

#### Quote of the week.

**“We - the current generation - have a moral responsibility to make the world better for future generations.”**  
Priscilla Chan-Philanthropist. #citizenshipyear

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

#### WEEK AT A VIEW

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Odd Socks Day – wear your odd socks to school for Anti Bullying Week!</li> <li>• Bikeability- Year 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am – Community Assembly- Diwali</li> <li>• Trowbridge Youth Parliament (selected children only)</li> <li>• Year 2 to Westonbirt Arboretum</li> <li>• Bikeability- Year 6</li> </ul>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bikeability- Year 6</li> </ul>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 09:00 am - Celebration Assembly- Star of the week</li> <li>• Children in Need- 10.15am whole school ramble to the woods- families welcome</li> </ul>

#### FUTURE DATES TERM 2

21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018	Community Assembly - Anti Bullying week
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	School Christmas Fair – more details to follow!

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



**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.**

## Children’s Peace Walk

On Thursday Mrs Boulton joined Year 4 on the Children’s Peace Walk in Trowbridge Park. Schools from across Trowbridge joined the commemorations at the War Memorial in the Park. Students from Clarendon Academy read WW1 poetry and everyone sang a hymn ‘Make me a channel of your peace’. The children laid poppy wreaths at the War Memorial. The adults commented on how respectful all the children were.



## Spotted at Castle Mead

Evie and Kyler in Year 1 spotted by Mrs Boulton for excellent learning this week.

Joe from Year 5 was spotted by Mrs Phillips for showing universal respect.

## INSET DAYS 2018 – 2019

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**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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### Anti-bullying week

Next week is National Anti-bullying week. The theme for the week is #chooserespect. Our children will be exploring their differences through activities including Odd Socks Day, learning about cyber bullying and creating class charters. **Children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November – their socks can be as bright and unusual as they like or just odd!**

Please join in as parents and carer by adding to an outside noticeboard school each day. Adults and children will have the opportunity to spot people who are showing respect around school and celebrate them on this board.



### 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.**

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## Whole School Walk to Green Lane Woods

Once again we would like to invite all families to join us on our whole school ramble to the woods for Children in Need. We will be leaving school at approximately 10.15am for an autumn amble through Green Lane Woods. The walk normally takes about an hour. Children need to come to school in school uniform but Pudsey hats and ears (etc.) are most welcome. All children will be going on the walk even if their families cannot attend and will need suitable clothing including outdoor shoes or wellies and coats as the weather may be wet or cold (or both!). Please be aware that the route may not be suitable for buggies or prams. We will be making a collection for Children in Need on the day – please give what you can to support this charity.

## Safe Journey's Meetings Update

Thank you to the parents who came to the first Safer Journey's Meeting on Wednesday. We discussed a number of issues and problems around journeys to school that are causing concern including:

- parking on or around the crossing making it unsafe for children and families to cross
- Lack of lines on the road to indicate a school (zig zags)
- not enough space for parking
- speed of drivers in the area

We discussed that the Highways department is responsible for putting lines on the road and that this will not happen until the road is adopted and the limitations of the road layout. The School has already had a visit from Wiltshire Council to look at the area outside the school but the area was not deemed busy enough to merit a 'Lollipop' Lady. We don't want to have an accident outside the school so want to take some action now to make sure it is safe for our children, staff and families.

We agreed that some of things the parents, school and children can do are

- Report near misses and problems to the council and the police - this will raise the profile of the school's problem with these agencies and ensure they are aware of the issues
- Park a little further away and walk to the school to reduce congestion
- Use more cones - the cones the school has already used have had some effect making it safer at the pedestrian gate
- Create a petition from all parents and children to send to the council to ask for line markings and a crossing by the school
- Investigate/trial the use of a drop off zone
- Putting up more signs and reminders not to park by the crossings.
- Get the children and all families involved in a poster campaign to encourage safe driving and parking by the school - this was suggested by one of the children attending the meeting (great idea!)
- Contact the housing developer to ask for their help with line markings outside the school

We agreed that a group of parents working with the school would be a good way of trying to solve some of these issues and further meeting will take place. If you would like to join the group please do come to the next meeting which will be at 2.45pm and 6.15pm on Wednesday 28th November 2018.

Mrs Mel Jacob

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FUTURE DATES	
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	Friends of Castle Mead- Christmas Fayre- fundraising event
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Performance- Dress rehearsal- 2:00 pm- Year 4, 5, 6- pre-school siblings and adults  Performance- Year 4, 5, 6 –6:00-7:00 pm- adults and older siblings
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Community Assembly – Hannukah
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Performance- Dress rehearsal- 9:30 am- Year 1 pre-school siblings and adults  Performance- Year 1 –2:30 pm- adults and older siblings
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Performance- Dress rehearsal- 2:00 pm- Year 2 & 3- pre-school siblings and adults  Performance- Year 2 & 3–6:00-7:00 pm- adults and older siblings
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Community Assembly - Sporting Celebration
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Performance- Dress rehearsal- 9:30 am - Year R - pre-school siblings and adults  Performance- Year R–2:30 pm- adults and older siblings
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Community assembly- Safer Internet Day
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Young Ambassadors Conference
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Individual and siblings photographs
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Community assembly- Martial Arts
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Community assembly- Year 2 class assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Young Voices
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Community assembly- Postcard Celebration Assembly
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Community assembly- Sporting Celebration
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	West Wilts Dance Festival
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Community assembly- Year 5 Class Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	School disco
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Community assembly- Year 3 Class Assembly
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Community assembly- World Book Day
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Community assembly- Comic Relief
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Community assembly- Postcard Celebration Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Parent Conversations week
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Community assembly- Kingfisher Church- Easter
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Community assembly- Sporting Celebration
23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Life Education Bus
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	School class photographs
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Community assembly- Year 4 Class Assembly

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### **Christmas Performances 2018**

We are starting to plan our Christmas events and wanted to share dates with you as soon as possible. We hope that many of you will be able to join us as we celebrate as a school.

Please see below for our performance dates:

#### **Year 1**

Performance: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 pm.  
Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30 am. (Preschool siblings welcome)

#### **Year 2, 3**

Performance: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00 pm.  
Dress Rehearsal: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm. (Preschool siblings welcome)

#### **Years 4, 5 and 6**

Performance: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00 pm  
Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm. (Preschool siblings welcome)

#### **Year Reception**

Performance: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 pm  
Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am (Preschool siblings welcome)

**Bats** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Winter Wonderland concert at 2:00pm  
**Nursery** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas concert at 3:30pm – 4.15pm





**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  
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on **01225 713010**  
for more information or to request our booklet –  
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**P.E. Kit**

Please be reminded that your child's P.E. kit should be kept in school throughout the term. Please make sure that your child is sent to school with their clearly named P.E. kit bag.

Thank you



Help keep on top of headlice!



<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>



Poppies are available to buy from the school office. You can make a donation and help us to raise money for The Royal British Legion.

Many thanks

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