

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 21st September 2020



Headteacher – Mr Mark Stenton

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Term 1
Week 4

Monday 21 st September 2020	•
Tuesday 22 nd September 2020	•
Wednesday 23 rd September 2020	•
Thursday 24 th September 2020	•
Friday 25 th September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.20pm – Whole School Star of the Week Assembly by Zoom (parents of our Stars will receive a zoom invitation)• 2.30pm – Hot Chocolate Friday in the school hall

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers

Another truly great week – so proud of all that the children are learning. School is really buzzing.

All of this is being achieved against the backdrop of Covid 19 and you will be aware of rising cases across the country and additional protective. There is currently an increase in positive Covid case numbers in Wiltshire; alongside this there is currently limited access to testing as the system becomes strained with winter viruses. As such, from Monday, you will see staff wearing visors when they meet you at the start and end of the day. This is in order to maintain the safety of staff in busy areas and when in contact with parents outside. Obviously it is important that I ensure staff are safe and do not become unwell. This will make sure that we can keep the school open and safely staffed; in this situation visors are preferable to face coverings so the children can see the faces of their teachers and TAs (they won't be wearing them in class).

We also ask that you wear a face mask when on site and queuing in the morning, as is the norm now when shopping. Children do not need to wear them. We will work with the children so they understand the need for the visors on the gate, and I appreciate your understanding and support in the use of this safety measure. Please remember, where possible, only one person drops off and collects your child(ren).

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time – we all need to pull through this together.

Warm regards
Mark Stenton

Reporting Covid-19 symptoms to the school

If you or anyone in your family is being tested or has received a positive Covid-19 test please inform the school as soon as possible by emailing covid@themead.wilts.sch.uk

INSET DAYS:
2020 - 2021: 2ND NOVEMBER 2020, 4TH JANUARY 2021 and 7TH JUNE 2021

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Parent Conversations

This term we will be holding our parent conversations by secure video calling. These will take place after school during the week commencing 28th September. Bookings will go live at 6pm on Monday 21st September at www.parents-booking.co.uk/themead where you will need to log on and make your appointment. We will provide further details of how to log on for your actual appointment during the coming week.

European Day of Languages

On Friday 25th September, we will be celebrating European Day of Languages at school. This is a celebration of languages spoken throughout the world, and will be encouraging all of the children to take part. As a result, we have chosen a country for each year group to represent and are inviting the children to wear an item of clothing in one or more of the colours of that country's flag. The table below outlines which colours each year group should wear.

Year group	Country	Colours
Reception	Lithuania	Yellow, Green, Red
1	Germany	Black, Yellow, Red
2	Romania	Blue, Yellow, Red
3	China	Red, Yellow
4	Iceland	White, Blue, Red
5	Ukraine	Blue, Yellow
6	Russian	White, Red, Blue
Forest	Poland	Red, White

During the day, all of the children will have a video assembly, learn some essential phrases in French and hear stories in a variety of languages. We will encourage them to think about the importance and value of knowing other languages, to further encourage an all-inclusive community in our school. It is going to be an exciting day! Many thanks, in advance, for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Johnathan Webb

School Photographer

On 30th September (Hilpertont Site) and 9th November (Wingfield Site) the school photographer will be visiting to capture individual photos of our children. It is at this time that we would normally take photos of siblings together but it is unlikely that this part will go ahead due to 'Bubble' constraints, however, we will let you know of the final detail nearer the time.

Message from Jackie Percival, our PSA.

Family and Community Learning

Family and Community Learning is delighted to announce that the online courses to support family wellbeing, support with learning together at home and skills to support adults back to work are now available. There are courses on building concentration and resilience and helping children to learn Maths 2 as well as a range of other courses. <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/>

The team is keen to hear from any interested parent/carer who wants to know more about what's on offer. Please call them on 01225 770478 or send them an email familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk and they will get back to you.

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
25 th September 2020	European Day of Languages
30 th September 2020	School Photographer (individual photos) – Hilperton Site
21 st October 2020	Last day of Term 1 – finishing at the usual time
2 nd November 2020	Inset Day
3 rd November 2020	Children return to school for Term 2 – starting at the usual time
9 th November 2020	School Photographer (individual photos) – Wingfield Site
18 th December 2020	Children's Christmas lunch Last day of Term 2 – finishing at the usual time
4 th January 2021	Inset Day
5 th January 2021	Children return to school for Term 3 – starting at the usual time
12 th February 2021	Last day of Term 3 – finishing at the usual time
22 nd February 2020	Children return to school for Term 4 – starting at the usual time
1 st April 2020	Last day of Term 4 – finishing at the usual time
19 th April 2021	Children return to school for Term 5 – starting at the usual time
10 th May 2021	SATs week for Year 6
28 th May 2020	Last day of Term 5 – finishing at the usual time
7 th June 2021	Inset Day
8 th June 2021	Children return to school for Term 6 – starting at the usual time
14 th – 18 th June 2021	Year 6 residential to Plas Pencelli
15 th – 16 th July 2021	Year 4 residential to Braeside
23 rd July 2021	Last day of Term 6 – finishing at the usual time

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