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Dear Parents and Carers

It's time to wish you all a happy and relaxing half term break. We have had a great first term back and the children have surpassed all expectations. The learning that has taken place this term has been fantastic, you can see lots of examples of this on our Twitter page @CastleMeadSch. Term 2 starts on **Tuesday 3rd November 2020**. I am sure that term 2 will be just as successful as term 1, we will not be able to carry out the normal festivities however we are planning to celebrate in a COVID 19 secure way, watch this space! Don't forget that to order your **Christmas lunch** you need to look at the Term 2 menu which was released last week.



## Don't forget the Poppy Appeal



*Saturday 24th October until Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November*

The Poppy Appeal will be going ahead this year. To keep it Covid safe, each year group will have their own collection box and poppies to give out. We are very happy to be able to continue to support this great charity. Poppy's will be available from after half term.

## Halloween

A pumpkin has been placed in the school grounds that can be seen from the pavement, keep your eyes peeled and maybe you will spot it on your



Remember the clocks go back during the half term holiday when we return to school the evenings will be noticeably darker, please ensure your child's safety by keeping them in your sight and that they are wearing something reflective of light in colour. Thank you.

Warmest wishes

Mrs Phillips (Acting Head of School)

# A week in Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week. It has seen the culmination of our topic 'Through the Ages'. The children showcased their learning in a double page spread exploring how invention and ingenuity made life easier for daily life in Prehistory. We loved seeing how some of the tools and equipment invented in the Stone Age are still in use today!



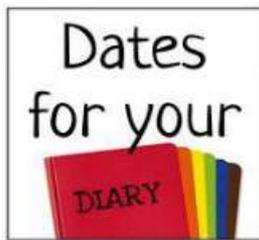
In PE, we have learnt to play archery. We've worked on our techniques and increased our accuracy.



For Science this week, we wrote conclusions from our class investigation into what plants need to survive and we were surprised that the plant with no oxygen lived! However, we soon noticed the gap in the bag which had let air in!



A wonderful week year 3. Well done.



- 02/11 – Inset day
- 03/11 – Children return to school
- 24/10-07/11—Poppy Appeal
- 05/11 – Bonfire Night
- 11/11 – Remembrance Day
- 14/11– Diwali
- 17/12- Christmas lunch
- 17/12- Christmas jumper day

## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2021?

### 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 also available at all Wiltshire Council Offices.

**The deadline for applications is Midnight on 15 January 2021**

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 guide – Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council

## Remember...

The best way to stay safe is



# Stories and Songs for 2 and 3 year olds

with the Nursery team from Castle Mead School!

Join us online every Wednesday from 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10.30 – 11.00am.

We will read you a story, sing some songs together and have a lovely time!

It's completely free to join in - find out more and tell us you're coming at [www.castlemead.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.castlemead.wilts.sch.uk)



## Facebook Halloween quiz

Suitable for all ages

Our libraries are running a Facebook Halloween quiz to test your knowledge of all things spooky. The quiz will be published at 7pm on Thursday 29 October, with answers published 24 hours later.

[Find us on Facebook and take part](#)

## Halloween craft eMagazine

As part of Get Online Week, Amesbury library has created a [video about Halloween and Christmas crafts](#).

## Spooky Old Sarum - English Heritage

Suitable for families

Saturday 24 October – Sunday 1 November, 10am – 5pm

Gather your little monsters for a ghoulishly good day out at Old Sarum. Follow the trail to solve creepy clues and gather round to listen to spooky stories. There's a frighteningly fun fancy dress competition every day – just come in your scariest outfits to be in with a chance of winning.

With tales of spectres and strange apparitions, Old Sarum has long had a reputation for ghostly happenings. Swoop by and sink your teeth into this Halloween adventure for all the family.

**Organise a Halloween trail** - decorate your house and encourage neighbours to decorate theirs, creating a spooky trail for families to follow.

**Decorate a Halloween poster** – download, decorate and display one of our [Halloween posters](#) or complete our [Halloween word search](#).

**Carve or decorate a pumpkin** – to light up your doorstep or in your window.

**Scavenger hunt** - give your children a list of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors admiring Halloween decorations at a distance.

**Indoor trick or treating** - buy your child's favourite sweets and let them trick-or-treat door to door within your house or let them walk through the neighbourhood so they can show off their costume, then come home to a special treat or toy.

**Have a spooky feast** – make some spooky snacks with your children to create a stunning spread.

**Watch a scary movie with the family** - make a night of it by preparing some popcorn and sweets and setting a spooky scene.

**Host a virtual party**

**A dance party** - where your friends can learn the "Monster Mash" choreography or do the "Time Warp" all together. Or play some Halloween themed games and while listening to music.

**A Halloween costume party** - put on a costume and invite all your friends to a Halloween virtual party or quiz.

**Put on a Halloween playlist** - no matter how small your Halloween party, it won't be complete without some spooky tunes. Blast your favourites and have a dance party or play a game of freeze dance.

**Paint your kids' faces** – use some spooky colours to paint your child's face or let your children take turns painting each others' faces!

**Make a mask** - Make a Halloween themed face mask/covering

**Mix a spooky cocktail** - No Halloween is complete without a custom witch's brew cocktail or mocktail.