

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 28th September 2020



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Term 1 Week 5

Monday 28 th September 2020	•
Tuesday 29 th September 2020	•
Wednesday 30 th September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Photos (for those who have consent) • Trowbridge Youth Parliament by Zoom
Thursday 1 st October 2020	•
Friday 2 nd October 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

Firstly, a huge thank you for supporting us at drop off and pick up with the face mask wearing. It takes a community effort to stay safe and strong in this situation and your gracious help is hugely appreciated. This week we have as ever focussed on the highest quality of teaching and learning for your children and next week we look forward to telling you all about how they're getting on during Parent Conversations week. Thank you for signing up to your appointments and we all hope that the video link system which goes with your appointment enables you to have the quality of conversation you need. It's not the same as face to face, but it does enable that critical 10 minutes check in to see how your child is settling in after half a term back at school. We all look forward to talking with you.

Next week is also photos week – on the 30th September; see more info in this newsletter.

Finally, can I thank you once again for your support and kindness to the school in these tricky times – I have felt very welcomed myself as the new headteacher of this amazing primary school. Team Mead are so proud of all that we do and parents and carers are a vital part of that team. Thank you and stay safe.

Warm regards
Mark Stenton



Mead Head
@MeadHead1

Follow my Head's Twitter feed for regular info:

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

INSET DAYS:

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

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Parent Conversations

If you have not yet made your parent conversation appointment please either click the link on our website homepage or go to www.parents-booking.co.uk/themead to make the appointment.

On the day of the parents' evening, login to Parents Booking just like before. This time there will be a "Join Video Meetings" button which you need to click, to join your video meetings. These appointments will exactly match what has been pre-booked.

Participants must use a computer/device which has a webcam and microphone. We suggest also using Chrome on a PC/laptop and Android smartphone/tablets, and use Safari on an iPhone/iPad.

When you click "Join Video Meetings", you will be shown a "Meeting Not Started Yet" message, until the instant your appointment is due to begin.

When the time of your first appointment starts, and provided the teacher is also ready for the meeting, your meeting will start. Before you can talk, you will need to provide permission to your internet browser to use its microphone and webcam. You will be asked for permission by your internet browser, and then shown a 'popup' which asks which microphone, and then which webcam, you want to use. Press 'Allow' and 'Apply' for all of these.

Once you have provided permission to the microphone and webcam, your video meeting will start.

Appointments follow on automatically. Your schedule is shown at the bottom of the page. Once one appointment has finished the next will start instantly, and you do not need to change web page.

Miss Davies needs your help!

I need your help to recommend great books on the school newsletter, to help other children and families choose a book to read.

After you have read a really good book that you think others would like, I would like you to send a short review to the below email address, so that I can include it on the newsletter.

office@themead.wilts.sch.uk Please enter "**For the attention of Miss Davies**" in the subject of the email.

In your review, you will need to include the **title** and name of the **author** who wrote the book.

You might like to include:

- One or two sentences taken directly from the text.
- A short summary of the plot (no spoilers please!).
- Explain why you particularly enjoyed it or who you think might also enjoy it.

I can't wait to read and share your reviews of wonderful books, whether they are fiction, non-fiction, poetry or comic books! 😊

Miss Emma Davies

English Lead and Year 5 Class Teacher

Currently reading *Where the World Turns Wild*, by Nicola Penfold

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School Photographer

On 30th September (Hilperton Site) and 9th November (Wingfield Site) the school photographer will be visiting to capture individual photos of our children. Sibling photos will not be carried out at this time but hopefully we will be able to book this for later in the school year.

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.

For the attention of
all parents

Will your child be transferring to a
secondary school in September 2021?

**You must apply for a
secondary school place**

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at
all Wiltshire Council Offices.

**The deadline for applications is
Midnight on 31 October 2020**

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

Ring customer services on 01225 713010
for more information or to request our guide –
Finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council

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Will your child be four years old
before September 2021?

**You must apply for a
primary school place**

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at
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**The deadline for applications is
Midnight on 15 January 2021**

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
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

For the latest secondary school newsletters please use the links below:-

John of Gaunt <https://johnofgauntschool.org>

Clarendon Newsletters <http://www.clarendonacademy.com/news/>

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