

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 21st November 2016



Term 2 Week 4

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***** 'BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE' *****

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THIS WEEK IS ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Monday 21/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sign up sheets available to Ladybirds parents for Parent Consultations• 9.00am – Celebration Assembly – Star of the Week• West Wilts Large Schools Football Tournament at Kingdown School
Tuesday 22/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for returning family photograph orders
Wednesday 23/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00am - NO COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY• David Hempleman-Adams visiting The Mead
Thursday 24/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Friday 25/11/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non Uniform Day in return for donations for the Christmas Fair – see below• 9.00am – Celebration Assembly – Sporting Achievements with Mr Smith• Y5/6 selected children swimming

Dear Parents and Carers

This week the children have been looking at a picture with a twist. Not only is the painting abstract, it was also one of the last pictures ever created by the artist who was helped by a team of apprentices to finish the work. The painting is by Henri Matisse and it is entitled 'The Snail' (see link below). The questions we asked the children were as follows:-

What might this picture be called?

What do you think the artist has created?

What medium has he used?

How big do you think this picture is?

Do you like it?

Would you hang it on your wall?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Snail



INSET DAYS 2016 – 2017 3RD JANUARY 2017, 15TH MAY 2017

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Arrangements for collecting your child from school YR-2

If, for any reason, you would like/need your child to be collected by another adult, please contact the office so your message can be passed to the staff working with your child.

Class teachers will not release children to an adult that they don't know or is different to your regular arrangements, unless they have been told to do so.

Bad weather and snow



Now that the winter months are upon us with the possibility of extreme weather we would like to draw your attention to a useful link from the local authority of roads that are treated on a precautionary basis for your information –

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roads/highwaysstreetcare/gritting/grittingroutesmap.htm>

At school, the safety of our pupils, staff and parents is paramount to us and as such we would like to inform you of the safe route in and around school, should such conditions arise. We will ensure there is a path from the school pedestrian gates all the way through the school playground, round to Year 1. We do ask that in icy/snowy conditions, children use the designated path provided as the rest of the playground will be unsuitable to walk on.

We are not in a position to grit the main car park as this belongs to the council. However, in adverse conditions the road leading to the school and the car park will not be a priority and therefore we ask for everyone to take extra caution when travelling to school.

In the event of school closure we will update our website accordingly, inform local radio stations and send a text via Parentmail X. Please ensure that you have updated your contact details on Parentmail X.



School in Focus

The Wiltshire Times visited the Hilperton Site recently to take photographs for a 'School In Focus' article which we believe will be published this weekend. Please look out for it. The Wiltshire Times are planning to come to Wingfield at another time during this year to create a separate 'School in Focus' article. They wanted to cover both sites properly rather than squeezing both of them into one issue. How exciting!

Fantastic Feedback about The Mead

Recently we welcomed our School Improvement Advisor as she visited The Mead. Every school is allocated a School Improvement Advisor (SIA) to provide an objective evaluation of school performance and the work being done to secure improvements for children. Our SIA spent some time looking at the Leadership and Management of the school and also observed some teaching and learning in different classrooms. She was very impressed with what she saw during her visit. These are some of her comments:

"The school's learning environment reflects the high standards at The Mead."

"The teaching and learning observed today was outstanding. Pupils were making progress, behaviour was exemplary, questioning was highly effective, adequate time was given for practice to embed the pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills securely and misconceptions welcomed!"

"The head of school has diligently worked to create the positive and hard-working ethos in the school by modelling her expectations and having the highest expectations of herself, the staff and the pupils."

"The artwork around the school is stunning."

I'm sure that you'll be as pleased as we are with this lovely feedback about our school.

Davis Hempleman-Adams visits The Mead

A world renowned explorer will be visiting Skylarks and Eagles on Wednesday following his recent Polar Ocean Challenge. Please click [here](#) for the recent press release





Fitness Friday

On Friday mornings, the Sports Council will be leading a workout on the playground and we encourage all children to join in. (Adults are welcome as well if they would like to!) This aims to get children physically active and boost their learning power for the day ahead!



Have you booked your Christmas Lunch yet?



If you would like to book a Christmas lunch please come to the office and collect a Term 2 menu as it is incorporated within the normal school meal booking form.

Thank you.

Non-Uniform Day – Donations for our Christmas Fair

In order to collect donations for our Christmas Fair there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 25th November over both sites. Please could your child bring a donation in the category allocated to his/her class – see below.

Your support is most appreciated!

Ladybirds Unit - **Fill a Jar**

Yr 1 – **Chocolate**

Yr 2 – **Bottles**

Yr 3 - **Hamper goods**

Yr 4 – **Chocolate**

Yr 5 - **Fill a Jar**

Yr 6 - **Chocolate**

Chocolate – this is for the chocolate tombola which will be at the Christmas Fair.

Bottles – this could be any bottle for a bottle stall, e.g alcohol, soft drinks, non-food bottles please.

Fill a jar – decorate and fill a jar for our hoopla. Past ideas have been sweets, Hama beads, cars, bouncy balls and pennies to name but a few.

Hamper goods – this could be something like crackers, biscuits or Christmas puddings, a bit of a treat!!





FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Fayre 2pm – 5pm
5 th December 2016	Crickets to @Bristol
8 th December 2016	Foxes to @Bristol
W/E 9 th December 2016	Clubs finish this week
15 th December 2016	Christmas Lunch for both sites
3 rd January 2017	INSET DAY
W/C 16 th January 2017	Clubs will start on both sites
24 th January 2017	Young Voices, Birmingham
27 th – 31 st March 2017	Parent Conversation Week
6 th April 2017	Whole School Performance
W/E 7 th April 2017	Clubs finish this week
25 th – 28 th April	Life Bus on site
8 th May 2017	Y6 SATs Week
13 th May 2017	Arts Community Day
15 th May 2017	INSET DAY
5 th - 9 th June 2017	Y6 to Plas Pencelli
5 th – 7 th & 7 th – 9 th June 2017	Y4 to Oxenwood
21 st June 2017	Class photos - Wingfield
3 rd – 5 th July 2017	Y5 to Kilve Court Residential
4 th July 2017	Y6 Transition Day at John of Gaunt and Clarendon
W/E 7 th July 2017	Clubs finish this week
10 th July 2017	Family Picnic 5pm – 6.45pm
17 th July 2017	Y3 to Braeside
19 th July 2017	Transition Day – New Classes

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Leavers Assembly

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