



What's on this Week – Monday 1st October 2018

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***** ‘BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE’ *****

CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

“I am one of the 7 billion human beings alive today. We each have a responsibility to think about humanity and the good of the world because it affects our own future. We weren't born on this planet at this time to create problems but to bring about some benefit.” Dalai Lama

Monday 1 st October 2018	
Tuesday 2 nd October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.45pm Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 3 rd October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.45pm Community Assembly – Y5 Braeside Celebration from 19.07.2018
Thursday 4 th October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Drama Workshop at Castle Mead • Football League at John of Gaunt School after school
Friday 5 th October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red, White and Blue Day – see below • 9.00am - Reading and Phonics for Reception Parents • 10.00am – KS1 Football Festival in Warminster – selected children



Red, White and Blue Day Friday 5th October 2018

To commemorate one hundred years since the end of World War 1, we will be supporting the nationwide project - Red, White and Blue Day. For a small donation for charity, the children will be able to wear their own clothes on **Friday 5th October 2018** (either, **red, white, blue** or a combination of these colours) Children can bring in their donation throughout the week beginning 1st October and colour in a small flag. During the day the children will engage in activities linked to World War 1 and will take part in a Peace March in the school grounds.

Wiltshire Sports Ambassadors

On Tuesday two children from The Mead attended the Wiltshire Sports Ambassadors Conference. We teamed up with the children from Castle Mead and River Mead to walk to and from the Civic Centre for this exciting event.

Throughout the day the children learned all about the roles and responsibilities involve in being a Sports Ambassador and discussed ways that they could improve P.E. and sport at The Mead.

Over the coming year they will be helping the Sports Council develop ways to get more children active. Charlie from our Wingfield site and Jack from our Hilperton Site represented our school brilliantly, showing that they are true role models for in our school community.

Mrs Alice Perry
P.E. Lead



2018 – 2019 5TH NOVEMBER 2018, 7TH JANUARY 2019, 20TH MAY 2019
2019 – 2020 2ND & 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019

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Emergency Access to Nearby Properties

Sadly we have received another complaint from a parent who lives in Hackett Place regarding the inappropriate parking by other parents during drop off and pick up time.

The family require clear access to their property at all times particularly for special access and emergency vehicles that regularly attend their home. Unfortunately, recently, these vehicles have been unable to get to the property. As you will appreciate, this causes unnecessary additional stress and anxiety for all the family and could so easily be avoided.

The local Police and the Council have been informed and photographs have been, and will continue to be, forwarded to the Police.

Please can we request that if you need to drive to school, you park with consideration and do not restrict the width of the road in residential areas and also respect the double yellow lines.

Collection of children from After School Care

Please can we remind you that access to the school, after collecting your children from ASC is not permitted for the safety of your children and for the effectiveness of staff planning. If they have forgotten anything it will need to be collected from class the following morning. Please remind your children to take everything with them to After School Care that they need to have at home.

Trip Volunteers

Following new guidelines recently published by the DFE we have made several changes to the processes we follow surrounding parent helpers on trips.

All parent helpers who offer help, who do not hold a current DBS either through The Mead School or an alternative provision and pay for the portability service, will need to be risk assessed prior to the trip.

Once we have our list of those who have offered help, the leadership team will discuss and decide who will be most suitable based on the needs of the children.

We will try to accommodate as many offers as we can and appreciate your understanding of these changes.

Marking and Feedback

We are exploring different approaches in the way teachers feedback to children. We are using findings from national research in this area to improve practice across the school.

This takes different forms in each year group but may look different in the children's books as there will be less written marking.

Please talk to your child's class teacher next week during parent conversations to find what this looks like in your year group.

*Rob Cunningham - SLE (Computing)
Deputy Headteacher*

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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.

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

John of Gaunt <http://johnofgauntschool.org/information/newsletters-and-notices/>

Clarendon Newsletters <http://www.clarendonacademy.com/parents/newsletters>

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Key Stage 2 Fruit Snacks

Please be reminded that children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit for their morning snack each day.



Train to be a teacher at The Mead

The Mead Teaching School will soon be recruiting for trainee teachers in 2019-20.

If you are considering a career in teaching, now is the time to come and find out more about our teacher training programme and what we can offer you.

Our School Direct programme gives you 'on the job' training with a variety of experienced mentors from all three of The Mead Academy Trust schools, as well as our alliance partnership schools in Trowbridge, Westbury and beyond.

There are salaried and non-salaried places available, both of which provide Qualified Teacher Status (the non-salaried places also provide a PGCE qualification).

If you would like to find out more about training to become a teacher, you can come to one of our open days at The Mead:

- Wednesday 26th September 2018 from 2.00 – 3.00pm and 4.00 – 5.00pm
- Thursday 8th November 2018 from 2.00 – 3.00pm and 4.00 – 5.00pm
- Monday 3rd December 2018 from 4.00 – 5.00pm

There's no obligation to apply for our programme if you come along – we're very happy to talk to anyone who is interested in finding out more, whether you're set to apply now for training in September 2019, or whether it's something you're thinking about in the future.

