

# The Mead Community Primary School

## What's on this Week – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018



**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' \*\*\*\*\*

### CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

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<https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchildfriendlylanguage.pdf>

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 2 - Super Heroes visiting the class</li></ul>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Celebration Assembly 2:45pm</li></ul>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10.00am – Trowbridge Youth Parliament</li><li>• Swimming lessons for selected children</li></ul>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trowbridge League Football after school at John of Gaunt – selected children</li></ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are delighted to welcome you and your children back to The Mead for the 2018-19 academic year. We'd like to extend a particular welcome to all the new families who have joined us for the first time this week.

#### School Priorities

This year we are in a Citizenship year and will be enriching the children's experiences to develop thoughtful and tolerant global citizens. We continue to embed Maths No Problem, our Singapore approach to the teaching of Mathematics and have shaped our curriculum themes around high quality texts. Curriculum information will be published next week on the website.

This year we will continue to develop the way that we welcome parents and carers into The Mead and support you to have a clear understanding about your child's learning and progress. We will be continuing to develop ways to encourage you to become more involved in the life of the school as we know how important this is in supporting your children to be happy and make progress. If you have any ideas or suggestions that might support you further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. You can email us with your feedback, questions or suggestions at [feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk) (however please note this email is only monitored on a weekly basis, not every day and should not be used for any urgent messages). Our hardworking staff also are very pleased to hear when we have made a positive impact on your children, so if you have any success stories we would love to hear about these too.

#### Communication

Remember that if you have any questions or information you would like to share with us, we will always be happy to help. You can speak to your child's teacher at the start or the end of the school day if you are able to come to school, or telephone the school office and ask for them to contact you at a mutually convenient time. Mrs Bailey will be at the gate every morning at the Hilperton site and Mrs Moore will be on the gate every morning at the Wingfield site. They will be happy to help in any way they can so please do ask.

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There will also usually be a member of the Senior Leadership team welcoming families at the gate in the morning, so please feel free to stop and chat or ask any questions you may have.



**Miss Emma Holton**

*Head of School*



**Mr Rob Cunningham**

*Deputy Head of School*



**Mrs Jennie Jones**

*Senior Teacher – SENCO*



**Mrs Theo Gaines**

*Senior Teacher*



**Mr Neil Griffiths**

*Senior Teacher*

Thank you for your feedback last year about the need for more notice for trips; this year we commit to giving parents and carers as much notice as possible about forthcoming events. This means that you should be given at least 4 weeks' notice of any school visit or event for which we will ask payment. There may still be occasions when a last minute opportunity may present itself to be involved in events; please accept our apologies in advance if this occurs and we will endeavour to ensure this is not a frequent occurrence. Payments can be made online via Parent Mail X (PMX) or brought to school in a named envelope.

### Assemblies

You are very welcome to join us for our Community Assembly each week. This is held on both sites every Wednesday from 2:45pm onwards. Celebration Assembly has moved this year to a Tuesday afternoon at 2:45pm. If your child is nominated to be Star of the Week, they will be celebrated in the next Celebration Assembly and you will be invited to come into school to share their special moment.

### Parent Conversation Evenings

During the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September, all parents and carers from Year 1 upwards will be invited to come into school to meet your child/ren's new teacher/s. This will be an opportunity for you to have a conversation about how your child has settled into their new class and for you to ask any questions you may have. You will be able to sign up for an appointment online very soon and we will let you know as soon as this system is ready to use.

There will be another opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher in March/April. Please do not feel you need to wait for these formal meeting times if you wish to discuss something with your child's teacher. You can make an appointment to speak with them at any time.

### Community Day

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our Science and Technology Community Day: Mission Explore And Discover tomorrow at The Hilperton site between 11am and 3pm. Please see the poster below for more information.

I am looking forward to working closely with you all as we strive to improve and develop our special school. Thank you all for your continuing support.

Miss Emma Holton



### This Year is a Citizenship Year.....

Each year The Mead has an enrichment focus which exposes children to a different area of the curriculum in greater depth. This year our focus is citizenship. Our main themes for the year will be.....

- Metacognition (thinking about what you are thinking)
- Children leading (in their learning and their play, representation)
- Wellbeing (taking care of yourself and each other)
- Self-regulation (managing your own behaviour)

There will be a range of exciting and thought provoking events, visitors and trips throughout the year culminating in our community day in May.

Each week the newsletter will feature a quote that will also be explored in assembly on a Friday and Start of the Day on Monday. Please take the time to talk about the quotes as a family and encourage your children to share what they think.

### Citizenship Year – Quote of the week

We kick off the year sharing the UN Conventions Right of every child. Have a read through and think about which ones mean the most to you. Do you agree they are all important? Which one is most important?

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*Rob Cunningham* - SLE (Computing)  
Deputy Headteacher

### Do you have friends or family looking for school places?

Due to families relocating over the summer holidays we currently have spaces across the school. Please contact the school office for further details.

### Future Dates

12 <sup>th</sup> September	Community Assembly - Mr Cunningham
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Trowbridge Youth Parliament meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery Open Session – Hilperton
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Community Assembly - Y4 Brokerswood (from 13.07.18)
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents Conversations Week
25 <sup>th</sup> September	West Wilts Young Ambassadors and PLT Conference – Selected children
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Community Assembly – European Day of Languages
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Community Assembly - Y5 Braeside Celebration (from 19/20.07.18)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Community Assembly - Harvest Celebration – Kingfisher Church
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Visit to the Steam Museum Swindon WW1 musical event Stoats, Skylarks & Hedgehogs – letter to follow

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17 <sup>th</sup> October	Community Assembly - Eco Buddies
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Community Celebration Assembly – Mr Cunningham
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset day – school is closed
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Open day – all sites. 10am – midday and 4pm – 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Ducklings, Moles and Pine Martens to We The Curious – letter to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Foxes and Robins to Westonbirt Arboretum – letter to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day – school is closed
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset day – school is closed

For the latest secondary school newsletters please use the links below:-  
John of Gaunt <http://johnofgauntschool.org/information/newsletters-and-notice/>  
Clarendon <http://www.clarendonacademy.com/parents/newsletters>

2018 – 2019

**INSET DAYS**  
3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018, 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018, 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019, 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019  
2019 – 2020 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old  
before September 2019?

### You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at  
all schools and County Hall

**The deadline for applications is  
Midnight 15 January 2019**

All forms must be returned to the  
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on **01225 713010**  
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# MISSION: Explore *and* Discover



A Community Science and Technology Event

Saturday 8th September 2018

11am until 3pm

at

The Mead Community Primary School, Hackett Place, Trowbridge, BA14 7GN

Free shows and workshops—lots of great activities for all ages

## Great Egg Race Challenge

Enter your team - all ages and family teams  
Get an egg as far as you can without breaking it!

Build your design at home and bring it along  
or make it on the day in our workshop.



## Rapsience



Rockets robots sound space scratch cooking dissection  
polli:nation food chain Plastic energy virtual reality construction  
chemistry woodwork slime bubbles space art potions senses  
coding electricity diggers hovercraft fingerprints woodwork



Organisers: Friends of the Mead School and The Mead Community Primary School

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