

# ELMLEY CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Readers,**

It was good to see so many parents here for our Parents Consultation Evening. I hope you all went home with good news!

**Mothering Sunday**—this year Mothering Sunday falls on Sunday 26th March and Rev Richard cordially invites all families to join in the service at St. Mary's Church at 10am on this day to celebrate. Mrs Roberts is hoping to have enough children to sing in our choir and some children will be reading out prayers during the service. If you have never been to a Sunday Service in the church before, this is a lovely one to go to with its emphasis on appreciating our mums (and dads/carers) - to say a big thank you to them for being so special.

We were all very pleased to welcome Mrs Underwood to ECFs on Wednesday afternoon when she arrived to pay us a special visit. Mrs Underwood will be joining the teaching staff from Easter. Wednesday was a great opportunity for her to get to know us better and meet some of our children. She is planning several more visits before the end of term—starting from Monday when she will be helping with our preparations for the Oak Apple Day dancing!

With the warm weather, I expect our children will spend more time out and about so we are sending out a special leaflet with advice for young road users.

**Regards, Claire Davies Executive Headteacher**

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| Mon   | Breakfast Club<br>Sports Endurance Club—Yr2-5<br>After School Care             |
| Tues  | Breakfast Club<br>Swimming—Y2-5<br>PE YR-1<br>After School Care                |
| Wed   | Breakfast Club<br>Forest School—Y2-5<br>Music Club—Y1-5<br>After School Care   |
| Thurs | Breakfast Club<br>PE—Y2/3, 4/5<br>Multi-Skills Club—Y1-2<br>Netball Club—Yr3-5 |
| Fri   | Celebration Assembly<br>Red Nose Day   |

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

We are proud of all our children but this week we are especially proud of the following children who received certificates for **Good Work** or **Good Behaviour** last Friday.



Reception Logan  
 Year 1 Maisie  
 Year 2 Izzy-Mae  
 Year 3/4/5 The Netball Team—Will, Liam, Bertie, Gus, Maddy, Richard, Daisy, Ruby

## After School Care

Our After School Care service is now running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3pm to 5.30pm at a cost of £6 per session including a snack. If you just need an hour we are now able to offer a reduced rate of £3 from 3pm to 4pm without snack. You are welcome to use the service on a regular or ad hoc basis, please contact the office if you wish to book your child in.

**Crossing the road is something we have to do often. Read these instructions by Finney in Class 1 to find out how we can do this safely.**

1. Think about where to cross
2. Stop at the side of the road
3. Use your eyes and ears
4. Wait until any cars have passed
5. Look and check again that all is clear
6. Cross. Keep looking and listening.

**Thank you Finney—great advice!**



**Not coming to school ? Please let us know !**

**We like to know our pupils are safe so please report their absence before 10am.**

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## Netball Tournament – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

This year's Hi-5 Netball Tournament was held at Simon de Montfort Middle School. There were 5 other schools taking part and the Elmley Castle team of Gus, Daisy, Richard, Ruby, Bertie, Maddy, Liam and William, were put into League B. The first match was against Ashton and Elmley ran out comfortable winners at 3-0, thanks in no small part to Richard and Gus' accurate shooting! Straight afterwards the team were up against Eckington and they dominated the game with some good movement into space and great passing. However, thanks to Daisy, Elmley won their second game 1-0. After a 2 match rest, the final game was against Sedgeberrow. Once again Elmley were attacking well and had all the play in their own D! Unfortunately after a dozen or so attempts, the ball just wouldn't go through the ring! Even though the final game was a 0-0 draw, Elmley Castle were the winners of League B as they had scored the most goals!



Congratulations must go to the team, not just for winning, which is a terrific achievement but also for being great ambassadors for the school. I would also like to thank Mrs O, Sullivan and Mrs Gregg for the sterling job of transporting the children to the venue!

By Miss Bussey

### ATTENDANCE

We will keep you informed of your child's attendance percentage at the end of every half term. Our target for every child and every class is 95% or over. Please make sure your child is in every day unless they are genuinely ill. Thank you. The attendance percentages for the last five days are:-

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| Year R   | 100% |
| Year 1   | 100% |
| Year 2   | 100% |
| Year 3   | 100% |
| Year 4/5 | 100% |

Congratulations Everybody!

### Our Value this term is COMPASSION

How often do we stop what we are doing to go and help someone else? Jesus told us the story of the good Samaritan who stopped his journey to help someone in need - even when this person was not his special friend.

Let's see if this half term we can put ourselves into someone else's shoes and show kindness to everyone we meet at home and at school.

Here are some of the children our teachers have noticed showing great compassion over the last few weeks;

**Maddy** for her generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness towards Bertie, **Finney**—for showing compassion by making sure children working with him could all see the book, **Richard** for not walking past Kyle when he found him on the floor after he had fallen off his scooter, **Otto** for always being kind and caring, **Olivia** for showing support and compassion to her class mates and **Louis** for being caring and compassionate to others in the class. He offers support to his friends and helps them to achieve.



If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please make sure the office have your current email address.

Important letters and newsletters come home every Friday.  
Spare newsletters are kept in the entrance for one week.  
Please help yourself.

*Mrs C. Davies*  
**HEADTEACHER**