The Elysia Centre. In this 5-morning painting course, we will explore colour and image through the technique of veil painting. Veil painting is more about the process than it is about the end outcome. The calm, almost meditative state that we enter into when painting in this way is just as important and as beneficial, as the final product. In veil painting we start from the colours first and foremost, then allow the movement of each colour to dictate the overall feeling and eventual images that might arise. No previous painting experience is necessary. All materials & refreshments provided. Cost: £150 (£50 deposit on booking). Limited to 6 participants. Monday 30th July – Friday 3rd August; Mornings 9.30am – 12.00pm. Booking and further information contact: Julie Neale, Therapeutic Artist. julie@julieaneale.com or call 07971 635856

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 - The Autumn Term courses will start again in September. The exact dates have yet to be confirmed. They will be posted on my website shortly. Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Beginners' Course (10 weeks) - an introduction to Ashtanga Yoga (Sept - Nov) and Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Improvers' Course (10 weeks) - for people who have a working knowledge of Ashtanga Yoga (Sept - Nov). Mind calm - body vibrant. James Critchlow 01384 394 702 / 07967 211748 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; Namaste@yogasouls.co.uk

Off Grid Festival: an ethical eco-political sustainability festival. 9-12th August at Tapeley Park, Instow, North Devon. 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. Full details available at www.offgrid-festival.co.uk

Exhibition: experienceCOLOUR - 29 August - 14 October. Glasshouse Arts Centre. Science, philosophy, art and education theory. 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. For more information or to get involved please visit experienceCOLOUR.org or email ifg@rmlt.org.uk

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

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. Places limited to 8 people.

To find out more and to book: Call Elizabeth on 01384 392 072 or email info@elysiacentre.org

Sacred Lotus Centre: **Reflexology and Indian head massage** with organic oils. Reiki treatments and training. Reiki shares and drumming circle. Mobile: 07952 477545 Email: sacredlotuscentre@hotmail.com
Website: www.sacredlotuscentre.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

Gardener - **experienced & qualified gardener**, also **maintenance work and odd jobs.**

Contact: Jon Hazlewood, jon.hazlewood@gmail.com, 0774 969 8466

Professional gardening services & handyman help. Specialist in garden permaculture, incredible edibles (eat your flowers/perennials/bushes etc), fast efficient general maintenance both in the garden & in the house. Gary (Elmfield parent) 07584 088176. ecoponix@gmail.com

English Tuition: For students aged 11-16 years. 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 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)

MUSIC MATTERS

CALLING ALL MUSCIANS YOUNG AND OLD. Our **next GALLIMAUFREY** 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. Gallimaufrey 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 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. Sleeps 5 people - 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 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

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 Koukoullis, 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

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...

*“Education is not the learning of facts,
but the training of the mind to think”*

Albert Einstein