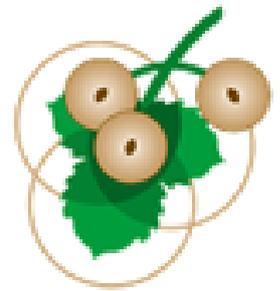


# LOOSE ENDS



FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Details
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Schloss Hamborn present <i>Pericles</i> , Hall
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Schloss Hamborn present <i>Pericles</i> , Hall
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October		Schloss Hamborn depart
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Stream of Sound, Eurythmy Room
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00pm	Community choir, Hall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Class 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Musical Evening by Class 11
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	7:00pm	Open Event for Prospective Parents
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Stream of Sound, Eurythmy Room
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00pm	Class 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00pm	Community choir, Hall
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30pm	Opera performance, Eurythmy Room
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		GCSE History pupils on a trip to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		<b>School closes for half term</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>School reopens for second half term</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November		School closes at lunch time for Bazaar preparation
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00-4.00	Elmfield Winter Fayre

## ELMFIELD NEWS & INFORMATION

### NEWS IN BRIEF

- We celebrated one hundred years of Waldorf education with special events on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- Some of our staff and students took part in the Global Climate strike to raise awareness of climate change.
- Classes throughout the school have been taking part in Michaelmas activities.
- We have welcomed our guests from Schloss Hamborn on their annual visit to Elmfield.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Schloss Hamborn present *Pericles*.** Our guests from Schloss Hamborn will be presenting William Shakespeare's *Pericles* in the hall at 7:30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. In this rarely performed play *Pericles*, the Prince of Tyre must flee his kingdom to escape death. He travels the world and has many adventures before a miraculous family reunion. We look forward to seeing you there.

**After School Care.** We provide a service to help parents who are unable to pick up their children at 3.15pm for whatever reason. The children are registered after school finishes and are free to play outside, stay inside, do craft work, draw, play board games and many other activities. It is time for them to socialise and unwind after school has finished. They enjoy playing with children from different classes and will often ask to dress up, regardless of age! At 4.30pm we sit together and have a tea of bread, jam, honey or marmite with a cup of blackcurrant juice. When the weather is fine, we will enjoy our tea outside. Everything provided is organic wherever possible. After School Care is available for children from Kindergarten up to and including Class 5. Older children may be admitted after discussion



as to whether it is suitable for them. You are welcome to have a free trial of one session to see if After School Care is suitable for your child. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jan Bradley and Jean Buckle via the school office.

**Early Years Harvest Produce Request.** In the Early Years Department, we try to follow the rhythm of the year in all our activities with the children. Since returning to school in September we have been celebrating the fruitfulness of Autumn. We have been very fortunate in years gone by to receive harvest produce that we can transform into jams, jellies and crumbles amongst other delicious tidbits. If you have any surplus produce such as apples, ripe or unripe tomatoes or anything else that that you may think we could use it would all be gratefully received. We would also welcome jars of homemade jam and preserves that we could enjoy with our kindergarten and nursery bread. With many thanks. Lorraine Bresnahan (on behalf of the Early Years Department).

**Elmfield Gift Shop.** We have lots of new stock on our shelves! Including, from our Fair-Trade suppliers - colourful tagua jewellery, thumb pianos, wooden angels and small decorative mirrors. Our selection of reasonably priced greeting cards - greatly extended! Just in: Autumn copy of 'New View' magazine (£6.00). New additions to our range of Holtztiger wooden animals - foxes, bears, hedgehogs and guinea pig! Back in stock: Beautiful Beannachar tapered rainbow birthday candles (£1 /£2). Finally, to all of our honey lovers out there, we currently have a plentiful supply of 'Elmfield Honey' (Opaque set honey). Buy now to avoid disappointment!

**Parents' Library** open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am). Located within Elmfield Gift Shop, the library is available for use by all parents, staff and friends of Elmfield School. Absolutely free to use! If you are unable to attend the time-tabled library sessions, then we do operate a request service either via the shop or by email to [jackie.inman@elmfield.com](mailto:jackie.inman@elmfield.com). We have now added two copies of *Growing Up Healthy in a World of Digital Media: A guide for parents and caregivers of children and adolescents*. This excellent resource features many references to further reading, and as such we will be buying some of these titles in the weeks to come.

**Upper School Opera.** Upper School pupils have been working on a 'drawing room' presentation of Henry Purcell's opera 'Dido & Aeneas'. They will perform this in the Eurythmy room at 6:30 on Thursday 17th October, if you would like to come and see what they have achieved, you would be most welcome - it is a much-shortened version and will last under an hour, but will give a good insight into music from the Baroque era.

## ELMFIELD P.T.F.A.

**Winter Fayre Job Vacancies!** We urgently need volunteers to:

- run the external stalls
- source a PA system
- organise advertising

We need these roles filling if we are to run a full- scale Winter Fayre this year. There are other areas that we need help in, both large and small! It's a great way to get involved and meet other parents so please get in touch via [elmfieldptfa@gmail.com](mailto:elmfieldptfa@gmail.com) by Friday 11th October if you are interested or would like more information. We are also looking for a Secretary and new General members if you would be interested in longer term involvement. Please look out for more information about our AGM. Many thanks and best wishes, The PTFA Committee.

## CURRENT VACANCIES

If you are interested in any of the following roles please visit the vacancies section of our website at <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/> to read more and apply using the application form that each job links to on the website.

