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## Upcoming Events

Sat 4 May	1 – 3.30/4 pm	Class 8 Project Presentations - Eurythmy Room
Sun 5 May	1 - 4 pm	Class 8 Project Presentations - Eurythmy Room
Mon 6 May		<b>May Day - School closed</b>
		Class 9 go on trip to Schloss Hamborn - return 17/05
Tues 7 May	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound choir - Eurythmy Room
Tues 14 May	7 for 7.30 pm	<b>Class 8 Parents' Evening</b>
Tues 21 May		Class 7 Elm Walk
Wed 22 May	11.00 am	<i>Deadline for copy for next Loose Ends</i>
Thurs 23 May		Ascension Day walk for C1 - 6 weather permitting
Fri 24 May	Afternoon	<i>Next issue of Loose Ends</i>
		<b>School closes for half term</b>
	7.30 pm	Class 8 play performance
Sat 25 May	7.30 pm	Class 8 play performance
Mon 3 June		<b>School reopens</b>
		Class 7 go on class trip - return 7 June

## Elmfield News and Information

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

- Class 3 visited Sunfield Farm in Clent to see the farm animals and their young, as part of their main lesson on farming
- Class 1 made 'Cascarones' (traditional Mexican easter eggs) and pompom chicks in their Spanish lessons leading up to Easter
- Class 2 took advantage of the sunshine to study seeds outside as part of their main lesson
- Class 5 had a Spanish lesson on the front lawn with pupils practising giving directions in the imperative tense to blindfolded classmates
- Our Eurythmy festival involved classes from across the school and was a great showcase for the pupils to show what they have been learning
- The End of term festival was full of variety and was a very enjoyable occasion
- The Middle and Upper school concert was a fabulous event enjoyed by the packed audience. The talent on display was very impressive. The highlight was the Waldorf 100 cantata, especially written by Caroline Price
- The annual Elmfield Talent Show, hosted by Class 11, was a really fun way to end the term with some brilliant singing and dancing

**Estates:** A lot of work has been happening around the school in the holidays with contractors in almost every day. In particular the Early Years have had a complete upgrade of their toilet facilities which the children are very excited about, and the final work on the roof in the Upper School was carried out. Tal has also been working tirelessly all holidays doing many essential jobs. The next scheduled big job is repairing the roof in the yellow passage which will be happening later this year. The grounds are also looking lovely.

Hello One and All. Estates are hosting a **community work day on Saturday 15th June**. Our main project for the day will be to level and prepare the ground that used to be home to our old maintenance hut, ready for the new curriculum garden. Work has already begun on planting fruit trees and bushes for the Waldorf 100 but there's much more to do and we would welcome anyone willing to give a few hours of their time. This is a great chance to meet new people and have fun working with fellow parents. More details will follow soon so please pencil the date in your diary. Thank you. Tal Taylor-Bright, Estates Manager

**Class 8** have been working on individual **projects** this year and are now ready to present them this weekend. All are welcome to attend and it's always a fun and inspiring event seeing the variety of projects the pupils have undertaken. The presentations will be in the Eurythmy Room from 1pm until 3.30/4pm.

**Plastic cups and the environment.** As part of our ongoing commitment to being as green as possible we are looking to completely phase out the use of single-use throwaway plastic cups at any of our school events. If you are hosting any stalls or events at school please can recyclable cups be used from now on. We will be contacting Class reps to discuss how to implement this policy successfully.

**Elmfield Gift Shop.** We now have Organii natural organic sunscreen in stock. Available in SPF20, SPF30, and SPF50. Free from chemical filters, mineral oils, parabens and colourings. Vegan and suitable for all skin types. Special offer: 20% off RRP across the range. Wala Sage Pastilles still available (£4.75/35 tablets.) Great for hay fever induced dry tickly throats! Or why not come along and browse the new publications from Floris books. The Shop Team

**Parents' Library.** Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am). Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. We've had some new donations made to our collection. Many thanks! Also if you would like a particular title adding to the shelves - please leave a message in the shop or by email: [jackie.inman@elmfield.com](mailto: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 - <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.*

- Full-time Education Lead - Closing date 8th May
- Safeguarding and Welfare Lead - Closing date 8th May
- Upper School Science/Maths Teacher - Closing date 24th May
- Learning Support Assistant - Closing date 10th May
- Member of the School's Council of Management - Chair of Council
- Member of the School's Council of Management - Employment

## Wider Community

## EVENTS

**Freestyle expressive dancing.** We are offering freestyle/expressive dance sessions at Hanbury Hill Church just off Worcester Road in Stourbridge, from 6:30-8:30pm on Saturday evenings, once a month approximately. Everyone is welcome over the age of 18 or so - we're sorry we're not able to cater to children. No dance experience needed at all! No expectations. Moving if you want to or not. Chairs will be available if you want to

sit. We'll start with a warm up just to break the ice a little, to help us begin to connect inwardly and outwardly. There will be music of different genres and tempos. £8 or £6 concessions.

NEXT DATES: Saturday May 18, 2019; Saturday June 29, 2019; Saturday July 13, 2019

In anticipation and excitement! Maria Mountain and Odilia Mabrouk.

