



What's on this Week – Monday 8th October 2018

Hilperton Site - Hackett Place, Hilperton, Trowbridge BA14 7GN

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***** 'BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE' *****

CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3Aweo-74kY>

Monday 8 th October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stoats, Skylarks and Hedgehogs to Green Lane Woods
Tuesday 9 th October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance Workshops at the Civic Centre (selected children) • 2.45pm Celebration Assembly – Miss Penny
Wednesday 10 th October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ducklings, Moles and Pine Martens to Barrett Homes Building Site, Westbury • Stoats, Skylarks and Hedgehogs to the Steam Museum, Swindon • 2.45pm Community Assembly – Harvest Celebration, Kingfisher Church • 5.00pm – 6.00pm – Nursery Open Session
Thursday 11 th October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.00am – 12.00pm & 4.00pm – 6.00pm - Open day for prospective parents • John of Gaunt Football League after school for selected children
Friday 12 th October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all of you who took the time to complete your parent/carer questionnaire at parent conversations last week. We are in the process of working through all the responses and will soon be able to respond to your feedback. We will also collect feedback from parents/carers from Merlins, Butterflies and Bees later in the term.

I am pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Millard's baby. Jack was born on 28th September and he and Mrs Millard are doing very well. We are sure you will join us in sending her entire family love and best wishes.

On 27th September we hosted 4 Chief Executive Officers from Multi-Academy Trusts from across the South West. They spent time in classes and talking with leaders about the work we are doing to continually improve our school. At the end of their visit they shared some wonderful feedback with us which we are very proud of and we hope you will be too:

"What we love is the level of thought that goes into your provision and processes. There is clear buy-in from all staff and children. We were impressed with the confidence and excitement demonstrated by staff and children to share what they have learnt. We also love your use of display and the way the learning environment celebrates learning."

We all enjoyed our Red, White and Blue Day on Friday 5th where children at each site participated in a Mead Peace March around the grounds.

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)

INSET DAYS
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.

Trowbridge Football League

Last night the football team competed in their third fixture in the Trowbridge Football League. Our Year 6s were up against Bellefield, who are very tough opponents. The match was played to the highest standard and after a great game it ended in a 0-0 draw. Our defence was so solid it prevented Bellefield having hardly any shots on goal. Joe should be congratulated as Player of the Match for his relentless efforts. We are currently sitting second in the league, behind Bellefield.





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 759273 | thenursery@themead.wilts.sch.uk

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-notice/>

Clarendon Newsletters

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

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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.



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/>

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

Wiltshire Council
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secondary school in September 2019?

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

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

Future Dates

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 2pm – 4pm
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



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: 219279
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TROWBRIDGE APPLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2018

11AM - 3PM • FREE ENTRY



TROWBRIDGE PARK

SPECIAL GUEST - PIPPA GREENWOOD

APPLE PRESSING & TASTING

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD & DRINK • TRADITIONAL GAMES

TALKS & DEMONSTRATIONS • CRAFTS & STALLS

We are a plastic-free event

ORGANISERS: THE BIG COMMUNITY GROW (Registered Charity: 1169927)

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