



<p>Key Stage 1-4</p>	<p>Face masks/face coverings - Please can we ask parents to wear masks/face coverings (unless exempt) when dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day. Please also maintain a distance of 1m+ from other adults and families.</p> <p>Last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 18th December will be our last day of this term. We will be participating in a fundraising event on behalf of “Save the Children” where pupils can wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas themed outfit to school. It will be a voluntary contribution of £1. Pupils should come in uniform if they do not wish to wear anything Christmas themed. Children in key stages 1-3 will be having class-based activities with art and craft events. Pupils will leave school at their usual time. Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.</p> <p>Christmas dinner - Christmas dinner will be offered on two separate days for different key stages: Key Stages 1, 2 and 4 on Tuesday, 15th December and Key Stage 3 on Wednesday, 16th December. The cost will be the same as a usual school dinner - £2.30 for primary students and £2.40 for secondary students. To help with the ordering, Christmas dinners must be ordered in advance. Payment is via sQuid (under the catering section). It is available for ordering now – and all orders must be made by 11th December. A jacket potato option will be available on the day that your child will not be having a Christmas dinner.</p> <p>Weather – Now that the cold weather is upon us, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outdoor play e.g. coats. This would also include the days your child has PE. In addition to the new PE kit items, they may also wear base layers (white or black long sleeved tops or skins underneath their t-shirts), plain black or navy jogging bottoms (leggings or skins can also be worn underneath), a plain jumper or fleece in black or navy, water proof jackets and hats. This is keeping in line with the latest government advice that where possible PE lessons are to continue to take place outside.</p> <p>Friends of Castledon School - The School's charity, Friends of Castledon School is affiliated to Chelmsford Star Co-op. Every time you spend, points are awarded to the charity which are converted to cash donations. The school have a number of community cards for anyone who shops in these Co-ops, predominantly based in and around Chelmsford but also just along Nevendon Road, Wickford. If you would like one of these cards then please email admin@castledon.org who will be happy to send you a card. You will also receive a leaflet with a list of participating stores.</p> <p>Life skills - Your son/daughter is taught life skills as a large part of their curriculum. Topics include things like our local community, health and hygiene, food and transport. Pupils will have regular opportunities to practice these skills in real life situations. Many of these aspects do cost money and rather than asking for contributions, each time a cooking activity occurs or pupils go offsite we ask for a donation of £15 per term. Where pupils go out and purchase meals/snacks or a trip requires entrance fees, due to the extra cost of these activities, a separate letter will come home asking for this money. Payment is £15 a term via the sQuid online payment system. You can make all three payments before the payment deadline dates. The dates for payment are due by: Monday, 11th January and Monday, 26th April 2021 Please log into your sQuid account under “Trips and Offers” and look for the booking category “Life Skills Payment for School Key Stage 1-4” and then look for “Life Skills payment for School KS 1-4 2020-2021”.</p> <p>Snacks – Your son/daughter is allowed a snack at break-time. Your child can either bring in a healthy snack, e.g. fruit or raisins. Please do not give your children any chocolate, crisps or nuts of any kind to bring into school. You can also purchase a slice of toast for Secondary children or bread and butter for Primary children at 50p a week via our sQuid online payment system. Please log into your sQuid account under “Trips and Offers” and look for the Booking Category: SNACKS 2020-2021 and then pick which week you require and pay.</p> <p>Teacher’s email addresses – Please see below the new class email addresses. Please email the class teacher if you need to contact them. (Emails will not be viewed during teaching hours.) Mrs Foote – C4.1@castledon.org Ms Wheeler – C4.2@castledon.org Mrs O’Brien – C4.3@castledon.org Mr Ing – C4.4@castledon.org Miss Copeland – C4.5@castledon.org Ms Lovick – LLClass@castledon.org Mrs K Johnson – KJClass@castledon.org Ms Jones – VJClass@castledon.org Ms Mansfield-Smith – HMClass@castledon.org Mrs D Johnson – DJClass@castledon.org Ms West – EWClass@castledon.org Mrs Wiggs – CWclass@castledon.org Mrs Murphy – CMclass@castledon.org Mrs Crowdy – TCclass@castledon.org Ms Carter – SCclass@Castledon.org</p>
<p>Future dates</p>	<p>Last day of term – 18 December – Christmas jumper day Christmas break - Monday, 21 December 2020 – Friday, 1 January 2021 (pupils return 5 January) Inset day - 4 January (non-pupil day) Half term – Monday, 15 – Friday, 19 February Inset days - Monday, 22 – Tuesday, 23 February (non-pupil days – annual review meetings taking place) Easter break – Monday, 29 March – Friday, 9 April (returning Monday, 12 April) Bank Holiday – Monday, 3 May</p>

Half term – Monday, 31 May – Friday, 4 June (including bank holiday Monday)

Last day of school for year 11s – Friday, 18 June

Inset Day – Friday, 9 July (non-pupil day)

Last day of school – Wednesday, 21 July at 12o/c

Please ensure that we have your up-to-date email address and contact numbers in case of emergencies. Please let the School Office know of any changes.