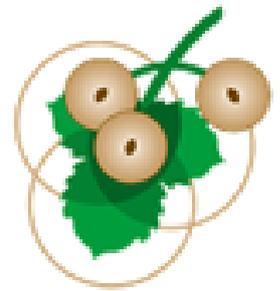


# LOOSE ENDS



FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Details
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		GCSE History pupils on a trip to Kenilworth Castle
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	12.30 & 3.15	Class 4 "Save the Planet" cookie and craft stall
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15	<b>School closes for half term</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>School reopens for second half term</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30	AGM of PTFA - Hall
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30	Stream of Sound - Eurythmy Room
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00	Community Choir - Hall
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00-7.00	Elmfield Bonfire Night
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	tbc	Martinmas Festival for pupils from classes 1 - 3
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	7.15 for 7.30	Class 1 Parents' Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November		School closes at lunch time for Winter Fayre preparation
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 - 4.00	Elmfield Winter Fayre
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	7.00 – 9.00	Gallimaufrey - Eurythmy Room
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	tbc	Advent Sunday - Advent Gardens
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	12.30	Early Years end of term
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.50 for 2.00	Christmas School Festival
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15	<b>End of term</b>

## ELMFIELD NEWS & INFORMATION

### NEWS IN BRIEF

- We enjoyed hosting our German visitors from Schloss Hamborn and their wonderful performance of Shakespeare's *Pericles*.
- Class Three had a fun day at Acton Scott Historic Working Farm as part of their farming main lesson.
- Upper School pupils performed a 'drawing room' presentation of Purcell's opera *Dido & Aeneas* to other students, staff and parents as part of their music module. This was especially impressive as it was all rehearsed in just sixteen hours.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

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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.

**Elmfield Bonfire Night.** Class 7 will be hosting the annual on Friday 8th November. Please come along to join us for hot food and drink around the bonfire from 5pm to 7pm in the Big Garden. Entry to the school will be through the big wooden gates further along Love Lane. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Lego Request.** Emma Hayward would like to collect as much Lego as possible to build a copy of Kenilworth Castle to assist Class 11 with their history revision. Any donations would be gratefully received at the school reception.

**Elmfield Gift Shop.** We close for the half term break at 4pm on Friday 18th October and will re-open on Monday 4th November. Already on our shelves is our best-selling book *The Maria Thun Biodynamic Calendar 2020* (£7.99). Back in stock are the very reasonably priced recycled lunch bags - in an even greater selection of funky styles! (£4.00). There is a choice of two 2020 calendars this year - Janet Jordan Calendar from Wynstones Press (£7.99), and the ever-popular Elsa Beskow Calendar from Floris (£9.99).

**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: [jackie.inman@elmfield.com](mailto:jackie.inman@elmfield.com) New addition to our shelves: *Growing Children, Thriving Children: Raising 7- 12 year olds with confidence and awareness* - latest book by Lou Harvey-Zahra (Author of Happy Child, Happy Home) We are currently taking reservations for this title.

## 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.

- Early Years Assistant
- Shop Manager
- 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 & WORKSHOPS

**Festival of the Child** is an online group learning experience. Seven days of transformative interviews (from 14th - 20th November 2019) with over 21+ experts across a broad-cross spectrum of fields, including doctors, teachers, psychologists, storytellers and more. It's completely free to watch during the live broadcast, because we want to reach as many parents and families as possible. Our experts are thought leaders and shining lights in their respective fields - all sharing fresh new perspectives and their personal wisdom to help your children not only navigate the challenging times we are living in, but also to truly thrive. Interview topics include the importance of play in the early years, the courage of parenting with a history of trauma and setting healthy boundaries for teens as they explore social media amongst many more. You can register online and download a complete list of interview topics on our website [www.festivalofthechild.com](http://www.festivalofthechild.com) and read more about the speakers there too.

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**Open Sessions: Creative & Steiner Education** - NESWEC Steiner Early Years Steiner Early Childhood Studies Course held at Elmfield is opening some sessions for staff and parents in the last week of this coming half term, 28th October – 1st November. Are you interested in joining us? £12 per session including all materials and refreshments. £10 per session for 2+sessions, £8 per session for 4+sessions. Details can be found at <http://elmfield.com/unusual-opportunity-in-elmfield/>. For enquiries or to book, please contact Jill Taplin: [jill@neswec.org.uk](mailto:jill@neswec.org.uk) or phone 01782 504567.

**Gallimaufry.** Calling all musicians young and old - come along and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen on Friday 29th November 2019 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. As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6pm on 01384 442106.

**Remembrance Evening.** This is a wonderful way to inwardly celebrate the lives of those who are not with us anymore. We light a candle in their memory and connect with them through artistic contributions. Come and join us Sunday the 17th of November 7.30 at the Glasshouse Art Centre DY8 4HF. See you there. On behalf of the organizing team, Annamaria Balog.

