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**Please be on time – registration is at ten to nine!**

### WEEK AT A VIEW

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teacher led clubs start this week</b></li> <li>• Dogs Trust visit- Year 3-6</li> </ul>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 09:00 am – Community Assembly- Growth mindset</li> <li>• Year 6- trip to the woods- 1.30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football league- 4pm</li> </ul>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 09:00 am - Celebration Assembly- Star of the week</li> <li>• <b>Red, White, Blue day- children can come to school wearing those colours to commemorate end of WWI</b></li> </ul>

### FUTURE DATES TERM 1

10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Community Assembly- Buddhism and Meditation
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Open day- 10am-12pm, 4pm-6pm
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Trowbridge Apple Festival

**“Don't be average ..... Be AWESOME!”**

Congratulations to: **Flynn, Olivia, Maisie, Tilly, Jack, Oliver, Kurtis, Joseph, Florence** who are this week's stars!



**Assemblies:** Please come and celebrate with us at our Friday Star of The Week assembly when your child is chosen as the class star.

**All parents are welcome on Wednesday and Friday assemblies at 9:00am.**

Please find below our citizenship quote of the week.

**“I'm not scared to be seen. I make no apologies, this is me.”** Justin Paul / Benj Pasek

### September celebration

Thank you to everyone who came, helped out or donated to make our September Celebration such a success on Saturday. We have raised over £1200 which will be put towards buying a trim trail for our school grounds.



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### **Pollination- National Lottery Awards**

We have officially WON the Best Environment Project in the 2018. Thanks to everyone who has helped make Polli:Nation a winner: our pupils, teachers, parents, volunteers & the Polli team!  
As part of this project we have been creating our garden at school and we are going to continue to develop our gardens and hope you can help us with this by coming to help, donating plants or unwanted plant equipment. Please contact Mrs Mel Jacob if you would like to help.



Mrs Mel Jacob

'The children in Reception have had a fantastic first week being in school full time! Thank you to all families for supporting their children in this transition and making it very successful. Well done Mouse-eared and Whiskered Bats!'

Mrs Wyse and Mr Savage

### **Spotted at Castle Mead**

We're very proud of Joseph from Year 5 who helped his younger peer by cutting his food in the lunch hall.

A special thank you goes to Miss Kettley and Miss Watson who have been working very hard to keep our school clean.

### **Advance Notice- changes to how we process payments**

#### **Cashless and paperless school**

From Term 2 (6<sup>th</sup> November 2018) we will be going completely cashless, therefore you will need to be registered with ParentMail before this date in order to pay for school items as we will no longer be accepting cash or cheques. We appreciate your support in making payments electronically.

We will inform you about items you will need to pay for through ParentMail, and you will be able to pay electronically, using credit or debit cards as well as PayPal.

If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the **free** ParentMail App so that you can make easy, online payments on the go. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

Please note, your bank statement will display either the school name or ParentMail, dependent on your payment method.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please use the help site: [www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/](http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/) or please contact the school office.

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## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to  
secondary school in September 2019?

**You must apply for a  
secondary school place**

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at  
primary schools, secondary schools and County Hall

**The deadline for all applications is  
Midnight 31 October 2018**

All forms must be returned to the  
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on 01225 713010  
for more information or to request our booklet –  
'Finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire'

 Wiltshire Council  
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## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old  
before September 2019?

**You must apply for a  
primary school place**

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at  
all schools and County Hall

**The deadline for applications is  
Midnight 15 January 2019**

All forms must be returned to the  
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If you can donate any unwanted **shirts** please bring them to the school  
office.

Many thanks



### Absent Pupils

Please be reminded that if your child is absent from school you need to contact the school office by 09:00 to confirm their absence and the reason why. Please specify if it is cold/cough or sickness etc. This is a daily requirement whilst your child is absent.

**The telephone number is 01225 768641.**

Please **do not** send your child to school if he or she is unwell. In particular **children must not attend school if they have a temperature or for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.**

**Becky Owen – Parent Support Advisor (PSA)**

If you would like to contact Becky, please feel free to email her on: [PSA@castlemead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:PSA@castlemead.wilts.sch.uk)

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17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Community assembly- Sporting Celebrations
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School disco
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Community assembly- Wiltshire Fire & Rescue- Firework Safety
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	<b>Last day of Term 1</b> - normal school finish time
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<b>First day of Term 2</b> - school re-opens at 8:40 am
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Community assembly- Remembrance- The Royal British Legion
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Open day- 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Flu vaccination
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Community assembly- Diwali
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Children in Need- whole school ramble to the woods
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018	Community assembly- Anti Bullying week
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Community assembly- Kingfisher Church- Advent
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018	Year 4- Awful Auntie- trip to Swindon theatre
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Community assembly- Postcard Celebration Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Teacher led clubs finish this week
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Fayre
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Community assembly – 'Bling Your Bike'/hannukah
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Community assembly- Sporting Celebration

### INSET DAYS 2018 – 2019

5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

20<sup>th</sup> May 2019



### Train to be a teacher at The Mead

The Mead Teaching School will soon be recruiting for trainee teachers in 2019-20.

If you are considering a career in teaching, now is the time to come and find out more about our teacher training programme and what we can offer you.

Our School Direct programme gives you 'on the job' training with a variety of experienced mentors from all three of The Mead Academy Trust schools, as well as our alliance partnership schools in Trowbridge, Westbury and beyond.

There are salaried and non-salaried places available, both of which provide Qualified Teacher Status (the non-salaried places also provide a PGCE qualification).

If you would like to find out more about training to become a teacher, you can come to one of our open days at The Mead:

- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 2.00 – 3.00pm and 4.00 – 5.00pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 2.00 – 3.00pm and 4.00 – 5.00pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 from 4.00 – 5.00pm

There's no obligation to apply for our programme if you come along – we're very happy to talk to anyone who is interested in finding out more, whether you're set to apply now for training in September 2019, or whether it's something you're thinking about in the future. All you need to do is tell us you're coming by visiting our website: <https://www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/teacher-training/>

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