



# CASTLEFIELD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The chaos caused by the snow seems to be a distant memory and normality has returned to Castlefield School.

There have been lots of exciting enrichment activities this half term with

- Year 5 children going to Mop End to build shelters
- Year 6 being visited by Magistrates/Prison Service and the Police (as part of their Crime and Punishment unit, not to be arrested!)
- Year 3 Greek Day
- Year 4 African drumming
- Year 1 Builder Day

And many more to follow after the half term break (see dates below).

Robotics club also attended a National Competition recently, showcasing the skills and learning that they have been developing over the past year. Although they didn't place in the top rankings, they were fantastic representatives of themselves and the school.

These trips/days are so important to your children's learning and provide them with learning experiences that are far beyond what can be offered just in a classroom.

## **Quids for Kids**

Once again the school has registered to be part of 'Quids for Kids' at the Eden Centre. If you buy anything from any shop in the Eden Centre, please take your receipt to the customer service desk and tell them it is for Castlefield School. The organisation that receives the most receipts will win a large cash prize.

## **How do we compare to other schools?**

At the end of last term, the performance of all schools was made public. I am proud to say that Castlefield School was one of the top performing schools in the High Wycombe area.

- **More children made the expected standard than any other school in the local area (in Reading, Writing & Maths)**
- **Children at Castlefield School made Above Average rates of progress in their Reading, Writing & Maths.**

This information was made publically available from the Department for Education Website at the end of last term ([www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)), as well as lots of other information about the performance of any school.

I am incredibly proud of how well all of our children performed and all the hard work and dedication shown by all the teachers at Castlefield School.

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### **New Governor Needed**

We are looking to fill a vacancy for a 'Parent Governor'. If you are interested or would like to find out more about what this would entail, please make an appointment to see me.

### **Target Setting Day:**

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** there will be an opportunity for you to come with your children and meet their class teacher for an individual appointment. This meeting is extremely important as your child will be given targets for the rest of the year. A separate letter will be sent in the near future to allow you to indicate your preferred time. **There will be no normal school on this day – however, all children must come to school with their parents for their appointments.**



Maths open days



Fun in the snow on 23<sup>rd</sup> January

### **Important Dates:**

Keep checking the website for any changes and new activities going on in school!

[www.castlefieldschool.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.castlefieldschool.bucks.sch.uk)

If you **follow us on Facebook (Castlefield School, High Wycombe)**, you will see more photographs and posts about the learning and fun that happens on these days (and others)!

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
February Half Term	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Dinosaur Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5 Inca Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Target Setting Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 trip to Windsor Castle
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Hatching eggs arrive in Reception
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of half term
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Kann  
Headteacher