



The Mead Community Primary School



Monday 19th September 2022

Term 1, Week 3

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Monday 19 th September 2022	• SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 20 th September 2022	• 5.30pm –Parent Conversations booking open on Arbor for Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 21 st September 2022	
Thursday 22 nd September 2022	
Friday 23 rd September 2022	• 2.20pm Star of the Week Assembly by invitation on Zoom

Dear Mead Families,

Like all schools across the country, The Mead will be closed on Monday 19th September to pay our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the day of her funeral. We will re-open on Tuesday 20th September.

This week saw the return of Community Assemblies for the first time in three years and it was lovely to have parents on site to hear about the learning journey the children will take through the busy autumn term.

We also welcomed our new Reception children into school this week following their part days and visits, and they have made an amazing start. The Reception team are amazed at how wonderfully they have all settled and happy learning is already well underway in the lovely early Years environments.

Parent Conversations week begins on Monday 26th September. This is the first of two annual parent weeks and is designed to enable you to have an in-depth discussion with your child's new teacher after the first month of the school year. All meetings are once again face to face and on site, with bookings done online through Arbor. Please log into your Arbor account to book your appointment. We do hope you can all attend.

Finally, you will be seeing lots of adverts for our Autumn Fayre, organised by the Friends of the Mead for the afternoon of Saturday 1st October at our Hilperton site. Donations day for the fayre is Friday 23rd September, with children able to wear non-uniform that day when donating (the poster illustrates the little items that what we would like from each year group please, if at all possible).

Thank you for all of your support at the start of this new school year.

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

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Hilperton Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatHilperton
Hilperton Nursery Facebook and Twitter are now both @MeadatOrchard

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Reading run around

Last year, I met with a group of children from different year groups and we talked about how sometimes it's tricky to fit in lots of reading during the week. I asked these children what we could do at school to help motivate children to read and the group suggested that earning extra playtime would encourage them to pick up a book and read for at least 15 minutes. So, with the children's views in mind, every Monday, teachers will look in children's reading records and if a child has read 5 (or more!) times during the previous week, then they will earn 10 minutes extra playtime!

Teachers will be monitoring the number of reads each child completes on a weekly basis, and will of course support any child/ family who is struggling to fit in 5 reads at home. "Reading at home" refers to: a child reading to someone else, a child reading independently and/ or an adult/ older sibling reading to a child.

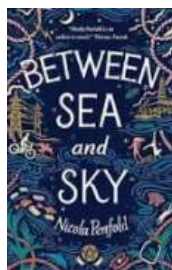
Children are encouraged to read one book at a time, so they can immerse themselves in the plot without having to remember multiple storylines, so we ask that children take the book that they choose at school home with them to read, and then bring it back into school each day.

If you have any questions about this reading incentive or general questions about how you can further support your child to read at home, please speak to me (Mrs Baber) in Y6 at the Hilperton site or Miss Demski (Y3/4) at our Wingfield site.

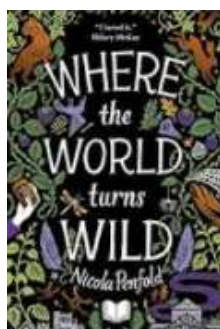
We can't wait to hear all about the amazing books that you read!

Senior Teacher English Lead and Year 6 Class Teacher

Currently reading *Between Sea and Sky* by Nicola Penfold



Books I thoroughly recommend:



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Dates for your Diary	These dates are all subject to change Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
26 th – 30 th September	Parent Conversation Week
11 th – 14 th October	Wiltshire Air Ambulance Emergency Awareness Training for all Hilperton Site children
Wednesday 12 th October	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Tiger Martial Arts
Friday 14 th October	School Disco - Y1, Y2 & Y3 5.15pm – 6.15pm, Y4, Y5 & Y6 6.30pm – 7.30pm
18 th & 19 th October	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Friday 11 th November	10.30am - Hilperton Site Community Assembly - Remembrance
Wednesday 14 th December	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 25 th January 2023	Young Voices Event in Birmingham
Wednesday 1 st February	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly –
9 th & 10 th February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Monday 24 th – 28 th April	Parent Conversation Week
Monday 8 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 th May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Thursday 25 th & 26 th May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Tuesday 27 th June	Hilperton Site Sports Day
Thursday 29 th June	Hilperton Site Fall Back Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	Wingfield Site Sports Day
Monday 3 rd July	Wingfield Site Fall Back Sports Day
Monday 10 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 th July	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Tuesday 18 th – 21 st July	Year 6 to Kilve Court – 3 night residential
Thursday 20 th – 21 st July	Year 4 to Braeside – 1 night residential
Tuesday 25 th July	9.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Reminder - After School Care Bookings

