

ELMLEY CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the Summer Term at ECFS!

Dear Readers,

It has been rather a cold start to the summer term but we are optimistic for some lovely weather and a great final term to the school year. One sad thing we have in store for us soon will be saying goodbye to Reverend Richard when he retires from the parish. His last service will be on Sunday 28th May at St. Mary's Church at 10am. This happens to be the first Sunday of half term. I know many of you will be planning events for this holiday week but Richard is quite keen to invite our children to sing in the church on this afternoon. Mrs Roberts is looking to put a choir together—so if you know you will be around that weekend, and your child would like to take part, please let us know. It would be good to do something really special to show our high regard for Richard and give him one last lovely memory of ECFS to take away with him.

On a completely different track, I want to alert you all to a bit of a set back we have had as a school recently. As you are probably aware, we have oil central heating at the school and the oil is stored in a tank in our car park. We last filled the tank up in February and this should have been enough to see us through to the start of next term. Unfortunately, on arriving back this week, we have realised that this oil has been stolen. The tank is empty. Mrs Cunningham has contacted the police and we are able to claim on our insurance. However, as this follows a theft of lead from the Church roof, I think it important that we all remain vigilant over the coming weeks.

Our new value for this half term is **Perseverance**. This is all about doing our best and trying hard - even when things are difficult. This is most important in our work and in our friendships with each other.

To explore this value fully, we will be looking at:

1. The strategies that can help us keep on trying and not give up
2. The importance of always doing our best to stick at a task
3. Seeing a job through to the end; exhibiting endurance
4. How to stop ourselves from being distracted from our work, from our ambitions and from what we are trying to achieve



Curriculum information letters—You should soon receive information from your class teacher about the topics your child will be covering over the course of this term. Hopefully, this will give you all the information you need to be able to support your child in their learning this term.

Don't forget, next Monday—May 1st—is a Bank Holiday so we can enjoy an extra day before arriving back in school next week on Tuesday 2nd May.

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	Daniel
Year 1	Otto
Year 2	Ned
Year 3	Liam
Year 4/5	James, Matthew, Gus, Richard, Ruby, Daisy, Bertie, Maddy, Saffron



Message from Mrs Underwood

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I am delighted to have joined the team at Elmley Castle and my first week in school has been a pleasure. Everyone has warmly welcomed me; the children are full of enthusiasm and we've learned so much about each other already. We've also had lots of fun in the process! I look forward to meeting you personally in forthcoming events such as celebration assemblies and on Oak Apple Day. It promises to be an exciting term and I am very excited about my future at Elmley Castle.

Mrs Nadia Underwood.

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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Bell-Boating Regatta

Tuesday will be the practice session of bell boating for this year. As usual we request that the children do not wear jeans or wellies, but do remember to bring a spare pair of trousers and a packed lunch (including a drink). Our weather has been unpredictable lately, so please bring a waterproof jacket and a sun hat as well. Whatever the weather, I am sure the children will have a great time.

The Regatta will take place on Friday 23rd June, more details will follow nearer the date.

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	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	83%
Year 4/5	98%

Congratulations Everybody!

School Fete

There will be a meeting after school on Friday 5th May to allocate roles at the Fete. If you are unable to help on that day please let Chrissy Barnes know.



IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR

Music Club continues on Wednesday's after school. We are now happy to open this to children in Reception. The Club runs from 3pm to 4pm.

Assembly will be in Church on Monday 8th May

Multi-Skills at Bredon Hancocks Playing Fields—Reception/Year 1—Thursday 18 May

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Visit—Class 3—Thursday 25th May

Oak Apple Day—Friday 26th May

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.

Mon	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tues	Breakfast Club Bell Boating Practice—Y3-5 Swimming—YR-1 PE Y2-3 After School Care
Wed	Breakfast Club Music Club YR-5 After School Care
Thurs	Breakfast Club Cricket Club
Fri	Celebration Assembly

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