

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 5th October 2020



Headteacher – Mr Mark Stenton

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Term 1
Week 6

Monday 5 th October 2020	•
Tuesday 6 th October 2020	•
Wednesday 7 th October 2020	•
Thursday 8 th October 2020	•
Friday 9 th 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
Saturday 10 th October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Day for new 2021 Intake – please book your visit by visiting the school website or by clicking the link below https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-mead-registration-120991028423?aff=website

Message from the Headteacher:

Such a busy and happy week in school with children learning well and behaving superbly throughout. Our Ready Respectful Safe assemblies, new curriculum and continuous focus on excellence in teaching and learning feel so strong. Thank you to all in the team.

This week we had the pleasure of meeting with the vast majority of parents and carers via video links for our parent conversations. Thank you for taking the time to do this and I do hope the process worked for you. It was always reliant on the online connections at both ends and this inevitably led to a few glitches. We will follow up with phone calls wherever this occurred.

Next week we focus on sharing our school experience with the wider community. A ten-minute video – 'A Day in the Life of The Mead' – has been produced with yours truly leading a virtual tour of the site, assisted by senior leaders and – best of all – some great pupil interviews to camera. We will be posting this video on our website from Thursday and sharing with all parents and carers. I think you'll be very proud of what you see – our ethos and work comes across very well and all of us who have seen it so far felt great pride in the school. Please share with your family and friends; especially if they are considering which primary school will be right for their children.

I'm determined that this school will be the very best it can possibly be. Consultation and dialogue with you will always be open and transparent. Your children deserve a truly outstanding school and it is the mission of all in Team Mead to deliver this for you – each and every day.

Warm regards
Mark Stenton



Mead Head
@MeadHead1

Follow my Head's Twitter feed for regular info:

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

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Parking directly outside the school gates

We have noticed several parents parking directly outside the school gates. **We kindly request that these are kept clear at all times.** In the unfortunate event that we need to call upon the emergency services, they must have direct access to the school.

We also request that you do not park on double yellow lines, corners and the crossing points. Please think about other roads users and more importantly the safety of our children.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

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.

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

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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

For the attention of all parents

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 all Wiltshire Council Offices.

**The deadline for applications is
Midnight on 15 January 2021**

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

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
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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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are contacting you regarding a fun, free walking and cycling game which is launching in Trowbridge called Beat the Street. This game will be taking place between 7th October – 4th November 2020 and you're invited to play!

There will be hundreds of pounds worth of prizes and the chance to see which school can climb to the top of the leaderboard and be crowned winner of the competition.

Beat the Street is being delivered by Intelligent Health and is funded by Sport England, coordinated by Wiltshire and Swindon Sport and Trowbridge Town Council and supported by Wiltshire Council.

Designed to get children and communities moving

Beat the Street is designed to inspire people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve health and help re-set the way in which we embed physical activity into everyday life. So far over 1,000,000 people have taken part in Beat the Street games across the UK and Ireland. Participation in Beat the Street supports children's physical activity.

How does it work?

'Beat Boxes' will be positioned around Trowbridge including one outside our school. Players receive a card or fob which they hover on the Beat Boxes as they walk, cycle, or scoot around the area, earning points for themselves and their team. Players can view their progress online at www.beatthestreet.me/trowbridge, which will be live closer to start of the game.

There will be prizes for winning schools and teams, as well as plenty of lucky box prizes, which could be won by any registered player taking part in the game.

Beat the Street will be providing our school with all the materials you will need to play the game including fobs for all pupils, cards for parents/staff and maps detailing where boxes can be found. Your child will bring these home with them in the next week or so.

To find out more about how Beat the Street works please view our short video below:

[Beat the Street how to play](#)

How What measure are in place to make Beat the Street Covid-19 safe?

Beat the Street is low-risk, contactless and easy to play whilst maintaining social distancing. It is created by Intelligent Health, a team of physical health experts led by Dr William Bird, a GP working on the NHS frontline against Covid-19.

We are operating strict safety measures including:

- Our Beat Boxes are now extra sensitive, so they are now 'contactless' - there is no need to touch the Boxes with your card or fob.
- You'll notice signs and 2 metre markers to remind players to keep their distance. We ask that you wait patiently for your turn at the Beat Box and give players space if there are others waiting for their turn at the Box.
- We will not be holding events that encourage big groups to gather - no more than six should gather together and they should stay socially distanced.
- Do not share or touch each other's cards or fobs.
- As always, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds when you return home.

Mrs Perry and Miss Webber

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