All you need to do is tell us you're coming by visiting our website:

<https://www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/teacher-training/>

Reminder of Dogs on Site



Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school site unless they are an Assistance Dog.

We politely ask that you tie your dog securely outside of the school grounds when dropping off or collecting your children. Thank you.



OPEN SESSIONS



Are you looking for a nursery place for your child?
Would you like to come and see our amazing Early Years provision?
Why not come along and explore our fantastic, purpose built nursery! Suitable for children aged from 3 to 4 years.



Tuesday 18th September 2018 10.00 – 11.00am
Wednesday 10th October 2018 5.00 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 13th November 2018 10.00 – 11.00am

The Mead Primary School, Hackett Place, Hilperton BA14 7GN | 01225 759278 | thenursery@themead.wilts.sch.uk

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
7.45am UNTIL 4.15pm

THURSDAY
7.45am UNTIL 4.15pm
CLOSED 8.20AM – 8.40AM

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**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

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**
for more information or to request our booklet –
Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire

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**For the attention of
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**Will your child be transferring to
secondary school in September 2019?**

**You must apply for a
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Future Dates

8 th October	Stoats, Skylarks and Hedgehogs to Green Lane Woods
10 th October	Community Assembly - Harvest Celebration – Kingfisher Church
10 th October	Visit to the Steam Museum Swindon WW1 musical event Stoats, Skylarks & Hedgehogs
10 th October	Ducklings, Moles and Pine Martens to Barrett Homes Building Site, Westbury
11 th October	Open day – all sites. 10am – midday and 4pm – 6pm
17 th October	Community Assembly - Eco Buddies
22 nd October	Flu Immunisation - Wingfield
24 th October	Community Celebration Assembly – Mr Cunningham
5 th November	Inset day – school is closed
8 th November	Open day – all sites. 10am – midday and 4pm – 6pm
9 th November	Duckling, Moles and Pine Martens to We The Curious, Bristol
15 th November	Foxes and Robins to Westonbirt Arboretum
16 th November	Individual School Photos
7 th January	Inset day – school is closed
18 th May	Citizenship Community Day
20 th May	Inset day – school is closed

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Join us for The Friends of the Mead AGM on **Monday 22nd October @ 6.45pm**, when a new committee will be formed in line with our constitution. This year as well as the usual requirement of a minimum of 15 committee members, we are looking to recruit a new Chair and Secretary. If you are interested in either the named roles or as a committee member, please contact The Friends for a chat. Check out our notice board for more information!

Our first scheduled event this term is the School Disco!! This will be held on **Friday 19th October** at the Hilperton site. Year 1 - 6 children from both Hilperton and Wingfield are invited to attend.

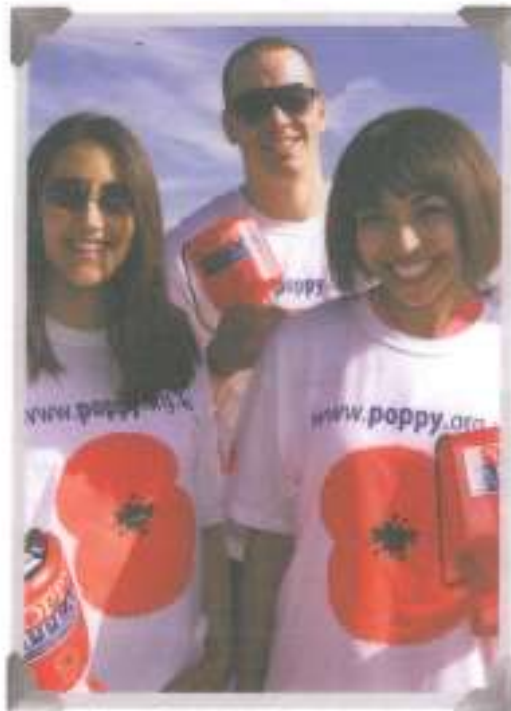
Being part of The Friends of the Mead is extremely rewarding, it enriches your child's school experience and gives a sense of community. Helping at events is also great fun and a good way to meet other parents.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with **Book Club** on a Friday lunchtime (Hilperton) and Thursday lunchtime (Wingfield). If you have a love of books, want to encourage children to read and can spare an hour to help please let us know.

There are plenty of ways to get in touch and to find out what The Friends are up to:

- Join our Facebook group – Friends of the Mead School. This is an informal way of finding out what's going on and to have a say
- You can email us at: thefriendsofthemed@outlook.com
- Check the Friends' notice board at the school gates
- Check for updates via Parentmail and on the weekly newsletter
- Come along to committee meetings where future events are planned & where fund allocation is decided. You don't need to be on the committee to join us!
- Talk to us!! Find a "Friend" and have chat, we are a friendly group and are always happy to fill you in on what The Friends are doing.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Friends of the Mead



VOLUNTEER FOR THE POPPY APPEAL

TO HELP THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR POPPY APPEAL

IN THE SHIRES TROWBRIDGE

FROM 27TH OCTOBER -11TH NOVEMBER

FOR FULL DETAILS

CONTACT BILL OR JILL ON 01225 355975

Registered Charity No: 214279
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