

# ELMLEY CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to a new school year at Elmley Castle First School

Dear Readers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to an exciting year at Elmley Castle CE First School. A new school year is always full of interesting possibilities and I am sure this will be a good year for us here at Elmley.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all, especially to our new families. I hope you enjoy being a part of our Elmley CE First School community. **Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any queries or concerns. We will be happy to help.**

We have had a very positive start to the new year—all the children in each class seem very calm and settled—and pleased to be back in school after the 6 week break! We are starting with 37 children, plus 6 in our Pre-school, making a grand total of 43. The growing numbers are definitely great news as they demonstrate a growing faith in the school on the part of the local community. Walking round the school as I have done today, visiting each class and seeing the high level of personal care / adult attention each child is receiving - and reviewing the curriculum opportunities our children are privy to here, has made me realise anew, how special Elmley Castle CE First School is.

All our families will receive a weekly newsletter, sent out electronically via email each Friday. If you prefer a paper copy, please let Mrs Cunningham know in the school office. We will endeavour to keep all our families well informed about key events and important dates in plenty of time.

Regards, Claire Davies Executive Headteacher

## REMINDERS

At this time of year there are lots of pieces of information we need to send out to you and several forms that need to be signed and returned to school immediately. **Over the next week, the children will bring home the following forms that need to be completed, signed and returned as soon as possible.**

### Media Consent Form

**We send this out each year to confirm your feelings about these matters.**

Please let us have these back as soon as possible so that we can ensure our records are up to date.

### Impromptu Visits and Emergency Medical Treatment (For new families only)

This needs to be signed and returned, as without this signed form we cannot take your child on off-site activities such as walks in the local area and visits to church etc.

### Acceptable Use Agreement (For new families only)

This form demonstrates an agreement with the school to use ICT responsibly at school and at home.

Thank you.



## School Staffing Update

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
1	Pre-school and Reception	Mrs Roberts	Mrs Davies Mrs Shuard
2	Years 1 and 2	Mrs Brown	Mrs Shuard- Mrs Barker
3	Years 3, 4 and 5	Mrs Underwood	Mrs Barker

### IMPORTANT!

**Please make sure that all clothing and other items that your child brings to school this year are clearly labelled with your child's name. Items can easily get lost, despite our best efforts. If this happens, we will do everything we can to ensure these items are found. Of course, when things are named we stand a much better chance of finding the owner.**

*If any parents are aware that their child is missing an item, please ask the teacher; it may be here waiting for you!*

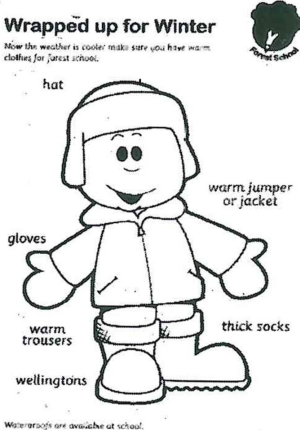
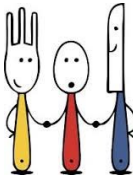


Not coming to school ? Please let us know !

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

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<b>Diary Dates 2017-18</b>		<b>Diary Dates 2017-18</b>		
		We have listed the know events here, as other things come up we will keep you updated. Information on forthcoming events will be sent out soon.		
<b>September 2017</b>		<b>Celebration Assembly—Reception—Year 5</b>		
15th - 18th	PGL - Y4/5	For our new Parents, Celebration Assembly takes place most Friday mornings after Registration. Children are celebrated for good work/behaviour. Parents of those who have particularly impressed their teachers will be notified by text on Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend Celebration Assembly regardless of whether their child is being celebrated on that occasion.		
<b>October</b>		<b>PE Kit</b>		
1st	Church Service	Although children will have their regular PE sessions we do occasionally have additional sessions. We therefore ask that PE kit remains in school at all times. It will be sent home each half term for washing.		
3rd	Flu Vaccine - YR-4	<b>Forest School</b>		
6th	Bike Ability - Y4-5	Children do forest school each week regardless of the weather (except in extreme conditions such as thunder storms). Pre-school and Reception children should come dressed ready for Forest School, children in years 1-5 should have Forest School Kit in school at all times. All children should also have a pair of wellies in school at all times. Now the weather is not so warm we recommend two layers plus waterproofs (we will provide waterproofs for Pre-school, Reception, but those in Years 1-5 should bring their own).		
13th	Ladies Night	<div><p><b>Wrapped up for Winter</b></p><p>Now the weather is cooler make sure you have warm clothes for forest school.</p><p>hat</p><p>warm jumper or jacket</p><p>gloves</p><p>warm trousers</p><p>wellingtons</p><p>thick socks</p><p>Waterproofs are available at school.</p></div>		
18th	Parent Consultation Evening			
20th	Harvest Festival	<b>Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy</b>		
	Last day of this half term	<div><p>We will sadly be saying goodbye to Debbie Hemmings at lunchtime (although she is still running After School Care for us) which means we now have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor on a Monday and Wednesday, 11.55-12.20pm. If anyone is interested in applying for the job please contact the office.</p></div>	Mon	Breakfast Club After School Care
30th	Return to school		Tues	Breakfast Club PE - Pre-school/Reception After School Care
<b>November 2017</b>			Wed	Breakfast Club Forest School Y1/2, Y3/4/5 After School Care
16th	Open Morning		Thurs	Breakfast Club PE Y1/2, Y3/4/5 After School Care
<b>December 2017</b>			Fri	Celebration Assembly Forest School - Pre-school/ Reception
2nd	Wreath Making	<div><p><b>If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please make sure the office have your current email address.</b></p><p>Copies of the newsletter and any letters sent home can be obtained from the office. Newsletters are also posted on the Website.</p><div><p><i>Mrs C. Davies</i></p><p><b>HEADTEACHER</b></p></div></div>		
13th	Nativity - 2pm			
14th	Nativity - 6pm			
15th	Christmas Jumper Day			
	Mums Aloud Choir			
18th	Christmas Party (TBC)			
19th	Carols Round the Tree - 2.30pm			
	Last day of term			
<b>January 2018</b>				
3rd	TED Day			
4th	Children Return to School			
<b>February 2018</b>				
2nd	Christingle Service			
14th	Parent Consultation Evening			
16th	Last day of this half term			
26th	Return to school			
<b>March 2018</b>				
1st	World Book Day			
29th	Easter Service			
	Last Day of Term			
<b>April 2018</b>				
16th	Return to school			
<b>May 2018</b>				
7th	May Day - School Closed			
25th	Oak Apple Day			
	Last day of this half term			
<b>June 2018</b>				
4th	Return to school			
22nd	Pershire Bellboating Regatta			
28th	Sports Day			
19th	Hill Walk			
20th	Leavers Service			
	Last day of term			
23rd	TED Day			
24th	TED Day			