### **EDUCATION UNPLUGGED - How to grow today's child for tomorrow?**

You might be excited to learn about a wonderful new initiative sharing resources and practical tools to support your parenting journey. If you join our newsletter (by visiting <https://pages.convertkit.com/868adb92e2/9fa-18d60ec>), you will receive a free resource on how to develop creative thinking in your child and stay in touch for our special launch event. You may already follow us on our Facebook page, Imagine A School Where - if not please do click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/ImagineASchoolWhere/> and "like" us here. Thanks so much. Priya (For School of Sophia)

Ashtanga Yoga at Elmfield Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Beginners' Course (9 weeks) - an introduction to Ashtanga Yoga (13 May - 15 July) and Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm Improvers' Course (10 weeks) - for people who have a working knowledge of Ashtanga Yoga (9 May - 18 July) Mind calm - body vibrant. James Critchlow 01384 394 702 / 07967211748 [www.yogabirmingham.co.uk](http://www.yogabirmingham.co.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](mailto:janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk)

We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

**Children's Summer Camp** for children from 8 to 14 years of age. 20th – 30th July 2019: Colin Godman's Farm near Forest Row, Sussex. Games, Singing, Arts and Crafts, Organic food, Treasure Hunt, Hiking, Stories, Swimming...Contact: Aaron Mirkin 01453 299311 [ccstroud@talktalk.net](mailto:ccstroud@talktalk.net) [www.cc-camps.org](http://www.cc-camps.org)

## **HEALTH**

### **Rooms for Hire at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre - 52 Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge DY8 3RZ**

Would you like to bring your practice to the Elysia Therapeutic Centre? We are a therapeutic membership community run by a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP). We have 2 counselling rooms, 1 consulting room, 2 massage therapy rooms and a group work and art/movement room. All the rooms are decorated harmoniously and delicately, to feel both homelike and professional. The Centre has a particular feeling: open and airy, in part because of its architecture, as it is an "Arts and Crafts" house, with a lovely aspect to the sun and generous windows. Set in a small garden, in the Old Quarter of Stourbridge. Why not come and meet us, have a look around and find out more? For further information visit our website <https://elysiacentre.org/join-us/> or contact the Centre on 01384 392072.

**Are you suffering from chronic pain?** Anna van Zelderden, Chartered Physiotherapist has 7 years of experience working in a Pain Clinic in London. She offers Physiotherapy (holistic approach); Rhythmical Massage Therapy; 1-1 Pilates Rehabilitation as separate therapies or as an integrated approach at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre in Stourbridge. For info [www.annavanzelderden.com](http://www.annavanzelderden.com)

For appointments please phone Anna: 0778 9852 378.

**Anthroposophical Medical Consultations** at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre:

### **General Practitioner Appointments and Mistletoe Therapy with Dr Claudia Kempfen.**

Dr Kempfen qualified as a GP in the UK in 2002 and as an Anthroposophical Doctor in the UK in 2013. She has been working with mistletoe (intravenous infusions and subcutaneous injections) privately since 2014 at St. Lukes Therapy Centre, Stroud and also at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. Dr Kempfen's next clinic date is Thursday 23rd May. For more information regarding Dr Kempfen's work at the Centre please visit our website at <https://elysiacentre.org/dr-claudia-kempfen/> or contact us on 01384 392072. For more information regarding Mistletoe Therapy as part of an integrated approach to Cancer Care visit [www.mistletoetherapy.org.uk/about/](http://www.mistletoetherapy.org.uk/about/)

### **Rheumatology Clinic with Consultant Rheumatologist, Dr Rainer Klocke.**

Rheumatic conditions are often characterised by pain and/or stiffness felt in our limbs and/or spine. They can be due to relatively well-understood diseases, such as osteo- and rheumatoid arthritis, but also less well understood conditions such as fibromyalgia. Dr. Rainer Klocke, Consultant Rheumatologist MRCP (UK); Ph.D. has worked in the West Midlands for over 12 years and is particularly interested in the use of complementary, drug and non-drug (e.g. massage, movement and artistic exercise) treatment for pain. For more information regarding Dr Klocke's work at the Centre please contact the Centre on 01384 392072.

## **SERVICES**

**Handyman/gardener available for work** - anything considered, reasonable rates, references available. Contact Hans on 01384 830758 or via Maigread in the reception office.

**Home services** - All kinds of gardening work from maintenance to make-over. House painting - interior and exterior. All kinds of odd jobs considered. Call Martin and leave a message or text, 0744 216 2030.

**Internship wanted.** My name is Ole Arndt. I am a 16-year-old German student at a Waldorf School near Stuttgart. I am looking for a 3-week internship between the 24.06.19 – 12.07.19. It would be also possible to start one or two weeks earlier. I would like to do this internship in a foreign country to improve my English skills and to gain new work experiences. I am especially interested in the range of agriculture and in working with agricultural vehicles. (I own an official driving licence for those) and furthermore in Craft professions like carpenter, woodwork and metalwork. In return for an internship at your place, my family would be happy to offer accommodation for your children if they would like to improve their German or simply would like to get to know the country. I have two sisters, 14 and 9, and a 12-year-old brother.

