



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

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Term 1
Week 4

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Monday 21 st September 2020	
Tuesday 22 nd September 2020	
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Thursday 24 th September 2020	
Friday 25 th September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Day of Languages (see below)• 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

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at beautiful Wingfield this week. The children are steadily getting back into their school routines and it has been very rewarding to see them coming in to school so happily. We will continue to post our learning on Twitter for you to see – please follow us if you haven't done so yet: [@tweetwingfield](https://twitter.com/tweetwingfield).

This week you should have seen a Seesaw login come home with your child (Year 1-6). In Pine Martens, Fireflies and Hedgehogs, children will find their home learning activities posted on Seesaw. If your child has to isolate because of family symptoms while waiting for a test, teachers will add learning for them to complete on Seesaw until they are able to return to school. Mice class logins will come home with the children next week.

You will be aware of rising cases of COVID-19 across the country and additional protective measures now in place nationally. There is currently an increase in positive case numbers in Wiltshire; alongside this there is currently limited access to testing as the system becomes strained with winter viruses. As a result, from Monday, you will see school 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 staff are safe and do not become unwell. This will make sure that we can keep the school open and children safely cared for; in this situation visors are preferable to face coverings so the children can see the faces of their teachers and TAs (please note: they will not be wearing visors in class).

From Monday, we also ask that you wear a face covering when queuing outside in the morning and afternoon, as is now the norm when shopping. Children do not need to wear face coverings. 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. I am pleased and proud of how we, as a school community, are pulling together to keep everyone safe.

I would like to thank you all for your support and for welcoming me to your school family. I feel very privileged to be a member of the school community and I look forward to working closely with you all in the weeks and months to come. I am always available to you at the school gate at the beginning and end of the day and I will always return phone calls or emails if you need to speak to me privately. However, please note that I am teaching in Mice full time, so please understand that there may be a short delay before I can respond.

And finally, thank you to those brave parents who were persuaded to speak with the film crew this morning. Filming went really well and the weather was perfect - I can't wait to be able to share our finished film with all our families before too long.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Emma Holton – Head of Site

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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 and are currently in the process of setting up a booking system with Net Media (our current provider). You will receive details of how to book in the coming days.

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 class 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.

Class	Country	Colours
Mice	Italy	Green, Red and White
Pine Martens	Germany	Black, Yellow and Red
Fireflies	Germany	Black, Yellow and Red
Hedgehogs	Iceland	Blue, Red and 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 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.

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 covidreporting@themead.wilts.sch.uk

Coming to school in PE kit

Fireflies and Hedgehogs need to come to school in their PE kit on Mondays. Pine Martens need to come to school in their PE kit on Thursdays. Thank you.

INSET DAYS:

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

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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.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
25 th September 2020	European Day of Languages
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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Clarendon Newsletters <http://www.clarendonacademy.com/news/>

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