

# LOOSE ENDS



FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Details
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	7.00-9.00pm	Gallimaufry - Eurythmy Room
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	tbc	Advent Sunday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	8.00-9.00pm	Parents Eurythmy Group - Eurythmy Room
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	7.30	Stream of Sound – Eurythmy Room
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00	Class Ten Parents' Evening
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00	Community Choir – Eurythmy Room
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00-9.00pm	Parents Eurythmy Group - Eurythmy Room
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30	P.T.F.A. Annual General Meeting – Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30	Christmas Festival organised by Anthroposophical Society – Eurythmy Room
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00-9.00pm	Parents Eurythmy Group - Eurythmy Room
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30	Teachers' Play
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30-4.00	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	12.30	Early Years end of term
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.50 for 2.00	School Christmas Festival
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15	Class Eleven stall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15	<b>End of Term</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30–4.00	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00-2.00	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	7.30	Stream of Sound Christmas Concert - Hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January		<b>Spring Term begins</b>

## ELMFIELD NEWS & INFORMATION

### 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 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 Gift Shop.** In true Elmfield tradition, we still have a few Advent Calendars for sale (large and small) - just in case you failed to get one before 1st December! New to our shelves: Organic cotton 'Turtle Bags' - drawstring grocery bags (£2.00) and long handled shopping bags (£6.40) Back on our shelves: Himalayan Natural Salt tea-light holders (£4.80) The shop will be open 8.30-4.00 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, and for last minute purchases 10.00-2.00 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We re-open 8.30 - 4.00 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.



**Parents' Library.** Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45-9.45). 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).

For the more astute - you may have noticed a brief hiatus in the running of the library! This is needed so that we can re-house the library stock in a 'new' piece of furniture (kindly donated by the shop). Please bear with us whilst the books are re-arranged. But do keep asking if there is anything you would like to borrow! Normal service will be resumed ASAP.

## ELMFIELD P.T.F.A

**The Winter Fayre.** The PTFA are delighted to be able to announce the grand total for the Winter Fayre 2019 after all costs have been deducted is £5154.14. This is an amazing amount of money raised and the whole school community should be very proud of this achievement and the overall success of Saturday. We would like to thank you all for supporting the Winter Fayre so generously. The fayre was not only an effective fundraising event but also a fun, festive day where children, parents and staff collectively celebrated being a part of the Elmfield community. It was lovely for the children and parents to have a social event together. A BIG THANK YOU must go to the hard-working people who helped before, on the day and after the fayre. The fayre would not have been possible without the huge help and support from many different people in the school community, parents, friends, and grandparents etc. who came forward at different stages of the whole organisational process. Thank you for all the donations we received for the different stalls from cakes and food for the cafe, prizes for the tombola and raffle, items for the gnome gardens etc. Thank you.

**P.T.F.A. Annual General Meeting.** We would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

## 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.

- Eurythmy Teacher
- 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

**Stream of Sound Christmas Concerts.** We'd like to invite you to share in our Christmas festivities. Those of you who are regulars at our annual concert know what a special occasion this is and will also know to come early to get a seat! We've got some beautiful new carols and winter songs for you, as well as some of your old favourites. If you've never been to a Stream of Sound Christmas concert before, do come along this year, and discover atmospheric songs, luscious harmonies, convivial company and delicious refreshments to put you in the mood for Christmas.

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm. Gigmill Methodist Church, Glebe Lane, Stourbridge. Shared concert.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm.- Katie Fitzgerald's, Stourbridge. Vocal contributions to gift-giving session.
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 7:30 - Elmfield School - the BIG CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

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**Gallimaufry.** Calling all musicians young and old - come along and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen TONIGHT, Friday 29th November 2019 from 7pm until around 9pm 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.

**Parents Eurythmy Group.** Are you interested in finding out more about Eurythmy? The best way is to experience it for yourself! The Parents Eurythmy group is a small and friendly group of parents who meet weekly during term time. Lessons are taught by Eurythmy Teacher, Tomie Ando-Boardman and are open to all. This half term we will meet at 8-9pm on Monday evenings in the Eurythmy Room at Elmfield. Sessions cost £8 as you go or £42 for a 6-week block. Please contact Sue if you are interested or would like any more information 07928 135920 or [suzobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:suzobrien@hotmail.com).

