

LOOSE ENDS



FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Details
Sunday 15 th December	3.00	Memorial Gathering for Janet Klaar – Eurythmy Room
Sunday 15 th December	7.30	Christmas Festival organised by Anthroposophical Society – Eurythmy Room
Monday 16 th December	3.15	Class Ten Food and Hot Drinks Stall
Monday 16 th December	8.00-9.00pm	Parents Eurythmy Group - Eurythmy Room
Monday 16 th December	7.30	Teachers' Play and Carol Singing – Hall
Tuesday 17 th December	12.45	School closes early for the funeral of Janet Klaar
Tuesday 17 th December	7.30	Stream of Sound – Eurythmy Room
Wednesday 18 th December	8.30-4.00	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Wednesday 18 th December	12.30	Early Years end of term
Wednesday 18 th December	1.50 for 2.00	School Christmas Festival - Hall
Wednesday 18 th December	3.15	Class Eleven Cakes Stall
Wednesday 18 th December	3.15	End of Term
Thursday 19 th December	8.30-4.00	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Friday 20 th December	10.00-2.00	Elmfield Gift Shop open
Saturday 21 st December	7.30	Stream of Sound Christmas Concert - Hall
Thursday 9 th January		Spring Term begins

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teachers' Play and Carol Singing. You are warmly invited to join us for Teachers' Play at 7.30 on Monday 16th December. This popular annual event is a gift from the teachers at Elmfield to the school community and this year we tell a contemporary and relevant adaptation of the Christmas story, performed with the help of our Class Ten magical musicians. 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.

Elmfield Gift Shop. Please note that the shop will be closing at 3.00pm on Tuesday 17th December in order to enable staff to attend Janet Klaar's funeral. Isabel would like to say 'farewell and thank-you' to everyone for their kindness



and support during her time as shop manager (there is a farewell book & collection envelope in the shop should anyone wish to contribute to her leaving present which will be presented in January.) The new manager will be starting in January. Finally - we would appreciate it if customers could clear any debts with the shop before the end of term. Last day of opening before Christmas is Friday 20th December 10.00am - 2.00pm. Shop re-opens Thursday 9th January. Wishing everyone a relaxing Christmas break!

Parents' Library. All books currently on loan will now be renewed so that they can be returned after the Christmas holidays. Please wait for further information, and re-launch of the library in January. Wishing everyone a 'Merry bookish Christmas!

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.

- Specialist Learning Support Teacher
- Class Teacher to start September 2020
- Eurythmy Teacher – Early Years and Lower School
- 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.

- Sunday 15th December, 4pm.- Katie Fitzgerald's, Stourbridge. Vocal contributions to gift-giving session.
- Saturday 21st December, 7:30 - Elmfield School - the BIG CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

West Midlands Eurythmy. The West Midlands Eurythmy students are warmly inviting all friends of our community to celebrate together their End of Term work. The performances will be this Saturday evening the 14th of December from 3pm in the Furnace Auditorium at the Glasshouse Art Centre, DY8 4HF. Come and join them for a light filled evening full of eurythmy, speech and music... and singing!

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 suzyobrien@hotmail.com.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Hatha and Ashtanga Yoga at Elmfield. Beginners' / Improvers' Hatha Yoga Course (10 weeks) Monday 8.00pm - 9.30pm, a gentle yoga class, suitable for most people. Incorporating yoga postures, breathing exercises, recuperation and relaxation techniques (13 January - 23 March) Stretch, renew & relax. Ashtanga Yoga Self-Practice / Mysore Style Course (10 weeks) Thursday 8.00pm - 9.30pm, this class can accept a small number of people new to yoga or Ashtanga yoga. However, it is essential to phone and speak to James, in order to make sure that you understand

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how a self-practice class works. (16 January - 26 March) Mind calm - body vibrant. Call James Critchlow on 01384 394702 or 07967 211748. www.yogabirmingham.co.uk.

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.

SERVICES

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

Free Piano. The street piano which was installed at the Tesco café for a while has not found another home. Do you know of anyone who may want it? It is a free gift to any loving home – rather than it going to a “piano graveyard”. Please contact Paul Randon – 07768 942032 or paulrandon@btinternet.com.

Baby and Child items. Babybay wooden cot that attaches to side of bed. For babies up to 6 months, ordered from Germany and cost over £200 new. £50, mattress included if wanted. Britax high back car seat (for child 9 -18 Kilos) £10. Sturdy child bicycle seat £10. Small booster seat £4. Please get in touch with Mel on 07967 408269 or email icmcghee@yahoo.co.uk if interested.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LOOSE ENDS

The next edition will be on Friday 17th January 2020.

Please email any entries to loose-ends@elmfield.com by 5pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020. 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

“My idea of Christmas, whether
old-fashioned or modern, is very simple:
loving others.”

Bob Hope

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