



The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 20th March 2023



Term 4, Week 5

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Monday 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.30pm – Swimming for selected children • 5.30pm – Y6 SATs meeting on Zoom
Tuesday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kestrels and Puffins walking to St Thomas' Church • World Poetry Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.50am – Community Assembly – Fair Trade Presentation • Trowbridge Music Festival – selected children
Thursday 23 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday 24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am – Fitness Friday on the playground • 2.20pm Star of the Week Assembly by invitation on Zoom

Dear Mead Families,

A funny old week and thank you again for your understanding and forbearance with the national industrial action in schools.

It was lovely to see the children return today, looking very cheery in their red themed outfits in support of Comic Relief. It seems like nearly every class has raised at least £20, so that will be close to £300 that we can donate as a school. Thank you.

Next week brings National Poetry Day on Tuesday, and throughout the week the children will be learning different poems for a grand poetry recital on Friday.

Early Years will be learning 'The Happy Poem' by James Carter;
Years 1 to 3 will be learning 'The Word Bird' by Simon Crabtree;
Years 4 to 6 will be learning 'Still We Burned' by Laura Mucha.

Teachers will add the poems to Seesaw if you would like to read them with your child too.

Also next week, Year 3 will be undertaking a church walk to St. Thomas', whilst on Wednesday we have the wonderful Trowbridge Music Festival to look forward to.

I've had the pleasure this week, along with our other leaders, of 'proof reading' the reports which go to print next week to be sent home to you in the week before the Easter holidays. They were a joy to read and testimony to the wonderful understanding our teachers have of your children. It will be great to discuss the reports and much more at Conversations Week – available to book from Sunday 26th March at 6.00pm.

Thanks as always for your support,
Mark Stenton

INSET DAYS

5th June 2023

1st & 4th September 2023, 30th October 2023, 4th January 2024 and 3rd June 2024

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

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PARENTAL PERMISSIONS AT THE MEAD SCHOOL

We are enhancing our consent process for photographic permissions. This includes the following;

- A – 1a. Professional individual photos
- A – 1b. Professional whole class or school photos
- A – 2a. Internal storage and/or use of images
- A – 2b. External storage and/or use of images
- A – 3a. Image use on individual learning platform
- A – 3b. Image use on shared learning platform

****PLEASE DO NOT USE the section that simply says Photograph Student****

We are also refining the following:

- B – 1a. School network account
- B – 2a. Google account
- B – 3a. Home learning platform – Seesaw / Class Dojo
- B – 4a. Home learning platform – Times Table Rockstars / Numbots
- B – 5a. Online parents' evenings – Parents-Booking.com
- B – 6a. Additional accounts to support welfare and education

In addition to the above, we have also added the following new permissions (which are reflected on your original Pupil Admission Form)

- Community Educational Walks
- Intersite Travel
- Walking Home After Clubs (NOT ASC) – KS2 only

Please can you log on to your Arbor account and give consent or decline permission for each of the above categories by Friday 17th March 2023 at 3.00pm.

In order to facilitate this enhanced process for permissions, all previous paper versions will be deleted from the system.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Reading Fluency Workshop, 5:30pm - 30th March 2023

On Thursday 30th March, Mrs Baber is running a reading fluency workshop for parents and carers of KS2 children. She'll explain: what we mean by 'reading fluently'; how we develop reading fluency at school and how you could support your child at home.

The session will be held at the Hilperton site, but is of course open to parents of children at Wingfield too 😊

If you would like to attend the workshop, please email the school office to confirm your attendance via office@themead.wilts.sch.uk

Year 3 Cricket Tournament organised by Wiltshire Cricket - 10th March 2023

It was a first sporting fixture for many Year 3s as The Mead competed in the Wiltshire Cricket Dynamos Festival at The Dome in Chippenham last Friday. Although slightly apprehensive at first, the team grew in confidence once they became acclimatised to the rules and environment. Everyone struck the ball well and fielded with such enthusiasm. Many of the team even tried overarm bowling which was hugely effective!

It was fantastic to see everyone apply the skills they learnt in our lessons in Term 2 and to represent the school with such pride. We finished 2nd out of 3 teams. Well done Team Mead!



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Dates for your Diary	<u>These dates are all subject to change</u>
	Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
Sunday 26 th March	Parent Conversation Booking System opens on Arbor (6.00pm)
Thursday 30 th March	5.30pm Hilperton site school hall - KS2 Fluency Workshop for KS2 parents of both sites
Friday 31 st March	School closes for the Easter holidays
Monday 17 th April	Term 5 begins
Monday 24 th – 28 th April	Parent Conversation Week
Tuesday 25 th April	Foxes and Ospreys walking to Trowbridge Museum
Thursday 27 th April	Squirrels and Otters walking to the River Biss
Friday 28 th April	Young Blooms visiting Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans
Thursday 4 th May	Bees to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Friday 5 th May	Butterflies and Cygnets to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Monday 8 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 th May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Introduction to Mrs Evans, Peri Teacher
Wednesday 17 th May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Thursday 18 th May	Kestrels, Puffins and Fireflies to The Roman Baths
Wednesday 24 th May	Whole School Performance – Wiltshire Music Centre
Thursday 25 th May	Squirrels and Otters to Bristol Buddhist Centre
Thursday 25 th & 26 th May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Friday 9 th June	Woodpeckers, Wrens and Swans to Hengistbury Head Beach
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 to Cotswold Water Park
Monday 26 th June	Y5 Curriculum Day at Clarendon Academy
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
Friday 30 th June	School Disco
Monday 3 rd July	Wingfield Site Fall Back Sports Day
Tuesday 4 th July	Y6 Transition Day at John of Gaunt and Clarendon Academy
Wednesday 5 th July	Y5 Curriculum Day at John of Gaunt School
Friday 7 th July	Wimbledon trip – extra curricular day out for drawn children
Monday 10 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 th July	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Friday 14 th July	Y3 to Thoulstone Park – long day
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

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MONTHLY EVENTS

ORGANISED OR SUPPORT BY THE FRIENDS OF THE MEAD



2022 - 2023

February

3rd & 10th – Costume Donations

20th – 24th – World Book Day Costume Sales

27th – 3rd March – Read-A-Thon

March

27th Feb – 3rd – Read-A-Thon

1st – Cake Sale after school

13th – Bags 2 School collection

TBC – Year 6 Leavers

Hoodies Order

April

1st – 16th – Easter Trail

17th – 26th May – Penny Wars

May

17th April – 26th – Penny Wars

June

21st – Bags 2 School Collection

27th (29th Fallback) – Sports Day at Hilperton

30th – School Disco

30th – Sports day at Wingfield

TBC – Summer Fair at Wingfield

July

3rd – Fallback Sports Day at Wingfield

September

30th – Autumn Fair at Hilperton

TBC – Children designing Christmas cards (during school time)

More information will be provided prior to each event.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about joining the Friends of the Mead

please contact us at friends@themead.wilts.sch.uk



Ever thought about volunteering?

Wiltshire's Independent Visitor Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time every 3-4 weeks.

Volunteers are needed across Wiltshire to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent independent person who can take a special interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme is looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share in their interests and who have regular time to spare.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact the scheme on **IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk**

Wiltshire Council

"My IV is awesome and lots of fun; he makes me happy."
Young Person