

ELMLEY CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Readers,

Class 3 have been working with Mrs Brown to come up with a new team point system for ECFS. Thank you to Maddie and Saffron for the emoji idea.

Elmley Castle's New Team point System
'We're Reaching For The Stars'

What are we aiming for?

The first team to cover their planet in 32 stars wins.

What do we win?

The winning team will get a free choice on a Friday afternoon (colouring, cricket, I-pads, games or equipment).

How do we earn the stars?

There are 7 jars, each jar contains an emoji which links to our school values.
 An adult within school can award any of these 'Value Faces' at any time.

How do the 'Value Faces' link to the stars?

On a Friday, the value faces will be counted up for each team.
 1 star = 5 value faces.



Perseverance



Respect and Reverence



Friendship



Bonus Points



Truthfulness



Forgiveness



Compassion

Obviously, that is all far too complicated for me—so we'll have to get the children to organise it!

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	Thomas
Year 1	Lexi
Year 2	Izzy-Mae
Year 3	Louis
Year 4/5	Richard

Our Value this term is PERSEVERANCE



Perseverance 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 need to look 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

Here are the children who have been particularly good at demonstrating our Value this week;

Bertie & Tilly

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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Summer Health and Safety reminders ...

Hopefully the weather will continue to improve and we shall have some lovely weather this term. Please read through the following reminders to ensure our children are all comfortable whilst in school.



Sun Hats Please encourage your child to wear a hat (with child's name in) when they are outside for outdoor games, P.E. and playtimes.

Sunglasses No child will be allowed to wear sunglasses unless there is a medical reason (notified in writing) for wearing them.

Sunscreen If required, please put long lasting sun cream on your child before school. Years 2, 3, 4, and 5 who have longer games lessons etc. outside, can bring in their own suntan cream to put on themselves for the afternoon. (The sun cream must be labelled with their name and, under no circumstances, given to anyone else as some children have allergic reactions)

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 who are outside for limited periods, should not bring sun cream into school. If you wish your child to wear sun cream in the afternoon you are welcome to pop into school at lunchtime to apply this.

Water Bottles All children must have a water bottle in school at all times (PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A BOTTLE IN SCHOOL AS SEVERAL CHILDREN DO NOT AT THE PRESENT TIME AND ARE THEREFORE AT RISK OF BECOMING DEHYDRATED). Please also put your child's name on their bottle.

Footwear No trainers, open toe, sling back or backless sandals should be worn to school as they greatly increase the risk of damage to the wearer's feet. Will you also please ensure that your child does not wear shoes to school with anything but the smallest heels. In the past I have had to send children to hospital because they have damaged their ankle and/or knee by falling off their heels. Your child's feet are precious and need looking after carefully to prevent unnecessary suffering now and when they are older.

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:-

Class 1	98.7%
Class 2	99%
Class 3	99%
Congratulations Everybody!	

Useful telephone numbers

Emergencies 999

Police non emergencies and advice ring 101

NHS non-emergency medical helpline ring 111

Family Front Door - 01905 822666 to report a concern about a child or request additional help for a family ring
Childline 08001111 a free, private and confidential service where you can be you.

NSPCC Help for adults concerned about a child Call 0808 800 5000

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 18th May—Multi Skills At Bredon Hancocks Playing Fields—Class 1

Monday 22nd May—Bags for Schools Collection

Tuesday 23rd May—Dental Screening—Reception

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

Friday 26th May—Oak Apple Day

Saturday 27th May—Sunday 4th June—Half Term

Sunday 28th May—Rev Richard's last Service

Monday 5th June—TED Day

Wednesday 7th June—Class Photos

Thursday 8th June—Pedestrian Training

Saturday 10th June—Summer Fete

Monday 12th June—Countryside & Farming Day—Overbury Estate—Class 2

Tuesday 13th—Thursday 15th June—iSingPOP

Monday 19th June—Visit to Cheltenham Synagogue

Wednesday 21st June—Governor Visit

Thursday 22nd June—iSingPOP Concerts

Friday 23rd June—Bell Boating Regatta—3, 4 & 5

Mon	Breakfast Club After School Care
Tues	Breakfast Club Swimming—YR-1 PE Y2/3 After School Care
Wed	Breakfast Club Forest School—Y2/3, 4/5 Music Club—YR-5 After School Care
Thurs	Breakfast Club PE—YR/1, 4/5 Cricket Club
Fri	No Celebration Assembly Forest School—YR/1

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Please help yourself.

Mrs C. Davies
HEADTEACHER