



The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 29th November 2021



Term 2, Week 5

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Reporting Covid-19 symptoms to the school

If you or anyone in your family is showing Covid symptoms, 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).

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

Illness reporting to the school

Please be reminded that should your child have sickness or diarrhoea they must remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout to ensure the bug has properly cleared.

We also request that if your child has a temperature they must remain at home for at least the following 24 hours of their temperature returning to normal (without being medicated), again, to ensure that the bug has cleared.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep everyone safe.

Dear Mead families

This week will see the beginning of our Christmas celebrations with trees and decorations adorning both sites from Wednesday. Both Wingfield and Hilperton have an array of activities over the coming weeks:

Wingfield:

- ❖ Wednesday 1st December – decorations and tree go up.
- ❖ Friday 10th December- Christmas Jumper Day (suggested £1 Save the Children charity donation).
- ❖ Friday 10th December 6:30pm – Christmas Candlelight Concert at The Church of St. Mary, Wingfield.
- ❖ Tuesday 14th December – Wingfield class Nativity plays performed at St. Mary's church.
- ❖ Friday 17th December 12:30pm – school Christmas dinner.

Hilperton:

- ❖ Wednesday 1st December – decorations and tree go up.
- ❖ Wednesday 1st December 7:30pm – The Mead Young Voices Choir performs at Bath Abbey – 'A Festival of Carols'. Tickets available from Bath Box Office.
- ❖ Friday 10th December- Christmas Jumper Day (suggested £1 Save the Children charity donation).
- ❖ Wednesday 15th December – Bees and Butterflies, class Nativity play. NB: ALL classes will be performing a piece of Christmas music to display for parents via Seesaw.
- ❖ Thursday 16th December – Carols around the tree years R, 1 and 2 at 11am; years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 11:30am.
- ❖ Friday 17th December 12:30pm – school Christmas lunch.

Best wishes to you all as we enter the winter season.

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

INSET DAYS: 4th January 2022, 6th June 2022

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

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Monday 29 th November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan's Jungle - Moles and Robins am - Swans pm Swimming lessons for selected Year 6 children Large Schools football tournament at Kingdown School
Tuesday 30 th November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Wednesday 1 st December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Voices to Bath Abbey Christmas Concert
Thursday 2 nd December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Friday 3 rd December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Workshop with Fireflies attending the Hilperton Site

Wingfield Football Success

Monday evening saw The Mead at Wingfield football team out in force! They travelled to Kingdown School in Warminster to take part in the West Wiltshire Small Schools Football Tournament. In the round robin format, all schools played all other schools in 10 minute matches. After winning three, losing three and drawing one match, the Wingfield team finished in 4th place overall. Our players have really developed over the last few months and it was wonderful to watch their skill and teamwork. We had some truly amazing team goals and some spectacular saves! Well done all!



- Whole School Home Learning Project.
- “Deck the halls...” How creative can you be? Can we fill both our school halls with wonderful festive decorations to celebrate Christmas?
- Your task... Design and create at home a festive decoration that we can display at school, either on our festive trees or from the ceiling. Be Creative-You decide! You could design a hanging bauble or a Father Christmas. You may like to take your inspiration from nature.
- Please make sure that your wonderful decoration has your name and class on the back, so that we can return to you. Please bring your amazing creations into your class by 1st December.
- Whose decoration will be the first to be displayed?

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Christmas Lunch

Have you booked your child's Christmas Lunch on Friday 17th December? Please complete the electronic Term 2 menu and return it to office@themead.wilts.sch.uk by Monday 29th November 2021.

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 Pay360 account.

Poppy Appeal - Thank you

This year we raised a grand total of £127.01 for the Poppy Appeal.

The Mead Hilperton	£ 92.76
The Mead Wingfield	<u>£ 34.25</u>
Totalling	<u>£127.01</u>

This is a generous sum of money, and one which will make a real difference to the ex-Service community, the families and those so dependent on the work of The Royal British Legion.

Ever thought about volunteering?

Wiltshire's Independent Visitor Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time every 3-4 weeks.

Volunteers are needed across

Wiltshire to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent independent person who can take a special interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme is looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share in their interests and who have regular time to spare.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact the scheme on **07733 303124** or IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk

"My IV is awesome and lots of fun; he makes me happy."

Young person

Wiltshire Council

Play Safe, a new national safeguarding campaign (Football Association)

Over the weekend, the Football Association and the NSPCC launched 'Play Safe', a national campaign to focus attention on the vital importance of safeguarding in football. At the heart of the campaign are three short films to emphasise the importance of safeguarding for key groups of people, crucially children themselves.

