

#### Quote of the week.

**“Peace begins with a smile.” Mother Teresa**  
#citizenshipyear

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

#### WEEK AT A VIEW

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Evening- Prospective Parents- 5:30 pm- 7 pm. Mince Pies and Coffee with Mrs Boulton.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carol singing at Trowbridge Oaks- year 1 and Year 6</li> <li>Bats class- Winter Wonderland- 2:00 pm</li> <li>Pipistelles- Christmas Concert- 3:30 pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am – Community Assembly- Sporting Celebration</li> <li>Dress Rehearsal- Year R at 9:30 am. (Preschool siblings welcome)</li> <li>Christmas Performance- Year R 2:30 pm.</li> <li>Christmas singing at Tesco- 3:45-5:00 pm for all teachers and choir</li> </ul>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day</li> </ul>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>09:00 am - Celebration Assembly- Star of the week</li> <li>Carol singing at Trowbridge Oaks- 2:00 pm</li> <li>Last day of Term 2- normal school finish time- 3:15 pm</li> </ul>

#### FUTURE DATES TERM 3

7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<b>Inset day- school closed</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Community assembly- Safer Internet Day
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Young Ambassadors Conference

**“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.**

#### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. The Friends did a wonderful job and it was enjoyed by all!



#### Term 3 Lunch Menu Choices

Please make sure that we receive your child's menu choices by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.00 am the latest. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and we don't receive your choices by Monday we will allocate a main meal option automatically.

Any menus received after the deadline, particularly KS2, cannot be accepted for meals on the same day that the form is handed in. Please be reminded that the kitchen needs 24 hours' notice in order to prepare food.

Thank you to the Friends of Castle Mead for their donation of the Christmas Crackers during our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.



#### Photographs

Please note that any photos taken at the Christmas Performances / Rehearsals – before, during or after, should not be posted on social media if you do not have consent from the parents of any other children also in the photo.



#### Spare P.E. Kits

If you have any spare / unwanted P.E. kit (Plain white or colour group shirts with no logos) at home can you please bring it to the school office? We want to have a spare kit in each class in case of emergencies.

Many thanks  
Sports Council

#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

Please be aware that we are only offering After School Care until 4.15pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Thank you.  
Mrs Mel Jacob

#### Job Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a **General Assistant**. The role will involve supporting the kitchen team with preparation of meals, setting up and clearing the lunch hall, serving meals and cleaning. The role reports to the Cook.

##### Duties and Responsibilities

- Supporting the school cook with preparation of meals
- Setting up, serving meals and cleaning in the lunch hall
- Supporting children in the lunch hall
- General cleaning, washing up & sweeping, emptying bins
- Using powered equipment (eg. Kitchen equipment, vacuum cleaners, polishers) where appropriate
- Any other duties which reasonably fall within the role of the postholder including supporting cleaning team when necessary

Hours of work: 25 hours per week (9.30am – 2.00pm Monday to Friday, term time plus 2 additional weeks)

Contract type: Permanent/Temporary

Closing date (and time): 9.00am on Monday 7th January 2019

Closing Date for applications: Monday 7th January 2019

#### **INSET DAYS 2018 – 2019**

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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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



### **Christmas Performances 2018**

Please note brothers and sisters at school will have the opportunity to watch each other's Christmas performances during school time.

Please see below for our performance dates:

#### **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

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### Charities



As part of our Citizenship Year and children understanding the role charities play in their community, the charities that we are supporting this year are the Storehouse Food bank and The Children's Hospice South West by collecting food, toiletries and second hand toys, games and books. There will be three collection dates throughout the year which will be: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Each class will have two collection boxes for donations to be put into.

Thank you for your support.

### 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)

**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 –  
**Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire**

**Wiltshire Council**  
Where everybody matters

**Emergency Closure Plan**



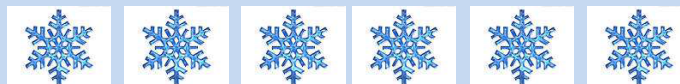
Now that the winter months are upon us with the possibility of extreme weather we would like to draw your attention to a useful link from the local authority of roads that are treated on a precautionary basis for your information –

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting/grittingroutesmap.htm>

At school, the safety of our pupils, staff and parents is paramount to us and as such we would like to inform you of the safe route in and around school, should such conditions arise. We will ensure there is a path from the school pedestrian gates all the way through the school playground to the classes. We do ask that in icy/snowy conditions, children use the designated path provided as the rest of the playground maybe unsuitable to walk on.

In adverse conditions the road leading to the school will not be a priority and therefore we ask for everyone to take extra caution when travelling to school.

In the event of school closure we will update our website & twitter page first, and will also send a message via Parentmail X. Please ensure that you have registered for ParentMail X or are following the Twitter page to receive this and other important information, if not please speak to a member of the office team.



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14 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

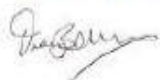
You may be aware that the government school league tables have been released yesterday by the Department of Education. Following this there has been some additional publicity in the national press about the league tables. The league tables reflect our results relating to last year's Year 6 class and were published to the school community in the summer. The class included a number of children who had only been educated at Castle Mead for a short period of time. Whatever the needs, and previous school experience of the children, both staff and children worked really hard to enable them to make rapid progress during their time with us.

We wanted to reassure you that these results only represent one measure of children's success at Castle Mead School. All of the children made better than expected individual progress and this has been validated by the Local Authority. We are really proud of all the achievements of our children and strive to give them a wide range of opportunities to enrich their learning experiences. 'The school's curriculum is exciting, interesting and relevant, trips, visitors and projects bring 'learning to life' (Ofsted June 2017).

We are proud that Castle Mead is a happy, welcoming and inclusive school with a hugely committed and hard-working team of staff recognised by Ofsted in June 2017 as putting children at the heart of everything they do. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the many of you who have taken time to contact us today to express your support, and appreciation of the staff and all that we do at Castle Mead.

Please be assured that we remain committed to ensuring the best possible education for all our children and if you have any concerns we are happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely



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