Thankyou, Ole Arndt (arndt.ole@web.de / +49 174 3607827)

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

**Creative Young People Parties at Rosewindows Stained Glass Studio** - Rosewindows stained glass can cater for a creative birthday party, making glass mosaics or a small stained glass piece, depending of the age. Kiln-formed glass activities will be on offer in the near future. Contact Rosa Ferris to discuss your wishes and a quote on 079 8631 3838 or look at her website [www.rosewindows.net](http://www.rosewindows.net)

**Private tutoring in English Language and/or Literature for Elmfield GCSE students @ £30 per hour** (minimum of 90 minutes per session); or £35 for one hour. Highly skilled & experienced English teacher and tutor and associate of Dyslexia Guild (subscribed to enhanced DBS service).

Jonathan Livingstone MA PGCE, 07951 260446, [jhlivingstone@gmail.com](mailto:jhlivingstone@gmail.com), [www.education1-1.co.uk](http://www.education1-1.co.uk)

Hello, my name is Laura Julia Hilpert. I am 21 years old and I come from Germany. At the moment I am in Brisbane. **I am looking for a friendly Waldorf family because I want to be an au pair.** I went to a Waldorf school in Germany and I will study at a Waldorf university. I have an international driver's licence. My hobbies are yoga, vegan cooking, bush hiking, running, surfing, belly dancing, painting, laughing and to have fun with children. If you are interested, just write me an email: [laura-julia22@gmx.de](mailto:laura-julia22@gmx.de)

**Painter and Decorator.** Local and reliable painter with a preference for using eco-friendly paint available for inside and outside work. Call James on 07805 943 697 for a free quote.

**2nd Nature Garden Maintenance** - John and Kim Dutton are experienced gardeners grounded in *Permaculture and Biodynamic principles*, with over 40 years combined experience, offering all kinds of garden maintenance, including free tree pruning. Give us a call on 07807 348239, or email [duttons2ndnature@yahoo.com](mailto:duttons2ndnature@yahoo.com)

**Percussion lessons.** Hello, I'm a professional drummer from Chile and a eurythmy student in Stourbridge. I have more than 10 years' experience teaching drums, hand percussion, and Latin rhythms. I can teach drums and percussion to children (bongo, djembe, Cajon, etc. – can also be a group class with the parents). You can contact me by email [sidiazc@gmail.com](mailto:sidiazc@gmail.com) or phone/WhatsApp 07512 051 506. Thanks. Sebastian Diaz

## ACCOMMODATION

**For Sale:** Classic 4-bedroom house in the popular Old Quarter of Stourbridge. A fabulous family home less than 15 minutes walk to Elmfield through Mary Stevens park. £350,000. Please call Chris on 07737 073 224.

**I would like to offer accommodation** to anyone interested in helping out on my horse farm near Envile. I have a small Shepard's hut in a beautiful location for a lodger willing to help around the farm or maybe just around the house. This can be a completely flexible arrangement based around your skills and how you feel you could best support. Ideally due to the semi-rural location you would be able to drive and have your own car but not essential. To find out more please contact Arran on 07879 472 433.

**For Sale:** Attractive 1960's 3-bedroomed house for sale. Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, 15 minutes walk to Elmfield through Mary Stevens Park. £190,000. Please contact Yvonne 07910439572

**Temporary Accommodation in Stourbridge during the summer:** 1 double room: August and September - £90 per week for 1 person, £120 for two; 1 single room: July, August and September - £80 per week; 1 single room: June, July, August, September - £60 per week; Whole flat: August and September - £180 per week. These prices are inclusive of electricity and water. No pets please. The rooms are in a pleasant flat in Amblecote, Stourbridge (next to the Glasshouse College). The flat is on the second floor (no lift) and has a bathroom with bath and shower and a fully equipped kitchen. If you are interested in renting one or more rooms for some or all of the time, please contact Sarah via [slett@live.co.uk](mailto:slett@live.co.uk)

**Holiday Let:** 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) 07973 680959

## SALES, OFFERS AND WANTED

Hello, my son Jakob (15 years old, currently C9) would be very **interested in finding an English-speaking host family** for 4-6 weeks to improve his English skills. He goes to the Rudolf-Steiner school in Marburg / Germany. If he could find a host-family at Elmfield this would be a fantastic chance for him. All details could be clarified by email or phone. Thank you very much, Armin Djamei ([Djamei@gmx.net](mailto:Djamei@gmx.net))

**Locally produced raw unprocessed honey** available, straight from the hive to you. Raw honey can be used in the same manner as manuka, both topically and internally. 454g/1LB jars are £5 each. I also have a small quantity of proper **organic free-range eggs** available from our resident hens. They are naturally reared, using homeopathy and holistic methods. 6 eggs are £1.25 each. Both items can be collected from school on Weds, Thurs and Fri mornings. For more information or to arrange collection of either eggs or honey, please ring me, Tina, 07974 679461

*Last but not least...*

*“You can spend your whole life traveling around the world searching for the Garden of Eden, or you can create it in your backyard.”*

*Khang Kijarro Nguyen*