

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 30th January 2017



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Term 3 Week 5

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

Our school latest news: www.themead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news
Our Twitter feed: [@TweetTheMead](https://twitter.com/TweetTheMead)

Monday 30/01/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration Assembly (Star of the Week – double celebration)
Tuesday 31/01/2017	
Wednesday 01/02/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Assembly – Safer Internet Day
Thursday 02/02/2017	
Friday 03/01/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y4 Swimming• Year 1 to visit Castle Mead• Deadline for Parent's comments for Annual Reports• School Disco. YR & KS1 – 5.30 – 6.30pm. KS2 – 6.45 – 7.45pm

Young Voices – Tuesday 24th January 2017 at The Genting Arena, Birmingham

I was delighted to accompany 80 of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children on their exciting trip to be part of the Young Voices Concert last week. Being part of a 6,000 strong choir was an amazing experience for all our children (and staff) and they all performed brilliantly, with great enthusiasm despite a very long and tiring day travelling and rehearsing.

However, the thing that impressed me the most was the opportunity to sit back and see children from The Mead amongst children from schools all over the country. Our children were impeccably behaved and during a long wait for the concert to start many of the other children sat around us climbed on chairs, screamed, shouted, threw things and ran around. Every single child from The Mead, however, maintained incredible standards of behaviour; quietly reading, writing, colouring, or playing card games while they waited patiently for their moment to perform. It isn't often that I see the stark differences between our children and the children at other schools and I was reminded of what a special place our school really is. I was left with a huge sense of pride in the delightful young people our children are becoming and I was certain all of you would share this feeling.

Huge thanks goes to Mrs Dixon and the office team for ensuring the day was a success from start to end and of course a massive well done and thank you to our wonderful Young Voices Choir – I am so proud of you all!

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)



INSET DAYS 2016 – 15TH MAY 2017

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We need your help.....

The 'Behind the Scene' art club for our Narnia production need your help.

The set for 'Narnia' will be simple - just four chairs on the stage. Each chair will be uniquely designed and created by our 'Behind the Scene' club and will represent key characters from the show.

Does anyone have an old dining room chair sitting in a garage that they no longer need? We need four chairs to transform into works of art and would be extremely grateful for any donations of unwanted chairs. Please contact the school office if you are able to help us.

All chairs would be lovingly transformed and kept on display in School after our performance.



The School Grounds

Saturday 18th February 2017 – 9am until 5pm

We are excited about the opportunity to be able to offer nursery provision on our site but we have a few practical arrangements to sort out to make it possible. We will be moving our vegetable garden to a new location so we can keep this special part of our school grounds.

We really need your help and will be organising working parties to achieve this. If you can offer help please get in contact:

melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk.

We need volunteers to offer their labour skills as well as DIY skills.



Thanking you in advance



Snowdrop Fact File



- Snowdrops' latin name is Galanthus.
- Galanthus means 'Milk flower'.
- Snowdrops grow in groups of 10–15.
- They are the first to blossom in the new year—you can look for snowdrop flowers in January until March.
- Snowdrops grow in forests and grassland, near streams and roads.
- You should plant them in late Autumn or early Winter.
- Snowdrops are not the best sources of pollen.
- There are 20 different types of Snowdrop.
- Snowdrops have been known since 1753.
- Their bulbs are poisonous and can be deadly if you eat them.
- They can be used as medicine for memory problems.
- They are a sign of hope.
- Did you know a single Snowdrop bulb was sold in 2011 for £350?

This factfile was prepared by the Polli:Nation Ambassadors.

The Mead School is proud to be taking part in Polli:Nation—we are working hard to make sure our grounds have lots of plants and homes that support pollinating insects.

You can find about more about this national project by visiting www.polli-nation.org.uk

Polli:Nation Ambassadors News

We have been busy researching our plant of the month and will be visiting every class to give them information about the Snowdrop this term. Please find a copy of our Fact File attached so you can learn about the Snowdrop at home.

You might also want to visit Great Chatfield Manor on February 12th for their Snowdrop Sunday – find out more <http://www.greatchatfield.co.uk/> or Lacock Abbey on 25th February <http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/find-a-garden/Garden.aspx?id=10497> – there are other Snowdrop events around the country during February.

Our Polli:Nation Project includes a range of activities from growing nectar rich plants that will provide food for insects all year round to Computing, DT and art projects that will help us all learn about pollinating insects and how to help them thrive. You can find out more about Polli:Nation on www.polli-nation.org.

Thank you

Polli:Nation Ambassadors

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Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Active Kids is back until 2nd May 2017. We will be very grateful to receive your vouchers to enable us to acquire valuable resources for our children.

Many thanks.

Parent comments for Annual Reports

If you haven't yet sent in the comment you would like added to your child's annual report, please be reminded that the deadline for these is Friday 3rd February 2017. You can hand a copy of your comment into the school office, marked for the attention of your child's class teacher. Alternatively you can email your comment to feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk and we can pass it on for you. Please remember to clearly state your child's name and class when writing your comment. Thank you.

Important notices

Please scroll all the way down to the end of the newsletter for important information about our new Community Choir taster sessions (beginning on 31st January) and information from our Parent Support Advisor Jackie Percivall about supporting children who are affected by a parent or a family member in the prison service or the criminal justice system.

Start of the Day

This week in our Art STOD we have been looking at Sir Stanley Spencer 'St Francis and the Birds 1935'
http://www.tate.org.uk/art/images/work/T/T00/T00961_9.jpg

We started the children's thinking by giving the children a quote by St Francis:- 'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'

We asked the children what might they do in the future that they feel is now impossible?

We also asked the children to work out what they felt the man was doing- what could be the story behind this painting and why the man was surrounded by chickens and ducks?

Perhaps you would like to research the painting and find out why?



Parking

Once again, please could you be reminded about considerate parking, particularly on the one way section. It is very difficult to get around the narrow corners if you have parked on them inconsiderately. Thank you.

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
3 rd February 2017	School Disco. YR & KS1 – 5.30 – 6.30pm KS2 – 6.45 – 7.45pm
27 th – 31 st March 2017	Parent Conversation Week
3 rd April 2017	Class Photographs
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
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

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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 directordce@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	30 6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	31 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

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

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

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

Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2018	Term 1	35
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2018	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2019	Term 3	30
Good Friday	19th April 2019	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	22nd April 2019	Term 5	23
May Day Holiday	6th May 2019	Term 6	39
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2019	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2019		

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2019
OPTION 2



	August/September	October	November
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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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 31
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 1

Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2018	Term 1	40
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2018	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2019	Term 3	30
Good Friday	19th April 2019	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	22nd April 2019	Term 5	23
May Day Holiday	6th May 2019	Term 6	37
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Calling all staff, parents,
guardians and former
pupils (14+) to join....

You're invited



The Mead Academy

Tuesdays

8-9.30pm

Community Choir

**TWO TASTER
WEEKS**

No need to read music

No auditions

Open to all across The Mead Academy Trust

Only requirement is bags of enthusiasm

£2 a week

Starts January 31st

If interested please email
staylor@themead.wilts.sch.uk

MUSIC STUDIO,
HILPERTON
