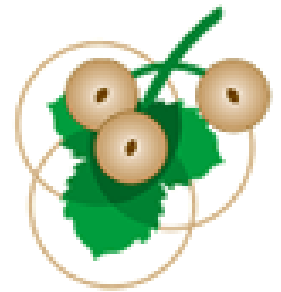


# LOOSE ENDS



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July                      Last day of the 2019/2020 school year  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September              First day of the 2020/2021 school year

Any additional important dates will be communicated via ParentMail, Facebook, [www.elmfield.com](http://www.elmfield.com) and all other appropriate means.

## ELMFIELD NEWS & INFORMATION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Re-opening plans.** We were delighted to welcome back some of our pupils on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June as part of our phased re-opening. Children and teachers have enjoyed being back together, and they have enthusiastically been doing a mix of our traditional Waldorf curriculum and nurturing activities, alongside lessons that continue to be set in our virtual classrooms. We look forward to welcoming more pupils from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The latest news about our phased re-opening plans (which are based on government guidelines), our COVID-19 General Risk Assessment, and details of how the school is currently operating can be found at [www.elmfield.com](http://www.elmfield.com), and in communications sent via ParentMail.

**Keeping you updated.** Any changes and important information will continue to be communicated through ParentMail, our Facebook page, [www.elmfield.com](http://www.elmfield.com) and all other appropriate means.

### MUSIC

*"May I remind us all that music is a very healing thing - it helps us to breath out and can play an important part in our recovery from these interesting times and our transition into whatever comes next! Please embrace all the music that you can!" Caroline Price.*

**Folk Fortnight.** We had such a wealth of material donated for Folk Fortnight that I'm going to leave the 'classroom' up until the end of term, so that those of you who haven't shared these wonderful performances with your children will still have the chance to do so. Please, if you enjoyed these musical gifts, email me with some comments and thanks that I can pass on to the musicians who have so generously given of their time and talent. Caroline Price.

**Instrument Lessons.** Our peripatetic instrument teachers, who, along with many other musicians, lost most of their work overnight in March, would like to get an idea of how many pupils they might have once they are allowed to return to giving live lessons. I'm pleased to hear that some of them have been able to continue teaching online. Of course, we can't say when that will be as yet...

I understand that it's really hard to make definite plans about anything right now, but please could you let me know if you've been continuing lessons on line, or would like to restart as soon as it becomes possible, or if it might be a struggle and you will need another solution. This information will also help me when timetabling orchestra sessions in school for next year. So please do email me as soon as you can. Thank you! Caroline Price.

**Song of the Week.** I have been putting our seasonal and assembly songs on Google Classroom for you, they are in the 'Music' folder in 'Classwork' - I hope you have managed to find them! Let me know if there are any others you would like! Caroline Price.



## VACANCIES

Please visit the school's website for full information and how to apply for the following vacancies:

- Science and Maths Teacher
- Learning Support Assistant
- Specialist Learning Support Teacher
- Members of the School's Council of Management (multiple opportunities)

## ELMFIELD PTFA

**Events.** The PTFA is still organising events during this time, including their popular Quiz Night on Zoom - follow *Elmfield Parents, Teachers & Friends Association* on Facebook to find out more.

**Fundraising through online shopping.** If you shop online, please could you sign up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to support Elmfield PTFA's Resilience Fund? You can register to support us (don't worry, it's completely free!) at: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elmfieldptfa/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=w4](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elmfieldptfa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=w4)

**Fundraising through crowdfunding.** An online Crowdfunding platform has been set up by the PTFA as a resilience fund, it can be found at : <https://www.gofundme.com/f/elmfield-parents-teachers-friends-association> .

**Sponsored activities.** If anyone would like to undertake any 'sponsored' activities as part of the initiative, drop us a note to [ptfa@elmfield.com](mailto:ptfa@elmfield.com) to let us know what this is. We can then add you a participant to the campaign and the link can then be used for people to make a donation for your efforts.

**Questions and ideas.** If you have any questions for the PTFA, any fundraising ideas, or would like to support in any way, please let them know by emailing [ptfa@elmfield.com](mailto:ptfa@elmfield.com).

## THANK YOU!

On behalf of the whole Elmfield community, may we continue to extend our thanks to all the keyworkers in all sectors, both paid and voluntary, who are keeping our world turning during these difficult times.

## 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. 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.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**Alexander Technique via Zoom.** If you are in need of a quiet time in the day, join me for a Purposeful Lie Down session on Zoom. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5.30 and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> at 3.30. 20 minutes guided Alexander Technique relaxation and alignment. One-to-one Zoom Alexander Technique consultations also available. While Covid 19 restrictions are ongoing, no charge but donation to charity. For more info and for the Zoom log in either email me at [clare.dannatt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clare.dannatt@yahoo.co.uk) or text 07879 865940. I am a qualified practicing Alexander Technique teacher and member of Society of Teachers of the Alexander Technique.

**The Elysia Therapeutic Centre.** We are pleased to announce that the Elysia Therapeutic Centre is re-opening with a limited number of practitioners offering on-site therapeutic sessions in line with the appropriate government and professional guidelines. It will be a phased re-opening with various services returning progressively over a number of months, as the situation allows. As ever, the health, wellbeing, safety and security of all of our clients, visitors and practitioners are our priority. We have spent a lot of time preparing to re-open and putting in place preventative measures, as part of our COVID-19 Secure Protocol, to ensure that we reduce the risk of infection from COVID-19 to

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those using the Centre to the lowest possible practicable level. This will necessarily entail some changes to the way in which the Centre and our practitioners operate.

Many of the Centre's practitioners will also continue to offer their services either online or via the telephone during this phased return. This includes, Counselling & Psychotherapy for individuals, couples, families and children/young adults; Anthroposophic Medical Consultations, Rheumatology & Pain Clinic, Physiotherapy, Naturopathy, Nutritional Therapy and the Connect Womens Circle. Please refer to our website for practitioner information and availability, including direct contact details: <https://elysiacentre.org/practitioners-new/>.

## SERVICES

**Handyman / Gardener** available for work. Anything considered, reasonable rates, references available. Contact Hans on 01384 830758.

**Odd jobs.** For all kinds of odd jobs please contact Martin. Leave a message or text on 07442 162030.

## WANTED & SALES

**Daytime companion for person with dementia.** I have a condition called posterior cortical atrophy, which is also known as the 'visual variant of Alzheimer's'. My vision and spatial awareness are affected, and obviously my memory is not good! When COVID-19 restrictions are over I am looking for someone who can help me get to the places I have been missing during lockdown - museums, churches, pubs, galleries, walks! Or if social distancing is eased but public places still regulated, just have an interesting conversation and a cup of coffee. DBS for vulnerable adults is essential. Payment to be discussed. No personal care required. Please call my partner Clare for more info on 07879 865940. Thanks, John.

**Dawes junior Team GB 24w road racing bike alloy frame 24" wheel.** Suitable for around age 9, unisex children's bike. White with Team GB decals (for a bit of parental nostalgia), Shimano speed gears, junior specific cranks, handlebars, and brake levers. In good condition, has been stored for some time, tyres need attention. £50 or nearest offer. Collection from Redhill, safe distancing etc. Call or text Clare on 07879 865940.

**Crayons and craft bits and bobs for young children.** I have a collection of Stockmar square crayons, and 2 packets of Wachsfolien wax sheets for decorating. All used but lots of material there. Free to good home. Call Clare on 07879 865940.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT *LOOSE ENDS*

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## LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

*"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within"*

Maya Angelou

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