

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 12th December 2016



Term 2 Week 7

Hilperton Site - Hackett Place, Hilperton, Trowbridge BA14 7GN
Executive Head Teacher – Mrs Lyssy Bolton Head of School – Miss Emma Holton

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

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Our Twitter feed: [@TweetTheMead](https://twitter.com/TweetTheMead)

Monday 12/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11.00am - Y4, 5 & 6 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 13/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00am – Celebration Assembly – Star of the Week• 2.00pm – Y2 Dress Rehearsal• 7.00pm - Y4, 5 & 6 Performance at the Civic Centre
Wednesday 14/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.15am - Y2 Christmas Performance• 3.00pm – Y5 Art Showcase in the classrooms
Thursday 15/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00am – Y4 Parents invited in to see children's work• 9.00am – Y1 Parents invited in to share their Space work• Christmas Lunch day at The Mead
Friday 16/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non School Uniform Day (with a Christmas theme if you wish)• School breaks up for the Christmas holidays at 3.15pm

Picture of the Week

This week our famous painting was created by John Constable, who was an English Romantic painter born in Suffolk. He is known principally for his landscape paintings of Dedham Vale, but also of Salisbury Cathedral.

This week our painting is The Hay Wain. We asked the children to consider what the words Hay Wain meant and where they thought the picture had been painted. We talked about how this painting shows us that life was different in the past and asked the children to describe what it might have been like to live there.

Many of Constable's paintings also had a dog and a boat in them- we challenge you to find them!

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



Fond Farewells

Next Friday we will be saying farewell to two long-standing and well-respected members of our teaching team. Mrs Sheila Claridge, who has worked for us in developing maths interventions for specific children, is leaving to start her retirement. Mrs Sam Phillips, our Reading Recovery teacher and Reading Leader, is leaving us because she is relocating. We wish them both all the very best for their new adventures and send them on with love and warm wishes from everyone at The Mead. Both Sheila and Sam have been instrumental in supporting our children to develop their basic skills in Reading and Maths and we shall miss them greatly. If you would like to send any messages to Sam or Sheila you can email feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk or drop a letter or card into the school office.

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

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Sad news from The Hilperton site

As I am sure you are already aware, we were the victim of a break-in on Tuesday evening and sheds and outbuildings at the Hilperton site were damaged. We also had several pieces of maintenance equipment stolen. Sadly, we understand that the people responsible also took our chickens off site and harmed them. We believe that all of them are dead.

Following advice from the Educational Psychology team at the Local Authority, we shared this information with the children this week and tried to support them in dealing with this tragic event. We have reminded them of the work the RSPCA do to take care of animals and how seriously animal cruelty is taken by their organisation and by the Police. We have talked with them about the people who have sent messages of love and support and have even offered to help replace the chickens. They are, understandably, a bit bewildered by why anyone would choose to hurt our chickens. We have tried to support them with this difficult concept at school, if and when it has arisen.

Your children may have questions or want to talk about what has happened at home. If you need any support or guidance in how to manage these conversations there are some good resources on the RSPCA website <http://www.rspca-education.org.uk/> and if you have specific concerns or need help to support your child you can contact the office and we will be happy to help in any way we can.

We would be grateful if anyone who may have information about this crime or who may have seen a group of people with a chicken/chickens on Tuesday evening could contact the local Police on 101 and report what they know. This will assist the Police with their on-going investigations.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)

Notice to all parents, carers, staff and visitors

Please show our children that you value The Mead and model your pride and respect for their environment by not parking on the grass when you come to the school. Thank you for your consideration.

Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Presentation Tuesday 13th December 2016 - Civic Centre 7pm

A reminder that the children in **Years 4, 5 & 6 on the Hilperton site** are taking part in a Christmas presentation this year in the **Civic Centre Trowbridge at 7pm on Tuesday 13th December**. The performance will include a number of collaborative contemporary songs and a short Christmas presentation by each year group. The evening will also include The Young Voices choir, Ms Jolley's singers, some of our guitar players and the school ensemble, including a small group of Year 4 instrumentalists.

Every child in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be performing in this event and it is extremely important they attend this performance. This will be an informal presentation when our children can enjoy taking part in a relaxed and fun Christmas experience and also have room to be in the audience. We won't have had the opportunity to run the evenings festive fun at the venue so please be aware that this will be a very relaxed and less formal event like last year. There will be **one** performance in the evening this year. Every person attending will need a ticket due to fire regulations.

We encourage you to bring pre-school siblings to attend our dress rehearsal on Monday 12th December at 11am. This is a shorter version and will include each year group's presentation.

Pupils need to arrive at the Civic Centre between 6.15pm – 6:30pm on Tuesday 13th wearing school uniform and a Christmas festive hat/reindeer antlers etc. Year 6 will be provided with hats. The bar will be open at 6.15pm for adults before the event which will start at 7pm.

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School Term And Holiday Dates 2018/19 - Consultation

Wiltshire Council have asked for views on proposed school term and holiday dates in Wiltshire for 2018/19, which are below for your comments.

Option 1: Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Thursday the 25th July.

Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a five day break in October, with term 6 ending on Tuesday the 23rd July. This is the option favoured by several of our neighbouring authorities.

Please can I take this opportunity to encourage everyone to forward their comments by whatever means is convenient for you; by posting any comments/observations to Nicola McCann at the address below, or by e-mail to directorcdce@wiltshire.gov.uk.

School Term Dates 2018/19 Consultation,
Children's Services,
County Hall,
Bythesea Road,
Trowbridge,
BA14 8JB

The deadline for responses is Friday 03 February 2017.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-19
OPTION 1



	August/September	October	November
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
3 rd January 2017	INSET DAY
4 th January 2017	Term 3 starts
W/C 9 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	KS2 School Performance - Narnia
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
21 st July 2017	Leavers Assembly

For the latest secondary school newsletters please use the links below:-

Clarendon Newsletters
John of Gaunt

<http://www.clarendonacademy.com/parents/newsletters>
<http://johnofgauntschool.org/information/newsletters-and-notice/>

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