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## Upcoming Events

Fri 12 July	7 pm	"Wendy & Peter Pan" Play – the hall
Sun 14 July	12 - 4 pm	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
Mon 15 July		Sports afternoon
Tues 16 July	7.30 p.m.	Stream of Sound - Eurythmy Room
Wed 17 July	12.30 pm	<b>Early Years end of term</b>
	1.50 for 2.00	End of term Festival
Thurs 18 July	8.30 am - 4pm	Elmfield Gift Shop open
	11.00 am	Leavers' Assembly
	12.00 pm	<b>School breaks up for summer holidays</b>
Fri 19 July	10 am - 3pm	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Sat 20 July	10 am - 1pm	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Mon 22 July	10 am - 3pm	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Mon 2 Sept		Teacher training Day
Tues 3 Sept		Teacher training Day
Wed 4 Sept	10am - 2pm	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Thurs 5 Sept		<b>School opens for Autumn term</b>
29 Sept - 7 Oct		Class from Schloss Hamborn visit

## Elmfield News and Information

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

- The Ofsted inspection concluded that Elmfield is a Good School
- Class 10 had an inspiring 5-day trip to the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) in Wales
- Class 6 went gorge walking in Wales
- Class 5 had a fantastic trip to the Steiner Olympics at Michael Hall school in Surrey
- Class 8 have been canoeing and camping along the River Severn
- Class 11 had an amazing week in Croatia as their final class trip
- Class 10 have been out of school on two weeks individual work experience
- The whole school celebrated St John's Fire with a fabulous circus and gym skills demonstration from Class 6 and classes 7 to 11 jumping the fire
- Class 8 completed their Bronze DofE Assessed expedition in Kinver
- Some of the Class 9 pupils completed their Silver DofE Assessed expedition in the Elan Valley in Wales
- There was a lovely relaxed atmosphere for the Picnic on the front lawn to celebrate our Good Ofsted result
- Class 11 have been rehearsing their final class Play "Wendy & Peter Pan" with the last performance tonight

**Officially a Good school!** In case you somehow missed the news, the overall effectiveness of the school has been judged to be Good by Ofsted. The report highlights our “rich and varied” curriculum, saying “Pupils develop their knowledge and understanding across a wide range of subjects.” It also concludes that, amongst other things, “The majority of pupils, from early years to the end of Upper School, make good progress” and that “Spiritual, moral, social and cultural education is strong”. The key outcomes are:

Effectiveness of leadership and management: **Good**

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment: **Good**

Personal development, behaviour and welfare: **Good**

Outcome for pupils: **Good**

Early years provision: **Good**

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people in the boarding provision: **Good**

These results reflect the continuing hard work and dedication of everyone involved with Elmfield. As with any inspection the report makes some recommendations for improvement and we will of course be looking to address these. However, we are pleased that the report acknowledges several times the ongoing progress the school is making in moving forward as we continue to improve the quality of education we provide. Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute to the various on-line surveys and/or spoke directly to the inspection team. The full report is available on the school website (<http://elmfield.com/the-school/key-info/inspection-reports/>).

**Congratulations** to Serena Salvadori who works in the early year’s department and Thanya Chance, who has been doing a placement there, for finishing their level 5 Steiner Waldorf Early Years training. They are now both fully qualified Kindergarten Teachers! Also, to Elena Marchesi for completing the UK waldorf handwork training course at Wynstones. The course focuses on developing strength, knowledge and expertise within the waldorf handwork curriculum. Well done for all the beautiful crafts you have made following the curriculum from kindergarten to class 12 and the stunning book produced showing how each one is made.

**Elmfield Gift Shop Summer Sale!** Starting Monday 15 July until the end of trading on Monday 22nd July - we are offering 10% off ALL marked prices! (Only Choroï pipes are excluded - as we sell these at cost price.) So now is the time to stock up on your favourite toiletries, or try a new one whilst discounted. Be ultra-organised and save money by re-filling crayon rolls & pencil cases before the Summer holidays! Or buy your holiday reading matter - even our ‘Bargain Books’ are included in the sale! A reminder that we have now ceased the money-owing service until the end of term - to assist us in the clearing of all outstanding debts. Minimum spend on a card is just £1.00, or we are happy to put goods aside for you to collect & pay for on another day. See above for our extra opening times. We would like to thank everyone for your custom throughout the year and wish everyone a lovely Summer break! Shop re-opens on Wednesday 4 September 10-00am - 2.00pm. The Shop Team

**Parents’ Library** Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. Final session this term is Weds 17 July. A reminder that all books currently out on loan will now be due back in September! We are in the process of reminding all borrowers what they have out on loan. Many items have now been renewed several times - so we kindly ask that you return any books that you no longer require. NB Books can be returned on any day via the shop. We intend to ‘re-launch’ the Library in September - with the addition of several new (PTFA funded) titles - as recommended in the book ‘Growing Up Healthy in a World of Digital Media.’ This excellent resource will also be added to our shelves - courtesy of a generous ‘leaving’ donation by a Class 11 parent! Wishing everyone a relaxing & recuperative Summer holiday! The Library Team

**Host families needed for Schloss Hamborn visit:** Our class 9 students have just had a wonderful and educational experience in Schloss Hamborn, working on the farm and getting to know life staying with German families. The corresponding class 10 from Schloss Hamborn will be arriving at Elmfield on 29th September and will leave on 7th October.

