

# ELMLEY CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Readers,

First—a message from Reverend Richard regarding the Mothering Day Service:

*"I just wanted to record my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to today's worship. I had afterwards quite a bit of very favourable feedback indeed. There were 81 adults and 31 children in church. Remarkable."*

And second—have a look at the smile on Rev. Richard's face in this photograph taken at the Governing Body meeting this Tuesday. As you are aware, Rev. Richard has led the Governing Body as Chair for several years; supporting and steering the school through some exceptionally difficult and challenging times. We are very grateful to him for all his hard work in helping secure the future of the school and are very sad that he has now decided the moment has come to relinquish his role on the Governing Body. I know you will all join me in wishing him well for the future.

The photograph records the moment of handover to Mr. Joe O'Sullivan who has stepped into the breach and volunteered to take over the reins. I know he will do a great job of helping the school move forward into an ever brighter future. Again, please join me in offering Mr. O' Sullivan a sincere welcome as our new Chair of the Governing Body.

**Regards, Claire Davies Executive Headteacher**



## 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	Matthew
Year 1	Finney
Year 2	Freddie
Year 3	Keely
Year 4/5	James, Matthew, Gus, Richard, Ruby, Daisy, Bertie, Maddy, Saffron



## RED NOSE DAY

Red nose day proved a popular event this year with everyone making an effort to dress up in something red!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day extra special—by making cakes or singing to the parents or organising the cake sale!



**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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## Malvern Hills Walk Invite for St. Richard's Hospice 20th May 2017

Last year, at St. Matthias my Deputy, Mrs Beale, invited us to take part in the Malvern Hills Walk, in aid of St. Richard's Hospice. Many of our parents, children and staff took up the challenge and we ended up with a party of over 70 people entering the 5 mile walk. Thanks to the school's allocation of Sports Premium funding, we were able to pay the £5 entrance fee for each child that took part.

We had such a great time (—even our Nursery and Reception children managed the walk with ease) that we have decided to repeat the whole experience this year as well.

I know the Malvern hills are quite a way from Elmley Castle but I thought I would extend the invitation to all our families here—just in case you were interested in having a day out and contributing to a very worthy cause.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The school will pay the entrance fee of £5 for any ECFS pupil wishing to take part. It is a **family event**, even **dogs are welcome** (there may even be a treat in it for them!) Entrance fee for adults is £10 and you will be able to sign up in the office and pay your fee there. The entrance fee for other siblings under 16 is £5, which you can also pay at the office. This is a sponsored event—although this is not compulsory. If you would like to collect sponsorship money, you are welcome to do this. Alternatively, we have set up a 'Just Giving' page. If you would prefer to donate through this, the address is below;

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Matthias-Primary-School1>

If you are unable to take part in the walk, but would like to donate some money we will have is a school sponsor form held in the office—or again visit the 'Just Giving' page.

### LATEST SIGN UP DATE FOR THIS EVENT—FRIDAY 28TH APRIL

More information about St. Richard's Hospice and the amazing work they do can be found at the website below:

<https://www.strichards.org.uk/event/malvern-hills-walk/>



### 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:-

Year R	88%
Year 1	85%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97%
Year 4/5	98%
Congratulations Class 2 and 3!	

### Change of Milk Provider

An email has gone out to all parents today notifying you of a change of provider and how you can register and pay for your child's milk. You need to register your child by Friday 7th April for them to receive milk when we return after the Easter Holidays. If you have any difficulties please see the Office.

### Next week's Clubs

Please note the only club running next week will be the Multi Sports club for Years 1 and 2.

### Cricket Club for Summer Term

Don't forget to return the slip if your child would like to participate in the Cricket after school club next term.

**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**