- German Teacher
- Upper School Maths/Science Teacher
- Member of the School's Council of Management – Chair of Council
- Member of the School's Council of Management – Employment
- Boarding Parents



## THE WIDER COMMUNITY

### EVENTS

**Family Glass Mosaic Workshop.** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019. A family and community day for fathers, daughters, mothers, sons, grandparents, and anyone who want to come and join. Enjoy a creative Sunday to unwind and make a piece of colour and light in Rosa's glass-studio at the Ruskin Glass Centre, Glass House College in Stourbridge. Coffee, tea and juice provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch. The workshop starts at 10:00, lunchbreak around 12:00, end around 3:00. Breaks can be added freely. Cost: £30, all materials included for a framed glass mosaic to take home. Please contact Rosa to book your place on 07986 313838, [rosewindows@live.co.uk](mailto:rosewindows@live.co.uk) or via her website [www.rosewindows.net](http://www.rosewindows.net).

**Explorers' Group: Steiner Waldorf: The Foundations, or Why on Earth Are We Here?** I have recently retired after eighteen years as senior executive adviser for the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship, and I am hoping I can support the Elmfield community in some practical ways. I am the author of *A Handbook for Steiner Waldorf Class Teachers*, an editor of the "Yellow Curriculum Book" and other books on the education. I plan to offer a regular discussion seminar for parents, and others interested in the background and fundamentals of the education and Steiner's general ideas. If interested, we would explore the topic together through conversation. If you think you would like to take part in this Explorers' Group, I hold a sample meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 14.00-15.00 in the bookshop. You can email me your thoughts and indicate that you would like to attend via [didaskalos46@gmail.com](mailto:didaskalos46@gmail.com). Kevin Avison.

### HEALTH & WELLBEING

**Yoga Souls classes at Elmfield.** Thursdays, 6.30pm - Yoga Basics, suitable for all - beginners and those wishing to go back to basics and learn the classical Hatha yoga postures. Thursdays 8pm - Yin Relax, candlelight and calm! Join us for an hour of peaceful mind and relaxed body with deep but gentle stretches and meditation, suitable for all. All classes payable termly or £10 drop in. Held in the Movement Room. Please contact Emma Cartwright to book on 07973 376267. [www.yogasouls.co.uk](http://www.yogasouls.co.uk).

**Day Retreat at Elmfield.** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Yoga, Guided Meditation & Cacao Ceremony - theme "Breaking Bold". Join Emma Cartwright (Yoga Souls) and Helen Courtney (Evolving You) to celebrate the full moon in Aries and to connect with your inner strength. Please contact Emma on 07973 376267 to book.

**Anthroposophical Medical Consultations and Mistletoe Therapy** with Dr Claudia Kempfen at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. 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. 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/). The next Stourbridge clinic dates are Thursday 31st October and Thursday 28th November 2019. For more information please contact the Elysia Therapeutic Centre on 01384 392072.

**Rheumatology Clinic** with Consultant Rheumatologist, Dr Rainer Klocke at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. 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 please contact the Elysia Therapeutic Centre on 01384 392072.

### SERVICES

**Come! Play with Me!** Steiner Waldorf inspired parent and child group at the Christian Community, 22 Baylie Street Stourbridge, DY8 1AZ. Babies and children with their carers welcome. Cost £4 per family session, with first two sessions free as tasters. We meet on Wednesday 9.30-11.30am during Elmfield term times. For further information and to book contact Janet Klaar on 07933 147 180. We look forward to welcoming you.

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**Need a helping hand?** Hello, my name is Franziska, I'm a 24 year-old eurythmy student and happy to give you a hand in the garden and household (cleaning, cooking etc.), babysit your children (previous experience also with babies and children with special needs) or to be there for a night watch on weekends. As I'm German I also offer private tutoring in German. This should be in Stourbridge or reachable by a short bus journey. Please call me on 00491785292869 or write a message to [franziska\\_pressler@posteo.de](mailto:franziska_pressler@posteo.de).

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

**Looking for jobs.** My name is Sophia Khazalia, I am 28 years old and I live in Stourbridge. I am part of the stage group of Eurythmy West Midlands. I am looking for jobs such as ironing, cleaning, babysitting or caring for elderly people who need help for daily things. I am a very punctual, responsible, and well-ordered person. I would be also very interested if there is an opportunity for living at a place in exchange of my work. I have worked for many years in Switzerland as a cleaning lady, a cook, with children and disabled people. Furthermore, I worked in a nursery for 5 years (in Switzerland as well) I studied Waldorf pedagogy. I am very loving and attentive with children. I'm ready to work at night and look after your kids. Please contact me at [khazalia.s@gmail.com](mailto:khazalia.s@gmail.com).

## SALES, OFFERS & WANTED

### FOR SALE

**Four-bedroom house**, 20 minutes walk from school and 10 minutes walk to countryside, backs on to South Road Allotments. Open plan kitchen, dining room and back lounge plus front reception room. Three bathrooms, covered decking, summer house, three storage sheds - all on a generous corner plot. Driveway provides off road parking for 2 cars. If interested contact Sarah on 07752 165342.

**Baby items.** V Tech First Steps Baby-walker, £10. Mothercare 'Winnie the Pooh' Travel Cot, £10. Lindam Easy-fit Wood and Metal Child Safety Gate 74 cm-80 cm/with extension 136 cm, £15. Wooden Square Playpen 36" x 38", £25. Telephone: 01384 394216.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LOOSE ENDS

The next edition will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please email any entries to [loose-ends@elmfield.com](mailto:loose-ends@elmfield.com) by 5pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We reserve the right to edit content. The editor's decision is final.

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## LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

*"Notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature"*

Freiedrich Nietzsche

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