**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).

**Learn Classical Calligraphy.** If you want to experience the art of beautiful lettering in the classical style, then come and learn in these workshops. The first workshop will thoroughly introduce you to the foundation of calligraphy by covering the construction of Round Hand lettering. You will be introduced to the simple tools required and how to use them. We will end with a taster of what's to come. This introductory workshop will run from 10am to 3.30pm with a refreshment break (tea, coffee, biscuits provided) and a lunch break (bring your own). Lenore Bergstrom is running the workshop and has been a scribe and heraldic artist for 17 years with huge experience in producing broadsheets, painted coats of arms, illuminations, calligraphy, certificates and private commissions for clients in Britain, Italy, America, China, France, South Africa working on vellum, parchment and various papers with leaf and shell gold and the use of fine pigments. This workshop is first come first serve basis and is highly restricted in numbers to a maximum of 4 people. The first workshop will be on the 11th of January 2020. If you are stuck for a Christmas present, then here it is – let us know as we will give you a voucher for the gift. Please call Lenore on 07834 814388.

**The Touch of Light – Introduction to Veil Painting** with Bernardus Nijhuis. Begins Saturday 30th November, running every Saturday for 4 weeks, finishing 21st December at Elysia Therapeutic Centre. Cost per session: £25 (art materials included). Where light and darkness meet, colours appear. They touch our hearts in many different ways. Colours can be: brave, dominant, exiting, shy, lonely.... etc. Whereas sculptures characterize themselves by movement and form in three-dimensional space, veil painting derives its quality from the conversation between transparent colours in light and darkness. The inner quality of the colours and their transparency elevate our souls from physical existence. In this workshop you will: paint, experience, and understand the working of the different colours; paint and experience the influence of light and darkness in transparent colours; learn skills and techniques to make veil paintings in a single and more colours; learn some basic skills in drawing and painting plants, animals and human beings. Bookings and enquiries via the Elysia Therapeutic Centre on 01384 392072 or [info@elysiacentre.org](mailto:info@elysiacentre.org).

**Lisa Romero Open Talk.** On 2<sup>nd</sup> September Lisa Romero gave an Open Talk to the community entitled *Spirit Led Community: Healing the Impact of Technology*. A summary of the talk can be found at <http://elmfield.com/lisa-romero-talk-notes-september-2019/>.



## HEALTH & WELLBEING

**Mindful Movement.** Trial course TODAY, Friday 18th of October, 6.00-7.00pm at Mary Stevens Park Activity Centre. Donation based. We will be moving forms and rhythms based on natural patterns, to understand and feel reconnected with nature. Accompanied by live music. No prior knowledge is required, just come along and have a learning and relaxing experience. Please wear comfortable clothing. For details of future sessions please call Jana on 0739 5359179.

**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.

## 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.

**Learn to Drive.** Have you been putting it off? Are you keen to learn and spread your wings and gain your independence or get that job that requires a licence? Come and learn in a safe, friendly and patient environment. I have taught many parents and students of Elmfield over the last 13 years, so I have many references available. Any pupil of Elmfield will get a reduced rate so come and learn with one of the best in the UK as of my last DVSA official testing. I also use NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) to help you learn in a way that suits you and your learning style. Nervous pupils welcome – we will take it step by gentle step and work according to your strengths. Can't wait to meet you. Call Bridgit on 0772 695 3033.

**Lessons Available.** I offer: German lessons for beginners or Fortgeschrittene; Flute lessons - you will need your own flute; Art lessons including drawing, clay sculpture and textiles. All possible in single or group sessions. For details please call Jana on 0739 5359179.

**Painter and Decorator.** Local, reliable painter with a preference for using eco-friendly paint. Available for internal and external work. Call 07805 943697 for a free quote.

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



## SALES, OFFERS & WANTED

**Heavy-duty plastic tubs** with handles & lids for free if anyone is interested; they had bird fat balls in them and could be good for brewing. Call Jo Jones on 01384 839656.

**Weekday Accommodation.** Pleasant room available with en-suite shower room in Oldswinford, Stourbridge. Suit professional person seeking weekday accommodation; close to Stourbridge Junction railway station. Shared use of kitchen/dining room/garden. Please contact Carrie on 07941 869863 or 01384 833738.

**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.

**Looking for a job.** My name is Johanna, I am 25 years old and from Germany. I came to Stourbridge to join the post-graduate stage-work in Eurythmy at the Glasshouse. I am looking for a job, for example, cleaning, caring for children or people with special needs, gardening, German lessons, ... For the last four years I studied Eurythmy at the Institute for Waldorf Education in Witten-Annen. During my studies my side job was caring for people with special needs. I attended the Frei Waldorfschule Flensburg for thirteen years, In Upper School I worked with children and people with special needs in various music or drama workshops. Please contact me at johannavoight@posteo.de or 07933 259649. Thank you.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LOOSE ENDS

The next edition will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please email any entries to [loose-ends@elmfield.com](mailto:loose-ends@elmfield.com) by 5pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. No attachments will be added to *Loose Ends*. We reserve the right to edit content. The editor's decision is final.

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## LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

"The smallest act of kindness  
is worth more than the grandest intention"

Oscar Wilde