

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Term 2, Week 3

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## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti Bullying Week - Wear Odd Socks today (with normal school uniform)</li> <li>• Deadline for Young Voices consents and orders</li> <li>• Foxes and Ospreys - National Space Centre workshop</li> </ul>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hedgehogs walking to Trowbridge Mosque from the Hilperton site</li> <li>• Trowbridge Youth Parliament – Southwick School hosting</li> </ul>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squirrels and Otters to Westbury White Horse</li> </ul>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am – Fitness Friday on the playground</li> <li>• Children in Need Day – Non school uniform and something spotty (for a small donation)</li> <li>• 2.20pm Star of the Week Assembly by invitation on Zoom</li> </ul>

Dear Mead Families,

Today we held our annual Remembrance Day Service, with a visiting Veteran from The Royal British Legion speaking to the children and the whole school community coming together to respect the 11 o'clock silence. This is such an important act for the children to learn to understand and be part of. Thank you to all families who attended and the uptake in poppy sales this year has been very moving; a big thank you to our forces family's children who have been selling the poppies with help from Mrs Greswell and Mrs Bailey.

Next week is national anti-bullying week, beginning with Odd Socks Day on Monday to celebrate difference and individuality. Children can join in by wearing odd socks with their uniform. The week ends with Children in Need. This is a non-uniform day with all funds going to Children in Need. The theme as ever is spots, in tune with Pudsey Bear.



Thank you.  
Mark Stenton  
Headteacher

#### INSET DAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

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### Odd Socks Day- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying week in school. It is a day to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique. During this week in school we will celebrate the learning we do all year about Anti-Bullying through our PSHE lessons, class discussions and assemblies. The theme for Anti-Bullying week this year is 'Reach Out'. We hope you all join us in wearing odd socks to school on that day.



### Children in Need- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – The Great SPOTacular



We will be joining in celebrating Children in Need. Children may come to school wearing non school uniform along with something spotty for a suggested donation of £1. We understand that this is a difficult time for many families, so any donation that you can make towards this charity is gratefully received.

### Christmas Lunch

Have you booked your Christmas Lunch yet? If your child would like a lunch please ensure it is booked through your Arbor account by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



### Follow us



Wingfield Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatWingfield  
Hilperton Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatHilperton  
Hilperton Nursery Facebook and Twitter are now both @MeadatOrchard

### Football Update

The Mead 0 – 0 Walwayne – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

On an autumnal evening, The Mead managed a 0-0 draw in their final game of the tournament. It was a very even game with lots of chances but both goalkeepers performed with such confidence and skill. Yusuf in The Mead goal, pulled off a fantastic save at point blank range to deny a Walwayne attacker. The Mead were persistent in attack but were unfortunately unable to break down the Walwayne defence. This resulted in a very credible 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the CSL League.

Well done to all the squad for their fantastic efforts and all parents and helpers for your support! Our player of the tournament, as chosen by the Mr Rees (tournament organiser), went to Finlay S. Well done Finlay!

### Final Trowbridge District Football League Table 2022 / WEEK 5 (Large Schools)

Position	School	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
1	Bellefield	6	6	0	0	28	1	18
2	Grove	6	4	0	2	13	5	12
3	The Mead	6	3	2	1	7	8	11
4	St John's	6	3	1	2	11	8	10
5	Walwayne	6	1	2	3	4	9	5
6	Staverton	6	1	1	4	5	16	4
7	Castle Mead	6	0	0	6	4	25	0

### West Wiltshire Cross Country Festival at Stonar School – November 2022

A team of eight runners headed over to Stonar School to tackle the muddy cross country routes at Stonar School. Everyone showed fantastic stamina and determination and each category was full with over 70 pupils. A special mention goes to Emily and Will for their 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> places respectively and Wilf who won silver in his age category. It was a fantastic event and one which we hope to enter again next year!



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# The Mead Community Primary School



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Dates for your Diary	<b>These dates are all subject to change</b> Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Kestrels, Puffins and Fireflies to Stonehenge</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am - The Orchard Nursery Christmas Performance – Hilperton Site
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9am – Year 1 Christmas Performance – Hilperton Site
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9am – Year 2 Christmas Performance – Hilperton Site
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15pm – 5.30pm – Friends of The Mead Christmas Fair – Hilperton Site
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9am – Reception Class Christmas Performance – Hilperton Site
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9am – Year 3 Christmas Performance – Hilperton Site</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm – Years 4, 5 & 6 – Singing around the Christmas tree
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Christmas Celebration
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	INSET Day
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for September 2023 Primary School Applications
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Event in Birmingham
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Careers Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Conversation Week
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bees to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Butterflies and Cygnets to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Kestrels, Puffins and Fireflies to The Roman Baths
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Performance – Wiltshire Music Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Squirrels and Otters to Bristol Buddhist Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 to Cotswold Water Park
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilperton Site Sports Day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilperton Site Fall Back Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Wingfield Site Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School Disco
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wingfield Site Fall Back Sports Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 to Thoulstone Park – long day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 to Kilve Court – 3 night residential
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4 to Braeside – 1 night residential
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2023?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

**12 midnight, 15 January 2023**

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

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

**Wiltshire Council**

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The Friends of The Mead

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

CRAFTS ★ GAMES ★ REFRESHMENTS ★ STALLS

Thursday 8th December | 3.15 - 5.30pm | The Mead, Hilperton





## CHRISTMAS 2022 ON THE HILPERTON SITE

### The Orchard Nursery

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am to parents. There will be no dress rehearsal.

### Bees and Butterflies

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am to parents and pre-school siblings with a dress rehearsal on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm to KS1 and siblings in school.

### Year 1 Moles and Robins

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm to which parents are welcome to bring pre-school siblings.

No pre-school siblings to the main performance on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

FS and Year 2 to attend dress rehearsal and school age siblings of Year 1.

### Year 2 Wrens and Woodpeckers

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am with a dress rehearsal on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm to which parents are welcome to bring pre-school siblings.

No pre-school siblings to the main performance on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

FS and Year 1 to attend dress rehearsal and school age siblings of Year 2.

### Year 3 Kestrels and Puffins

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am with a dress rehearsal on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm to which parents are welcome to bring pre-school siblings.

No pre-school siblings to the main performance on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Years 4, 5 and 6 to attend dress rehearsal and school age siblings of Year 3.

### Years 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm – 'Singing round the Christmas Tree' (dress rehearsal is for school children only).

The whole family are welcome to join us for an evening of Christmas Cheer with songs and poetry, performed by Years 4, 5 and 6.

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING  
**18**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

### LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

### REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'Intimacy Levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches Intimacy Level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

### BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

### RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

### ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