**Advent Spiral.** Please come and join our Advent Spiral on Sunday 1st December 2019 at 4pm at The Christian Community, Baylie Street, DY8 AZ. Everyone welcome.

**Little Frankenstein.** Semi-famous puppeteer Frank Stein has had enough with his badly made puppets. He'll never be really famous because his puppets keep falling apart! Taking inspiration from the scientist Dr Frankenstein, and with the help of the audience he creates a new real live puppet that is destined to change this life forever! Creature George emerges from the workshop, innocent and willing to learn, but Frank is so intent on the planned rehearsal that he neglects to look after his new child. A gentle horror for little horrors. Little Frankenstein will tickle the imagination of everyone from 5 to 105 years old. Adults £7, Children £5, Time of show: 6pm, approx. 60 minutes at Glasshouse Arts Centre, Wollaston Road, Stourbridge, DY8 4HF. To book tickets call 01384 399408 or alternatively purchase them online at <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/Event/little-frankenstein>.

**The Touch of Light – Part One: An Introduction to Veil Painting** with Bernardus Nijhuis, 7th December and 14th December, 10am until noon at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. Cost of Part One: £50 (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 and more. 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; begin to learn skills and techniques to make veil paintings in a single and more colours. Bookings and enquiries via the Elysia Therapeutic Centre on 01384 392072 or [info@elysiacentre.org](mailto:info@elysiacentre.org).

## 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).

**Elysia Therapeutic Centre.** Gift Vouchers and latest Winter Health & Wellbeing Newsletter now available! The Centre's new Winter Health and Wellbeing Newsletter outlines many seasonal health and wellbeing offerings to take you through the cold Winter months and into Spring! It also includes special Treatment Offers, Workshops and Events, a Practitioner Directory and plenty of ideas for Christmas gifts. If you are interested in receiving a copy and to find out more about our gift voucher service, then please contact the Centre at [info@elysiacentre.org](mailto:info@elysiacentre.org) or on 01384 392072. Wishing you all good health for the festive season.

## SERVICES

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

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**Will you spare an hour to protect your children's future?** That's how long it would take to appoint suitable guardians and specify your wishes should you die unexpectedly, perhaps including that they continue their Steiner-Waldorf Education. Informal arrangements are not legally binding and in the absence of proper provision the State will choose guardians and your children may end up in foster care while this decision is made. This is my profession and I'm passionate about helping fellow Elmfield parents protect their families. I am offering this service to Elmfield for just £120 +VAT per Parent. Get in touch on 07815 313104 or [john@asset-wealth.co.uk](mailto:john@asset-wealth.co.uk).

**Power of Attorney.** Without a Lasting Power of Attorney document created in advance, families can find themselves locked out of an ailing loved one's finances and facing a complicated court process to be appointed their Deputy, with fees running into many thousands of pounds. Fewer than 1 in 10 people have essential planning in place. To learn more or for help arranging Lasting Powers of Attorney for yourself or a family member get in touch with John Kane (Class 3, 1 and kindergarten parent) on 07815 313104 or email [contact@asset-wealth.co.uk](mailto:contact@asset-wealth.co.uk).

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Assistant Administrator.** The Godparents Anthroposophical Training Fund (GATF) is looking for a part time assistant administrator initially 8 hours a week, flexible with the view to eventually taking on the Administration and bookkeeping role. We are looking for someone with excellent computer skills and pleasant phone manner with initiative and organisational and secretarial skills. The job will entail general office tasks, dealing with loan applications and agreements and following loan recipients. Knowledge of Anthroposophical training courses and Steiner Education is not essential but would be desirable. GATF is a registered charity which gives interest free loans to students on approved vocational trainings. The office is based in Stourbridge. For more information please email [admin@gatf.org.uk](mailto:admin@gatf.org.uk).

## SALES, OFFERS & WANTED

**Cello Wanted.** Does anyone have a full size 4/4 cello that they no longer need and would be prepared to sell? If you do, please call Steve Hall (School Gardener) on 07963 770960.

**Room to rent.** Furnished room to rent in the Old Quarter, Stourbridge. Available from January 2020 onwards. For more information, please phone 01384 395623.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LOOSE ENDS

The next edition will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Please email any entries to [loose-ends@elmfield.com](mailto:loose-ends@elmfield.com) by 5pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019. 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 way we do small things determines the way we do EVERYTHING"

Robin Sharma

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