The class from Schloss Hamborn consists of 36 students and 7 supporting staff which means we cannot accommodate all the visitors within the current class 9’s families. Therefore, we are asking all families whether they could accommodate one or more students from Schloss Hamborn. We know this may be a lot to ask,

but our relationship with Schloss Hamborn is a mutually beneficial one so we believe it is important to extend our hospitality to them. Please let Cerian or Nigel know if you would be able to host someone. We currently have beds for 17 students and 4 for staff.

Please be aware that if you are willing to offer a place to one of their students all 18+ adults in your household will need to apply to become an official volunteer of Elmfield School, if they are not already. The volunteer application form is attached in both Word and PDF formats. We appreciate that it requires some effort to complete but once done it means you will also be able to help out at school in other capacities such as class trips. You will also need to have a current DBS check which the school can arrange free of charge. A form detailing the DBS application procedure is attached.

**Boarding at Elmfield.** Here at Elmfield we have a long tradition of welcoming students from overseas, as well as other parts of the UK, going back to the 1950s. This year we have had applicants from Norway, Germany, France, Switzerland and Ukraine. We have already received applications for next year from Japan, Poland, Sweden and Germany.

To host one of our current applicants, all you need is a spare room and the capacity to care for an extra person in loco parentis. The school will support you through the application process, which includes the taking up of references and a DBS check, and you will also receive good remuneration as a host.

If you would like to support boarding at Elmfield by becoming a host, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office to arrange to speak to a member of the boarding committee and you may also like to look at the boarding policy (available on the school website) and the host family job description.

## 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.*

- Class 7 Teacher - Closing date Friday 26th July
- GCSE French Teacher - Closing date Friday 26th July
- Upper School Science/Maths Teacher - Closing date Friday 26th July
- Member of the School's Council of Management - Chair of Council
- Member of the School's Council of Management - Employment

## PTFA

Just a reminder that we have our Summer Fayre this Sunday 12 - 4 pm which promises wonderful music, food, craft stalls and games.

We are really in need of help with setting up (from 10:30 am), packing down, and manning the barbecue and café. Could we also ask for donations for the tombola and cakes. If you can help with any of these it would be greatly appreciated so please get in touch on [elmfieldptfa@gmail.com](mailto:elmfieldptfa@gmail.com) or catch us around school!

We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Wider Community

## EVENTS

Fantastic Midlands **Sailing Courses** in Summer Holidays for 7 – 16 year olds. Barnt Green Sailing Club are running 3-day courses for youngsters to begin sailing. 29th to 31st July and another course 27 - 29 August. For more information: <https://www.sailingbarntgreen.com/event/easter-3-day-junior-training-1-1-1> or contact: [trainingprincipal@bgsc.uk](mailto:trainingprincipal@bgsc.uk)

**The international Festival of Glass** is making a return to festival venues across Stourbridge over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Join us between the 23rd - 26th August for a lively programme of events and activities. Free entry to all festival venues (some events will be ticketed). Free Festival shuttle bus 9.30 -5.30 each day.

There is an exciting opportunity for local teenagers to take place in a range of activities arranged especially for them with our Teenage Skill up sessions. There is also an opportunity to get involved as a volunteer over the weekend. There are also a limited number of paid posts throughout The British Glass Biennale.

To find out more visit <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/international-festival-of-glass>

**Unsure how to deal with digital electronic media in your child's life?** Dr Michaela Gloeckler, an experienced paediatrician and school health specialist who last February gave a very stimulating talk to our school community, will address this question in a talk, entitled 'Digital Competency' at Wynstones School, Gloucester (GL4 0UF) on the 19th July 2019, 19:30 - 21:00.

If you want to explore this topic at your own pace, you may want to look at a book edited by her: "Growing up Healthy in a World of Digital media: A guide for parents and caregivers of children and adolescents"; just published by Wynstones Press - obtainable through the school's giftshop.

Rainer Klocke (Rainer.Klocke@elmfield.com)

**Radiate Day Retreat @ Elmfield - yoga & shamanic meditation day - 10am - 5pm Sat 20th July**

Join us for a day of relaxation, release and inner enquiry. Come together with like-hearted souls to experience the benefits of Yin Yoga - a gentle but challenging form of Yoga that has deep benefits for body and mind. After a shared lunch we will take a ceremonial drink of Peruvian Cacao and then relax for a guided meditation to take us through the inner experience of the Solar Plexus chakra. The day is suitable for all ages, experience levels and physical abilities. £60 early bird tickets. For more information or to book please contact Emma Cartwright: T 07973 376 267 [namaste@yogasouls.co.uk](mailto:namaste@yogasouls.co.uk) [www.yogasouls.co.uk](http://www.yogasouls.co.uk) Or Google "Eventbrite Radiate Day Retreat"

**The Community Workshop and Café in Bewdley** is a not for profit community workshop providing opportunities in traditional arts and crafts: lino printing, charcoal/water colour, stained glass, jewellery, copper work, willow, mandala rugs, bodhran drum-making, blacksmithing, photography, mosaic, and lyre-making.

