

Term 2, Week 6

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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.

Dear Mead families

Two more weeks of term to go, and the magical feeling that is a primary school before Christmas is really starting to emerge. Covid is still doing it very best to spoil the party, and Hilpertons parents will have received letters this week about an outbreak across a particular year group, but we are determined that our celebrations will be the best we can safely deliver in the circumstances. Nothing exemplified this more than the wonderful performance by The Mead Young Voices Choir at Bath Abbey on Wednesday evening. To witness our children performing in a world class venue with the incredible Lucis choir was breathtaking – and the children stole both the show and the hearts of the audience, as evidenced by rapturous applause. So proud!



Mark Stenton, Headteacher

This year we are going to join in the fun with [Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity Festive Friday](#). **All children are invited to wear something Christmassy with their uniform to school on Friday 10th December and bring a suggested donation of £1. They may choose to wear a festive headband, jumper or another item of clothing of their choice. The money raised will help fund the vital resources Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) needs to provide world-class care to seriously ill children. Your donations will help bring a child one step closer to home.** We are looking forward to seeing all the children looking Christmassy!

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

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

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| Monday 6 th December 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lessons for selected Year 6 children |
| Tuesday 7 th December 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR - Y6 Flu Nasal Immunisations – Hilperton Site |
| Wednesday 8 th December 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YR - Y6 Flu Nasal Immunisations – Wingfield Site Bikeability – Wingfield Site |
| Thursday 9 th December 2021 | |
| Friday 10 th December 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear something festive Day – see front page Bikeability – Wingfield Site Carol concert at Church of St. Mary, Wingfield. |

Kitchen items wanted

We are looking for the following items:

Garlic press, pestle and mortar, old pasta maker, potato ricer, tea strainers, sieves, colanders, metal whisks, spoons (all sizes), ladles and other metal/wooden utensils.

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate to Early Years, please bring them to the school office.

Many thanks,
The Early Years Team

Large School's Football Tournament

On Monday evening the football team from The Mead at Hilperton travelled to Kingdown School in Warminster to take part in the West Wiltshire Large Schools Football Tournament. We won two matches, beating The Grove 3-0 and The Minster 4-0.

Overall the team finished in sixth place. We are proud of their great attitude, team work and conduct on and off the pitch. Well done!

After School Care from January 2022 (Term 3)

Bookings for After School Care, will close at 11am each day. This means you will not be able to book for After School Care for the same day after 11am online. We will of course be able to make bookings for exceptional circumstances, but you will need to phone the school office to arrange this.



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

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.

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

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

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2022?
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 2022

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

| Dates for your Diary | <u>These dates are all subject to change following Government Announcements / Guidelines</u> |
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| 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) |

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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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