

LOOSE ENDS



FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2020

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Details
Monday 2 nd March	7.30pm	Early Years Department Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 3 rd March	7.30pm	Stream of Sound Rehearsal, Eurythmy Room
Wednesday 4 th March	8.00pm	Community Choir Rehearsal, Hall
Monday 9 th March	8.00pm	Parents' Eurythmy Group, Eurythmy Room
Thursday 12 th March	1.50pm	Eurythmy Festival, Hall
Friday 13 th March	7.00pm	Gallimaufry, Eurythmy Room
Monday 16 th March	8.00pm	Parents' Eurythmy Group, Eurythmy Room
Monday 23 rd March	8.00pm	Parents' Eurythmy Group, Eurythmy Room
Monday 30 th March	8.00pm	Parents' Eurythmy Group, Eurythmy Room
Wednesday 1 st April	1.50pm	Easter School Festival, Hall
Wednesday 1 st April	7.30pm	Middle and Upper School Concert
Wednesday 1 st April		Schools closes for Easter holidays

ELMFIELD NEWS & INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elmfield Gift Shop. Just one theme this week - BOOKS! Thursday 5th March is 'World Book Day'! So, we thought we would celebrate by offering 10% off all our full-priced books! This offer will run from Friday 28th February - Friday 6th March inclusive - in order to give you plenty of time to browse our shelves! (Please note that the discount applies to confirmed purchases only! Any books put aside will revert to their full price on Monday 9th March.) In addition, we have a range of new books at special offer prices, and we have just extended our range of the ever-popular 'Bargain Books.' So, there should be something for everyone. 'Happy Reading'!

Parents' Library. Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) located within Elmfield Gift Shop. Another way to celebrate 'World Book Day' is to come along and borrow a book! It's difficult to describe our range of books - so it's always best to pop in and have a browse. If you can't find what you're looking for, many of our books are out on loan - but we do offer a reservation service in order to re-call the most popular titles.

Parent and Child Group. We currently have spaces in our Parent and Child Groups. There are sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 1.40 and 3.15. We welcome babies and children from birth to 3 years of age. However, if your child is older please contact us to discuss suitability. Our groups offer a chance for your child to play in a peaceful, calm environment. Each session follows a similar rhythm of free play with opportunities to look at picture books, draw and play outside in the garden (weather permitting!). We also try to offer seasonal craft activities such as decorating eggs at Easter and candles at Christmas. Each session we have a little snack which usually consists of rice cakes along with water or fruit tea to drink and we conclude the afternoon with a ring/story time. If you would like to come along to any of the groups, please call the school office on 01384 394633 and let them know which session you would like to attend.

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.

Middle and Upper School Concert. A concert will take place on the evening of the last day of this term - Wednesday 1st April, at 7:30pm. This is an important event for all pupils from class 6 up to class 11; the orchestras are already rehearsing for the event, as are the choirs, and the Upper School will also form a choir especially. There will be a spectacular selection of solo items showcasing the talents of our pupils. If there is any pupil unable to attend, please let me know straight away, so I can write the orchestra pieces accordingly. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting annual event!

ECHOES FROM THE CLASSROOM

Our classes have been up to many wonderful things over the last few weeks. Here is a selection of what they have been doing:

- The **Early Years** pupils enjoyed a wonderful pancake day with pancake stories and songs followed by homemade pancakes. A huge thank you to Ayano for making over 80 delicious pancakes!
- **Class 2** are enjoying the time they spend with their reading buddies from **Class 4** every week. This is a lovely way of the older pupils helping and supporting the younger pupils as they progress with their reading skills.
- **Class 3** pupils visited **Class 1** and taught them how to make beautiful origami snowdrops.

ELMFIELD P.T.F.A

The new PTFA Committee are already busy planning some exciting events for the year ahead. More to follow at a later date! If you would like to ask any questions of the PTFA, have any fundraising ideas or would like to support in any way please let us know via our email ptfa@elmfield.com.

CURRENT VACANCIES

If you are interested in any of the following roles, please visit the vacancies section of our website.

- School Bursar
- Specialist Learning Support Teacher
- Member of the School's Council of Management – Employment
- Boarding Parents

THE WIDER COMMUNITY

GROUPS

Elmfield Alumni Group. Are you or do you know a former Elmfield pupil? This group is a great way to keep in touch with friends from school through our Facebook group and our soon to be released website. We would love to see new school-leavers join the Alumni and to see it become a vibrant community. Our mission statement can be found on the website and explains to anyone wishing to join what we want to achieve, how to get involved and how the Alumni can benefit you. Opportunities are always in the making and we encourage you to be creative and make the Alumni what you want it to be. Feel free to join our Facebook group: Elmfield Alumni School Group.

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Parents' Eurythmy Group. Are you a parent who is interested in finding out more about Eurythmy? The Parent's Eurythmy group is a small and friendly group of parents who meet during term time. Lessons are taught by Eurythmy teacher, Tomie Ando-Boardman and are open to all. No previous experience is necessary. Our next block of 4 weeks

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will be at 8-9pm on Monday evenings in the Eurythmy Room at Elmfield starting on Monday 9th March. The cost is £28 for the 4-week block or £8 per individual session. Please contact Sue to book or if you would like any more information on 07928 135920 or suzyobrien@hotmail.com.

