

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 9th November 2020



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Term 2
Week 2



Monday 9 th November 2020	•
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	•
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	• 11am Remembrance Service for children.
Thursday 12 th November 2020	•
Friday 13 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

As the country moves to the second Covid lockdown, we have been given updated guidance from the government. The reality is that not a lot has changed, especially not for the children's experience of school – which is good news. The focus is on adult to adult transmission as this is the highest risk. We thank you for wearing masks when coming onto school site. We will now insist that any adult not wearing a mask does not enter site. Staff will also wear masks now when moving around the school, but not when teaching. Here is the summary of advice provided by Wiltshire Local Authority regarding children:

Education settings - *More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from COVID-19, even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow this advice. Speak to your GP or specialist clinician, if you have not already done so, to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable. Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school while this advice is in place. Your school will make appropriate arrangements for you to be able to continue your education at home. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school.*

If you have a child who you think may be clinically extremely vulnerable, (CEV), please contact the child's parent/carer to establish if the GP or specialist clinician has advised that the child is still classed as CEV. If the child is still classed as CEV then please refer to the advice above. If you have any queries please contact public health: PublicHealth@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Please note, this means that virtually all children, unless clinically extremely vulnerable as advised by a clinician, should attend school and be confident of the protective measures in place.

Warm regards
Mark Stenton
Headteacher

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

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Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November

This year, more than ever, Every Poppy Counts.

Until 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.



Trowbridge Storehouse Food Bank

Following the success of last year, we have once again chosen to support the Trowbridge Storehouse Food Bank at Christmas time.

Storehouse Foodbank is a project that aims to support families, couples and individuals in short term need of food and toiletries. Based in Trowbridge, this service began in 2006 in response to a growing need within our community.

The Storehouse would appreciate any non-perishable food items (tinned foods, rice, pasta, tea bags, coffee etc.) or toiletries that you feel would benefit the families. They have also asked for donations of festive food items such as cakes, selection boxes, tinned chocolates, sweet and savoury biscuits etc. to help spread some Yuletide cheer. There will be a trolley in the Foyer where children can place their donations.

Thank you for your support with this worthwhile cause.



Children In Need – Friday 13th November 2020

Next week, Friday 13th November, is Children in Need. Children may come to school dressed in something spotty for a suggested donation of £1. We understand that it has been a difficult year for many families, so any donation that you can make towards this charity is gratefully received. We will also be tuning in to a live stream of Joe Wicks' 24-hour workout and using the "5 for thrive" theme to think about and use strategies to support our mental health and well-being.

Many thanks for your support.

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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

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).

Children In Need

ALL children will be given a Pudsey Biscuit on Friday 13th November 2020 (Children In Need day!).

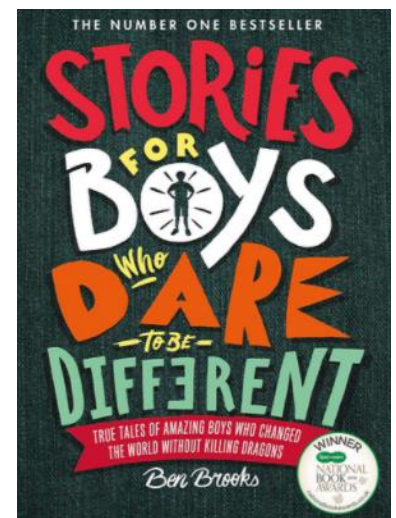
All known allergies will be catered for.



Stories for Boys Who Dare to be Different

Over half term, I have been reading *Stories for Boys Who Dare To Be Different* by Ben Brooks. This is a collection of stories about boys who changed the world. I really liked this book because it is exciting and has loads of different stories about real people who dare to live life differently. I liked reading these stories because they were new and interesting. My favourite story in the book was about Dr Naif Al Mutawa, because he was really inspiring when he made a comic about Muslim superheroes. I think this is important because there used to be no Muslim superheroes in comics, and I believe that everyone should be able to see people like them in the books they read.

Harry (Y4)



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Keeping your contact details up to date

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



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.

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.

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

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

Wiltshire Council

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
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

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

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

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Your Christmas cards
should be with you by now.



Please return your
order forms by



Wednesday 11th

November

Place in the box next to Mrs Bailey (mornings only) in
envelope provided

You may pay by cash or cheque made payable to The
Friends of the Mead

Unfortunately, late orders cannot be processed



Please keep sample cards