Summer Week Workshops: Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and you will have the opportunity to choose one or two activities to work on during the week. Materials, lunch and snacks will be provided. The workshops are suitable for ages 10 to 97¼ (younger ones welcome accompanied by an adult). Booking essential; deposit of £50 per person is required. Week 1: 22 - 26 July; Week 2: 5 - 9 August; Week 3: 19 - 23 August. Full week: £190.00; £160 for 2nd & subsequent places.

Day workshops: between our workshop full weeks, we are running ½ and full day workshops, an ideal introduction to an art or craft. There is no set timetable for these: we will plan the day depending on what you'd like to do, so booking is essential. Just pick a day that suits you and a craft, and we will book you in. Our café will be open for you to purchase lunch and snacks. Price for ½ day £15 + materials, full day £30 + materials. To find out more visit: [www.cwcafe.com](http://www.cwcafe.com), call us on 07984 354682 or email [thecwcafe@gmail.com](mailto:thecwcafe@gmail.com)

**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.

Come Play With Me now also has an **all-weather outdoor woodland group**, generally held on the first Thursday of every month during term time. Please meet at the Christian Community Car park, 22, Baylie Street, Stourbridge, no later than 9.15am for everyone to leave together and for lifts to be allocated to those who do not have their own transport. Please bring your own drinks for your children. Snacks will be provided. Cost is £3 per family. We are using a private woodland near to Stourbridge and there are horses there and sometimes goats and piglets in an enclosure.

If you wish to come please contact Amy Malkin: [amymalkin83@gmail.com](mailto:amymalkin83@gmail.com) to finalise any arrangements.

**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 www.cc-camps.org

## HEALTH

**Feel Good Market - Flourish Wellbeing Event:** Saturday, 20 July 2019: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm at St Thomas' Church Hall, Stourbridge. Following on from the success of last year's Flourish Wellbeing Festival at the Glasshouse Arts Centre, we are pleased to share that the Elysia Therapeutic Centre will be participating in Flourish Wellbeing's Summer event. Held at St Thomas' Church in the heart of Stourbridge - why not come along and visit our stall? There will be lots to see, do and share.

**Are you suffering from chronic pain?** Anna van Zelderden, Chartered Physiotherapist has 7 years of experience of 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: 07789 852 378.

## SERVICES

**Learn to Drive:** If you have always wanted to learn to drive then please give me a ring. I have taught countless pupils and parents from Elmfield over the last 10 years. I am a Grade A instructor and within the top 2% of best instructors UK wide. Don't worry if you are nervous or you think it is overwhelming. It is a step by step process and anything can be overcome. You will learn in an environment that is fun, gentle, understanding and follows test guidelines in order to ensure success. I use various techniques to help put you at your ease. Our space together is a safe space and, let's face it, if you are enjoying your learning then it is something you look forward to and the good habits will stay with you for life. You have one chance only, to get it right and keep yourself, friends and family safe. My pass rate is very high due to the fact that I do not send people for test before they are ready. I want you to pass first time, not take 5 tests to get there. Call Bridgit 0772 695 3033

**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.

**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)

**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)

## SALES, OFFERS AND WANTED

**Wanted:** Have you a big strong suitcase in good condition that you no longer need? I am looking for one or two to put all my play therapy equipment in. If you have, please do send an email to [brenda.newton@elmfield.com](mailto:brenda.newton@elmfield.com) or phone the office and leave me a message. Many thanks, Brenda Newton

**For Sale:** Gas/Lava Rock barbeque, unused, still in box, £50. Carlotta, tel. 01384 373929

**Wanted/Offered Au Pair or UK Family Stay:** Kind and intelligent Italian/Columbian girl, Lusi, looking for a placement in an English-speaking family over the summer to improve her English. She is 18 and studying languages at college, including English, French and Spanish. Willing to do housework, look after children or work in a family business in any way that would be useful. She would work for bed and board and an amount of pocket money appropriate to the work. Alternatively, she could pay to come and live in house with older teenagers and join in with the family for the summer. Please contact [anne.bearne@gmail.com](mailto:anne.bearne@gmail.com) for more information

**WANTED: Children's books** for asylum seekers learning / practising English at home, e.g. ABC books, simple children's story books, preferably with illustrations, simple adult books with pictures. Please leave with Maigread at the office. Thank you. Carrie Smith 833738.

*Last but not least...*

*“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much”*

*Helen Keller*

