

Castlecombe Primary School & Dorset Road Infant School

December 2019



Dorset Road
Infant School



Dear Parents and Carers

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We are now at the end of a very busy term. The children have worked hard and have made fantastic progress in all of their learning. Thank you to everyone who came to support the schools at the Christmas performances this week. I think that you will agree with me that they were all of a very high quality and the children performed very well. They are a credit to their schools and we are all very proud of them.



Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for the support that you have shown your children this term. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all on the 6th January.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Haig
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

	Castlecombe Primary School	Dorset Road Infant School
6 January 2020	First Day of the Spring Term for children	
17 Feb – 21 Feb	Half Term	
24 February 2020	First Day after half term for children	

Excellence Award Winners

This term's Excellence Award Winners are:

YR Pear – Eliza and Archie
 Y1 Rowan – Vaughan and Lena
 Y2 Elder – Emily and Samuel
 YR Apple – Ayanda and Stanley
 YR Cherry – Caylum and Layla
 Y1 Maple – Ethan and Jeremy
 Y2 Ash – Alfie-Ray and Olivia

Y3 Willow – Darby and Emma
 Y3 Beech – Adrian and Izzie-Grace
 Y4/5 Pine – Harrison and Mai
 Y4/5 Elm – Emine and Fiona
 Y4/5 Birch – Carlisle and Summer-Rose
 Y6 Oak – Jake and Shanai

Well done everyone – we are all really proud of you!

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Attendance

Our target this year is 96.5% attendance overall, the minimum expectation of each child is 96%, this is set by the Government. Please help us to achieve our target. You can do this by making sure your child comes to school regularly and on time. Last year's overall attendance was 96%. The gates are open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.55am. If your child is late in the morning, they must be signed in by an adult at main reception. Frequent lateness causes disruption to the class and does not start the day off in the best way. Please ensure that your child is ready to learn by being in class at 8.55am. The classes with the highest percentage for the second half of this term were;

Castlecombe Primary KS1 – Ash 94.1% KS2 Pine 96.2%

Dorset Road – Rowan 96.3%

Overall attendance is currently 95.9% for Castlecombe Primary and 96% for Dorset Road.

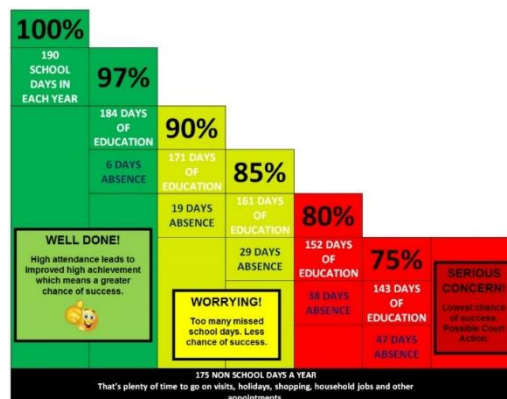
Mrs Arnold – Attendance Officer



Is your child missing out?

Every absence comes at a price... As parents it's your responsibility to ensure your child attends school. For a free leaflet 'School Attendance: Information for Parents', telephone 01845 601222 x60. Don't miss it when it's out!

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Singing at the Library



Dorset Road children provided much festive fun for Mottingham Library this season. Each child worked hard on their contributions to the frosty penguin scene display for the library wall. It was the perfect backdrop for the children's Christmas song performance to local visitors to the library. The Dorset Road pupils charmed the audience with traditional carols and penguin songs from their school



play.

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Y1 Pizza Express

On 26th November, Maple class had a trip to Pizza Express. The staff at the restaurant showed us around their kitchen and we were able to stand in the freezer. We were given our dough and we kneaded it and stretched it to fit our pizza pans. We made a big mess! After they were cooked, we were able to take them home with us. They tasted delicious.



Book Tokens in the Sun Newspaper

We are collecting book tokens from the Sun newspaper to receive new books in school. If you have any tokens please can you bring them to the school office.

Guitar Lessons

We currently have a guitar teacher visiting a pupil in school. If anyone would like to sign up for guitar lessons please can you complete a Bromley Youth Music Trust form to see prices and apply for lessons. These forms can be collected from the school office.

School Office Notices

- Please ensure that all changes in collection arrangements for your child are phoned into the school office before 2:45pm.
- All paid school services must be paid for in advance (breakfast club, after school club, school dinners). The school has credit control procedures in place for any arrears.
- If you need to book breakfast club or after school club on an ad hoc basis, please inform the office in advance. Payment on ParentMail does not automatically notify the office that your child will be attending.
- Please could all late arrivals be signed in by a parent at the school office.
- If children are not collected by 3:30pm and the school has not received notification from a parent or guardian, they will be taken to the after school club. This is a chargeable service.
- No access will be granted to the school grounds via the car park gates at the end of the school day. Please enter and exit the gate via the pedestrian gate as the car park gates opening would provide direct access to the road and would be a safeguarding risk.

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Mottingham Community Association

We received a donation from Mottingham Community Association Ltd of £200 for Castlecombe and £200 for Dorset Road. They also donated a number of sheep's costumes for all of our upcoming performances. Thank you so much – your support for our schools is very much appreciated.

Junior Police Cadets



Cadets on Parade.

Aspire to be different. Join the Volunteer Police Cadets at Bromley. Meet with like minded young people with shared interests. Have fun, learn, develop and help in your local community. Check out "met volunteer police Cadets, part 1" on YOUTUBE for a 2 min video.

Weekly meetings

New Units are opening in Bromley soon!

Our current Units are as follows:

Senior Cadets

Orpington - Mondays 6.45pm to 8:45pm

Hayes - Wednesday 6.45pm to 8:45pm

Junior Cadets

Mottingham - Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm

Hayes - Wednesdays 5:00-6:00pm

Orpington - Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm

The units meet during term time only.



Cadets Completing Gold DotE Expedition in Snowdonia



Greater Youth, Greater London

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Clubs news

Act. Dance. Sing. 

PERFORMANCE CLUB

AT DORSET RD / CASTLECOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEARS R-2

THURSDAYS 3:20 - 4:20

FREE TRIALS IN JANUARY 2020
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Performing Arts @ Dorset Road/Castlecombe

Centre Stage returns to Dorset Road/Castlecombe after the Christmas Holidays for another exciting term. 2020 marks Centre Stage's 10 Year Anniversary, and we can't wait to get the year started. We will be working towards our next performance to parents at the end of the term. We know that the pupils will really enjoy what we have planned and can't wait to get started.

YEAR R-2 PERFORMANCE CLUB

Every Thursday Commencing 16th January 2020
3:20-4:20

Lessons are £6 per week and classes are paid monthly via our Autopay System.

To book your **FREE** trial or register for classes visit our website:
www.centrestagetheatreacademy.com/parent-login

At Centre Stage Theatre Academy, we pride ourselves on giving pupils the opportunity to perform. With this in mind, the students will work towards performances for parents at the end of each term. Whilst this involves hard work, our main focus for the club is to boost confidence and make sure that pupils have lots and lots of fun.

We can't wait to hear from you,

Best Wishes,
David Gillett

Creative Director
Centre Stage Theatre Academy

If you have any questions, please contact the Centre Stage office on 0800 058 2521

SPECIAL OFFER TO DORSET/CASTLE STUDENTS

Book a free trial at our Besleyheath Academy and receive 10% off this term's fees if you register before the end of January 2019. Classes are held at Besleyheath Academy every Saturday.
Schedule a FREE trial online or call the office - 0800 058 2521.
Terms and conditions apply.

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