

The Mead Community Primary School

What's on this Week – Monday 16th November 2020



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Term 2
Week 3



Monday 16 th November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odd Sock Day – please see below
Tuesday 17 th November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Wednesday 18 th November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday 19 th November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday 20 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

With whole school attendance heading for 98% for the year as it stands, I want to thank all of you for supporting us so well in ensuring excellent attendance in school in these most trying of circumstances. It is a brilliant response to full re-opening and hopefully we will be able to continue at this amazing level wherever possible.

I also want to thank all of you who have supported home learning where track and trace rules have meant a period of isolation. So difficult - but the response from yourselves in supporting the children to continue with learning, and from teachers and TAs in preparing the work (and admin staff in tracking exactly where it is required) has been humbling.

Today is Children in Need day and we recognise this important charity with a 'spotty clothes day'. No child should have unmet need, and this day is so important in highlighting the need for continuous awareness and action on this most critical of all issues.

And Monday is 'odd socks day' in recognition of anti-bullying week. Again, every day is an anti-bullying day and zero tolerance of all forms of bullying is essential. We're so proud of the children's values and behaviours at The Mead and this week is a helpful time for us to build those values of kindness and friendship even more.

Finally – some staffing news. After amazing service to the school, delivering great sport and PE for so many children, Mr Potter is leaving us to pursue a career in the police force. Adam will be greatly missed and we thank him for being a wonderful member of Team Mead for many years. Very best wishes for your career Adam. Stepping into the role is our very own Mr Rutter, who also brings a love of sport and coaching, plus great experience of being a TA at The Mead, as he takes up the baton from Mr Potter. Best of luck Tom. Also joining the team is Miss Jenks, who will become a Year 3 team TA next Monday. Welcome on board Kelly.

Thank you as ever for all your support as parents and carers are such critical members of Team Mead .
Warm regards
Mark Stenton

INSET DAYS:

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

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Anti-Bullying Week

Next week it is Anti-Bullying Week. This kicks off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Your child can come to school in a pair of odd socks. This is important because it sends the message that pupils should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and it helps us to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun way. Throughout the week, the children will learn about the different types of bullying and ways that they can be supported if they feel they are being bullied.

Miss Webber and Mrs Westray



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.



Skysong by Abi Elphinstone, recommended by Charley, Year 5

"This is the wild, and the wild doesn't play by ordinary rules..."

I loved this book! I would even say that it is the best book in the world! It is definitely a book that you cannot put down. This book is about a girl called Eska and a boy named Flint, who travel to the Nevercliffs in search of a long forgotten 'frosthorn' (a narwal tusk that has a song that can make the evil Ice Queen return to where she came from).

This amazing adventure story has lots of suspense and I would recommend it to anyone who loves adventure stories in Year 4, 5 or 6.



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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).

Please only use this email address for the reporting of a **POSITIVE** case in your household.

For all other communication, (Covid or otherwise), please email office@themead.wilts.sch.uk

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

Beat the Street

Schools - Total Points

1. Walwayne Primary
2. The Mead Primary
3. Grove Primary

Schools - Average Points

1. Walwayne Primary
2. The Mead Primary
3. Paxcroft Primary

Parish Schools - Total Points

1. North Bradley Primary
2. Wingfield Primary

Parish Schools - Average Points

1. Wingfield Primary
2. North Bradley Primary

Community & Workplace Teams - Total Points

1. Avon Valley Runners
2. Paxcroft Road Runners

Community & Workplace Teams - Average Points

1. Trowbridge Home Educators
2. Paxcroft Road Runners

Individual Leaderboard

1. A2B

The Mead took part in Beat the Street, a community project aimed to increase activity levels where players earn as many points as possible by walking, running, scooting, cycling or rolling between Beat Boxes across the town.

In the team competition, The Mead came second! Well done to all those who got out there and contributed! We will receive a trophy and some vouchers to spend on sporting equipment.

A special mention goes to Riley (Kestrels) who finished 6th overall and first in the under 11's category and Ryan (Wildcats) who came 9th overall and second in the under 11's category. They rode nearly 300 miles!

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 2021	Children return to school for Term 4 – starting at the usual time
1 st April 2021	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 2021	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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ONLINE TUTORS KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

YOU MIGHT GET A TUTOR FROM SCHOOL, THE NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME, A GOOGLE SEARCH OR A RECOMMENDATION. BUT ANYONE CAN CALL THEMSELVES A TUTOR, SO HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHILE THEY CATCH UP?

1) Select the right tutor

- o Get to know them first - ask about qualifications, experience (freelance? umbrella body?) & approach
- o Take up references and speak to them if you can
- o Ask to see a DBS (criminal record) check. NB - private tutors can only get the basic check; (don't let a DBS give you a false sense of security though)
- o Find out which platform they will use and its safety features



2) Establish clear rules

- o Sessions must always be arranged via you; the tutor should not contact your child directly between sessions, send private messages or change communication platform
- o A tutor is not a friend - they should behave in a professional way, like a teacher
- o Sessions must not be recorded without your approval
- o Try to be in the room for all sessions, especially for younger children, and certainly the first time
- o Your child should not join a session from a bedroom. If this is unavoidable, pop in frequently, ensure they are fully dressed at all times, point the camera away from beds & personal information, and blur or change the background



3) Make sure your child knows

- o The rules apply to them and the tutor
- o A tutor is a teacher not a friend
- o Neither tutor nor child should share personal information, private messages or photos & videos
- o They must never meet without your approval or communicate on a different platform
- o Who their trusted adults are at home and school
- o They can tell you if they are asked to keep a secret or anything happens or is said that is strange or makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset



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PARENTS AT [PARENTSAFE.LGFL.NET](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net)

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Did you know...

You can train to be a primary school teacher with The Mead Academy Trust?

We are holding online information sessions for anyone interested in becoming a primary school teacher on

Thursday 19th November 2020

2.00 – 3.00pm and 3.30 – 4.30pm

Online Booking Essential at

www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/teacher-training



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