

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 2nd November 2020



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Term 2
Week 1



Monday 2 nd November 2020	INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 3 rd November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children to return to school
Wednesday 4 th November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Thursday 5 th November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Friday 6 th November 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

Dear parents and carers

We welcome the children back to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 3rd November.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support since becoming headteacher in September – there is a brilliant sense of community at The Mead and I know that through working together fantastic years lie ahead for The Mead.

Term 2 will see us launching our second curriculum topic in every year group. It has been absolutely thrilling this last week to see the amazing published work appearing in each class; our new presentation books to celebrate the very best writing from each and every child are an absolute joy to behold.

During the term we will be aiming to share with you some of your children's work via electronic means so you can visualise their progress and be so proud of what they have achieved. This will be done towards the end of term – a private email to parents and carers with photo attachments of their child's work.

Wishing you a safe and happy half term break.

Warm regards
Mark Stenton

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INSET DAYS:

2020 - 2021: 4TH JANUARY 2021 and 7TH JUNE 2021

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November

This year, more than ever, Every Poppy Counts.

From Tuesday 3rd November through to Wednesday 11th November, Mrs Bailey will be on the school gates at both the start and the end of the day selling poppies for the Royal British Legion. She will be wearing gloves to hand you your poppy once you have made a donation directly into the collection container.

The Royal British Legion are asking for your support even more than ever this year as their volunteer poppy sellers are unable to stand in shops and supermarkets due to current Covid related restrictions. Please give generously to support this extremely worthwhile charity.



Beat the Street

A couple of Beat the Street cards have been handed into the office. If you have lost your card, please call us with your card number/account number and we can return the card to your child.

Keeping your contact details up to date

Don't forget that you can keep all of your contact information up to date by using the SIMs Parent App. Your log on will be the same as your SIMs Pay account.



Christmas Lunch

Have you booked your child's Christmas Lunch on Friday 18th December? Please complete the electronic Term 2 menu and return it to office@themead.wilts.sch.uk

There is no charge for Key Stage 1. The cost for Key Stage 2 is £2.30 per meal and must be paid for online through your SIMs Pay account.



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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 (including over the weekend and during school holidays).

Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms



Symptoms	Covid-19 Symptoms range from mild to severe	Flu Rapid onset of symptoms	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms
Fever (37.8C or above)	Common	Common	Rare
Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild
Sneezing	No	No	Common
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes (for children)	No
Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
Loss of taste or smell	Common	No	Sometimes

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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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Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
2 nd November 2020	Inset Day
3 rd November 2020	Children return to school for Term 2 – starting at the usual time
24 th November 2020	Nasal Immunisations YR To Y6 – Hilperton Site
25 th November 2020	Nasal Immunisations YR To Y6 – 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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Stories and Songs for 2 and 3 year olds



with the Nursery team
from Castle Mead School!

Join us online every Wednesday (during term time) from
10.30 – 11.00am.

We will read you a story, sing some songs together and
have a lovely time!

It's completely free to join in - find out more and tell us
you're coming at www.castlemead.wilts.sch.uk



Halloween Garden Working Party (Hilperton Site) - Saturday 31 October 2020 2pm - Dusk

We need your help to get our school garden tidied up and ready for the children to use again. We have been unable to run our gardening club during lockdown so the garden needs lots of TLC! Children are welcome but need to be accompanied by an adult. We will end the afternoon with a Halloween celebration as it gets dark!

In order to ensure we stay Covid secure we need to know your name in advance. Please email melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk with your name if you are able to help. Please bring your own gardening gloves and tools if you have them (some will be available for use). No prior experience necessary.