Gallimaufry. Calling all musicians young and old, our next gallimaufry will be on Friday 13th March 2020. Come along and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen 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 on. As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6pm on 01384 442106.

Art Club for Children. Saturday mornings, 10am until noon at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. April 25th, May 2nd, 9th 16th and 6th June. Using various mediums of painting, soft pastels and clay, Bernardus Nijhuis will work with the children, building their techniques and enhancing their experience of colour, form and dimension. Ages 9 -16 years. Since 2009, Bernardus Nijhuis has worked as a tutor in anthroposophy, teacher trainings, art, self-development, team building and veil painting for many Waldorf initiatives (schools) across Vietnam, Hong Kong Thailand and China. This role included mentoring the Waldorf schoolteachers, giving art workshops as well as supporting parents, teachers and children in their personal development. Cost of block: £65. To reserve places for the Children's Art Club please contact the Centre directly on: info@elysiacentre.org or 01384 392072.

Connect Women's Circle with Helen Courtney Meeting once a month, on a Thursday evening between 7 – 9pm at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. 'Connect' restores the power of the women's circle, welcoming like-hearted women to come together as equals for authentic and supportive connection. The circle encourages conscious communication and female kinship, as well as increased awareness of our 'self', our communities and nature. Each month focusses on a particular theme designed to deepen and strengthen these connections through sacred self-healing, self-empowerment and self-mastery techniques. Gatherings are kept to a maximum of 8 women, to ensure a quality experience. You can choose on monthly basis if you would like to attend, so do not have to make an ongoing commitment. To book your place in circle online visit www.helencourtney.co.uk.

RAT - The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Glasshouse Theatre, Friday 6th March at 7pm. Presented and reimagined by The Rat Affair through live music and shadow puppetry. Amidst a musical score that shifts between sensationally boisterous Eastern European folk and sparse reflective piano works, RAT tells the tale of a curious man who offers to rid a corrupt town in crisis by driving its vermin infestation away. It questions the very nature of theatre by removing speech from the narrative, choosing instead to adopt the use of exquisite puppetry and projection to present a powerful spectacle of light and sound. RAT brings together a host of outstanding artists working in theatre and performance, promising to be one of the most exciting experiences of 2020. Tickets £8.00 and £6.00 concession, book on line <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/Event/the-rat-affair> or by telephone 01384 399419.

Your Toys, Glasshouse Theatre, Friday 13th March 6.00. What have Buzz Lightyear, Barbie, the blue Brontosaurus and any other toy got in common? Answer: They can all go on a massive adventure together in 'Your Toys'. A puppetry show like no other - one that features your very own toys! A heart-warming story about friends pulling together, *Your Toys* is funny, full of music and surprises, and will send you home with a smile on your face. Adults and children are invited to bring along a toy and watch it join in the rumpus! Tickets £7.00 and £5.00 for children. Book online at <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/Event/your-toys> or by telephone 01384 399419.

Spring Fayre, Saturday 14th March 10.00 -4.00 FREE Entry. Join us at the Glasshouse College/Ruskin Glass Centre for a fun filled family day with unique Craft Stalls, resident Artists and Makers, Children's Activities, Free event and parking.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

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

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as part of an integrated approach to Cancer Care visit www.mistletoetherapy.org.uk/about/. The next Stourbridge clinic is on Friday 13th March. For more information please contact the Elysia Therapeutic Centre on 01384 392072.

Gymnastics for the Skin & Soul. Saturday 21 March, 10:00am – 11:30am A workshop with Elizabeth King and Ursula Werner at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. Holistic Facialist, Elizabeth King has teamed up with Eurythmist, Ursula Werner, to provide an opportunity for you to explore and experience some skin-soul work in action. The particular focus of the facial exercises will be the eye area. Tired, puffy eyes, lack of tone, over-hanging lids and crow's feet will all benefit from an eye-workout. Ursula will open and close the session with some Eurythmy exercises, to prepare for, connect and further enhance the eye exercises. At the end of the session you will be able to take a way a simple routine that can be easily incorporated into daily life. Cost: £15. To reserve your place for this workshop, please contact: Elizabeth King on telephone: 07504 821593 or email: elizabeth@skinsensibility.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, 7.45pm - 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 per half term, or book for a one off. Held in the Movement Room. Contact Emma Cartwright to book on 07973 376 267. Visit www.yogasouls.co.uk for more information.

SERVICES

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

Odd Jobs. For all kinds of interior and exterior house painting and decorating, gardening and other odd jobs please contact Martin. Leave a message or text on 07442 162030.

SALES, OFFERS & WANTED

Canon Inks. ChromaLife Black 8 CLI-BBK, Pixma Magenta, CLI 8M, Pixma Yellow CLI-8Y for Canon printer makes: ip4200/ ip4300/ ip4500/ ip5200/ ip5200R/ ip5300/ ip6600D/ ip6700D/ Pro9000/ MP500/ MP530/ MP600/ MP600R/ MP610/ MP800/ MP800R/MP810/ MP830/ MP960/ MP970. Printer broke down before they could be used. Please contact Brenda if you can make use of them on 01384 379385.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LOOSE ENDS

The next edition will be on **Friday 13th March 2020**.

Please email any entries to loose-ends@elmfield.com by **5pm on Wednesday 11th March 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

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Jennifer Dukes Lee

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