Please note that the ASC booking system on Arbor is not available from 11am for same day bookings. However, bookings for future dates can still be made. We will of course be able to make bookings for exceptional circumstances, but you will need to phone the school office to arrange this.

INSET DAYS

31st October 2022, 3rd January 2023, 5th June 2023

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022 -23

Wiltshire Council

September 2022						October 2022						November 2022						
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25		
Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27		

December 2022						January 2023						February 2023						
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March 2023						April 2023						May 2023						
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June 2023						July 2023						August 2023						
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key:

	School Holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term Time

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Term dates summary:

Term 1	01 September to 19 October 2022	35 days
Term 2	31 October to 16 December 2022	35 days
Term 3	03 January to 10 February 2023	29 days
Term 4	20 February to 31 March 2023	30 days
Term 5	17 April to 26 May 2023	29 days
Term 6	05 June to 25 July 2023	37 days
TOTAL		195 Days

Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023

Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2022
Christmas Day Holiday (substitute day)	27th December 2022
New Years Holiday	02nd January 2023
Good Friday	07th April 2023
Easter Monday	10th April 2023
May Day Holiday	29th May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	29th August 2022

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2020/7/21/21333431/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-are-playing-virtual-games-online>
<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

THE FRIENDS OF THE MEAD AUTUMN FAIR DONATION DAY

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR NON SCHOOL UNIFORM IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION TO BE USED AS PRIZES AT THIS YEARS AUTUMN FAIR.



**NURSERY,
RECEPTION & YEAR 1
FILLED JAR**



**YEARS 2, 3 & 4
CHOCOLATE**



**YEARS 5 & 6
A BOTTLE**

**CHOCOLATE - ANY ITEM OF CHOCOLATE FOR THE CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
BOTTLES - THIS IS FOR THE BOTTLE STALL, SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE SOFT DRINK,
BEER, CIDER OR BUBBLE BATH**

**FILL A JAR - DECORATE AND FILL A JAR FOR OUR HOOPLA STALL. PAST IDEAS HAVE
BEEN SWEETS, HAMA BEADS, TOY CARS, BOUNCY BALLS TO NAME BUT A FEW.**

**IF YOU CANNOT SUPPLY THE REQUESTED DONATION, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DONATE ANOTHER
ITEM OFF THE LIST.**



**Friends
of the Mead**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING
THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

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To be opened by
Olympian and World Champion
Danny Talbot

The Friends of The Mead

AUTUMN FAIR

12 noon - 3pm

Saturday 1st October

The Mead Primary School
Hackett Place, Hilberton. BA14 7GN

-  Children's book-themed scarecrow trail
-  Stalls and games
-  Dog agility show
-  Inflatables
-  Face painting
-  Sports demos
-  Forest school activities
-  Autumn pie competition

*Please bring all entries, sweet or savoury,
to the Autumn Pie Stall by 2pm for judging.*

**Live music | Hot dogs | Jacket
potatoes | Hot and cold drinks**

All proceeds will go towards supporting the children of The Mead Primary Schools.





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WE NEED YOU!!!

THE FRIENDS OF THE MEAD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2021

@7PM

MUSIC STUDIO, HILPERTON SITE

The Friends of The Mead are looking to appoint a new committee! The roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary need to be filled.

If you are interested in joining, either in a named position or as a committee member, please bring your nominations on the night or hand in to the school office by the end of the school day on the 11th October.

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ALL WELCOME!

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