One aspect of the campaign is prompting parents to ask questions:

- Do you know your child's club Welfare Officer?
- If so, do you have their telephone no. in your 'phone, as well as that of the NSPCC?
- Are you up to speed with your child's club's safeguarding policies and procedures?
- Do you regularly check-in with your child to see what they are enjoying/not enjoying and why?

More information can be found here:

<https://www.thefa.com/PlaySafe>



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

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**** UPDATE TO LANTERN PARADE AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT ****

Please see the message below from Trowbridge Town Council

We are writing to inform you of some changes that we are having to make to the format of our Christmas Light Switch on and Lantern parade event on Saturday 27th November. Due to a Met Office yellow weather warning for high winds on Saturday afternoon we have had to look at which of our planned activities can safely take place if the high winds do hit Trowbridge.

- Sadly our pyrotechnic contractor has advised we will not be able to safely launch fireworks in the forecasted weather conditions so there will no longer be a fireworks finale to the event.
- With many large lanterns forming part of the parade we have decided it will not be safe to carry these as part of a moving procession.
- Temporary structures such as gazebos cannot be erected so the fair sideshows / attractions will not be able to set up in the park.
- Entertainment can no longer take place on the bandstand due to high winds affecting equipment and potentially spoiling the viewing experience.

However, rather than cancelling the entire event we have decided to look at ways we can still deliver a fun and festive event and display all of the wonderful lanterns created in the community for people to enjoy.

St James' Church have kindly agreed to host our 'Lantern Celebration' where we plan to gather in the church and churchyard with illuminated lanterns, which should be a real spectacle! All large lanterns will be lit and displayed inside the church for safety reasons but children can hold smaller handheld lanterns outside if they feel safe doing so. The Warminster Military Wives Choir will be singing to entertain the gathering crowds from 4-5pm (there will be sing-along carols to add to the festive mood!) and Jamma de Samba will play in the church yard to liven up the crowd. The Mayor, Town Crier and Trowbridge Ted will be joining us for speeches and the countdown to the lights being switched on.

Starry Eyes entertainment will be moved from the Bandstand to the upper floor of Castle Place – their schedule remains the same so please do try to join them and browse the Christmas Market in Castle Place too!

The Civic Centre Christmas Market will be taking place from 10am – 5pm Saturday and 10am – 4pm Sunday and our delicious food vendors will still be trading alongside the event.

Though this is not quite the event we had hoped it would be, we do hope that it will still be a great celebration of all of the hard work you have put in to creating lanterns and that it will be a lovely way to light up Trowbridge and kick off the festive season.

Whilst the bulk of the event is based outdoors, if you wish to wear a mask for the event please do bring one along. We will have hand sanitiser and masks available at St James' Church too. Please respect other people and keep a safe distance where possible. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell, if you have any Covid symptoms or any or your family / group have Covid.

Timings:

Lanterns to be collected from 4pm onwards

Warminster Military Wives Choir to perform from 4pm

Jamma de Samba to perform from 5pm

Speeches and switch on 5.30pm

If you have any questions please contact events@trowbridge.gov.uk

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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2022?

You must apply for a primary school place

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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 2022

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

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Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

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

Wiltshire Council

01225 713010

Dates for your Diary	<u>These dates are all subject to change following Government Announcements / Guidelines</u>
Monday 6 th December	YR - Y6 Flu Nasal Immunisations – Hilperton Site
Tuesday 7 th December	YR - Y6 Flu Nasal Immunisations – Wingfield Site
Tuesday 7 th December	Bikeability – Wingfield Site
Wednesday 8 th December	Bikeability – Wingfield Site
Friday 17 th December	Break up for the Christmas holidays (3.15pm)
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Wednesday 5 th January	Children return to school
Tuesday 11 th January	Young Voices, Birmingham
Friday 18 th February	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 28 th February	Children return to school
Friday 8 th April	Break up for the Easter holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 25 th April	Children return to school
Friday 27 th May	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 6 th June	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 to Kilve Court
Thursday 21 st July	Year 6 return from Kilve Court
Friday 22 nd July	Break up for the Summer holidays (3.15pm)

Apprenticeships at The Mead Trust

The Mead Trust has four vacancies for apprentice Early Years Teaching Assistants, starting in January 2022.

This is an exciting and rare opportunity to gain a Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification whilst earning.

Hours will be Monday to Friday 8:45am to 3:15pm, with a 30 minute lunch break. 30 hours per week, 52 weeks per year incorporating self-study and Continual Professional Development (CPD).



For more information and a link to the application form, go to www.themeadtrust.org

Deadline for applications: 9am on Friday 3rd December 2021
 Interviews: Friday 10th December 2021 (at The Mead Primary School, Hilperton)
 Start date: Tuesday 4th January 2022

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