

# ELMLEY CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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## Active Living

Some of you may be aware that part of the government's plan to enhance PE in schools is to encourage better mental health and well-being through living an active, healthy lifestyle.

This week at Elmley Castle we have launched two new ideas that we would love you to support:

## Daily Mile

In assembly we learnt about the national 'Daily Mile' campaign. We hope that all our school will take part in this activity at least twice a week. The aim is to walk, jog or run for ten minutes altogether. The children will be encouraged to better themselves each session but most importantly to enjoy the fresh air and comradery of taking part as a group. Statistics show that it has great educational benefits, improving concentration in the classroom too!

## Elmley Explorers

The National Trust are running a scheme designed to encourage more outdoor exploration. '50 Things to do before you're 11½' has a range of challenges that focus on adventure and being at one with nature.

We believe this could be a way of bringing together the many opportunities on offer at school and to be adventurous with those you enjoy as a family. Each half term we will give you an outdoor focus and we'd love this to become a regular part of our homework routine. We ask that you talk with your children about what they could do or have done and maybe take a picture or write a few words about it. We hope to display these exciting adventures on our whole school display - come and have a look! The first task is attached to this newsletter. Please have fun with it and share your experiences with us.

## Dear Readers,

Are we ready for the next new idea at Elmley Castle?

We held a Governing Body meeting last week and our governors came up with the suggestion of extending our provision to welcome a younger audience! Apparently families in the village have to travel to access Mother and Baby/Toddler groups and we discussed at length the possibility of opening up our hall during the day and providing the space and equipment here for the youngsters—along with a cup of tea, a biscuit and good company for the young mums.

We all thought this was an excellent idea and eminently feasible. Our hall is large, relatively soundproof (!) and close to a toilet. It has all the makings of a good venue for this kind of group.

If you would be at all interested in something of this nature, please could you speak to Cheryl in the school office and give your opinions. We are thinking of offering morning sessions from 9.30-11.30, maybe twice a week? What do you think? We are relying on you to let us know whether this is something that would work and be welcomed—or not!

**Best 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	Tilly
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Hebe
Year 3/4/5	Freddie/Hollie-May

**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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**Diary Dates 2017-2018**

<b>October</b>	
13th	Ladies Night
18th	Parent Consultation Evening
20th	Harvest Festival
	Last day of this half term
30th	Return to school
<b>November</b>	
16th	Open Morning
<b>December</b>	
2nd	Wreath Making
7th	Smart Cuts - YN-1
12th	Christmas Party
13th	Nativity - 2pm
14th	Nativity - 6pm
15th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Mums Aloud Choir
19th	Carols Round the Tree - 2.30pm
	Last day of term
<b>January</b>	
3rd	TED Day
4th	Children Return to School
15th	Closing Date for School Applications
<b>February</b>	
2nd	Christingle Service
14th	Parent Consultation Evening
16th	Last day of this half term
26th	Return to school
<b>March</b>	
1st	World Book Day
29th	Easter Service
	Last Day of Term
<b>April</b>	
16th	Return to school
<b>May</b>	
7th	May Day - School Closed
25th	Oak Apple Day
	Last day of this half term
<b>June</b>	
4th	Return to school
22nd	Pershore Bellboating Regatta
28th	Sports Day
19th	Hill Walk
20th	Leavers Service
	Last day of term
23rd/24th	TED Days

**Taking Photographs in School**

I realise all parents enjoy taking photographs of their children and these form an important part of our family memories. However, I would like to make a plea to all parents who have photos taken at ECFS.

We ask that all parents respect the privacy of others. Please make sure that any photos taken at school events are of your own children, as far as possible. We do have families here who do not wish their child's photograph to be shared on social media. **Therefore, we would strongly encourage all our parents to refrain from posting photographs containing images of children other than their own on the internet.**

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Church Service**

The church service this Sunday, 1st October, will be at Elmley Castle Church at 10am. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

**Parent Consultation Evening**

Our first parent consultation session of the year will take place on Wednesday 18th October after school. We will be sending letters home regarding appointment times shortly.

Mon	Breakfast Club After School Care
Tues	Breakfast Club Flu Vaccine—Yr-4 PE - Pre-school/Reception After School Care
Wed	Breakfast Club Forest School Y1/2, Y3/4/5 After School Care
Thurs	Breakfast Club PE Y1/2, Y3/4/5 After School Care
Fri	Celebration Assembly Bike Ability—Y4/5 Forest School - Pre-school/ Reception

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