



## What's on this Week – Monday 10th December 2018

**Hilperton Site** - Hackett Place, Hilperton, Trowbridge BA14 7GN

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\*\*\*\*\* ‘BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE’ \*\*\*\*\*

### CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.” Martin Luther King Jr.

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.00pm - Robins and Foxes dress rehearsal, parents are welcome to bring pre-school siblings</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15am Robins and Foxes Christmas Performance</li> <li>• 2.45pm - Celebration Assembly</li> <li>• Nursery &amp; YR Star Gazing Evening</li> </ul>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming – selected children</li> <li>• Bling you bike or wacky your wheels (See below)</li> </ul>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11.00am - Ravens and Otters dress rehearsal, parents and pre-school siblings are welcome</li> <li>• 2.00pm - Ravens and Otters Christmas performance</li> </ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Christmas rehearsals and performances are now well under way.

Please don't forget that at each Christmas Performance this year there will be a collection bucket for Bristol Children's Hospital to thank them for the amazing work they are doing to support children and families in our school community.

Miss Emma Holton  
Head of School

### Use of Social Media

Please can we remind all parents not to post pictures of other children to social media without the express permission of their parents or carers. We have a number of Looked After Children in our school community who cannot have their pictures taken. Please respect their safety by following our wishes.

It has come to our attention that on occasions social media is being used to raise and discuss complaints or concerns about the school. Whilst we all understand that everyone feels like having a moan from time to time, it is impossible for the school to resolve any issues if they are not raised with us. I would also ask that respect is shown for our hardworking and dedicated staff team and consideration made for the impact these comments have when they are shared with us. If you do have any concerns, we are very keen to help you resolve any issues; we urge parents and carers to speak to us at any time, either in person at the office or in class, on the telephone 01225759273 or via email:

[office@themead.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@themead.wilts.sch.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to improve our school. Thank you for supporting these requests.

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)



INSET DAYS: 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019, 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

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### Healthy Lunch of the Week

As part of our PSHE enrichment year, we have decided to spot healthy lunches. These two nursery children were spotted by Mrs Gaines and gave us the idea that a 'Healthy Eater of The Week' should be celebrated. What will you have for your lunch to make sure you are spotted?



### The Mead's Recommended Reads

#### **Secrets of a Sun King - Emma Carroll**



This book is a great story that allows you delve into History and travel back to the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. It uses a mixture of fact and fiction to deliver a truly gripping story of a young girl's determination to save her Granddad from a deadly curse

This book can be enjoyed by ages 8 and over (adults included!) and I highly recommend it! Come and let me know what you think once you've read it!

Miss Webber  
Class Teacher (Year 4)

### Perry and Potter's Weekly Active Challenge

How long can you balance on one leg?

Extra challenge: Try the other leg. How about balancing something light on your arms while you do it?

Bring us your scores. Mr Potter did 32 seconds and Mrs Perry managed 18 seconds.

Mrs Alice Perry  
P.E. Lead

### Christmas Lunch

ALL children will be given a Christmas Biscuit on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (Christmas dinner day!).



If your child has any allergies that we are not aware of, please contact to the school office as soon as possible.

## TROWBRIDGE STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Thank you for all your food donations, you have been very generous. We have filled one trolley within two weeks and would love to fill another two before Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. With your help, we're sure we can achieve this.



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### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - BLING YOU BIKE OR WACKY YOUR WHEELS!

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December we are having a fun competition to promote cycling, scooting and wheeling safely to school.

Bling up your bike (or other wheels) then ride to school and, if you wish, take part in a small walking parade around the playground at 8.40am before the register.

Your decorations can be crazy but make sure they're safe.

The Sports Council will judge the wheels and some of the truly wacky ones will go through to the final, which will be held in assembly at 2.45pm (parents and carers are very welcome).

The winners will be decided and will receive some bike lights, kindly donated by Sustrans (a cycling charity). So what are you waiting for? Make those wheels wacky!

There will be homework with more details sent home on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mrs Alice Perry, P.E. Lead**

### Do you have friends or family looking for school places?

We currently have spaces across the school. Please contact the school office for further details.

### **For the latest secondary school newsletters please use the links below:-**

John of Gaunt

<http://johnofgauntschool.org/information/newsletters-and-notices/>

Clarendon Newsletters

<http://www.clarendonacademy.com/parents/newsletters>

### Bad weather and snow



Now that the winter months are upon us with the possibility of extreme weather we would like to draw your attention to a useful link from the local authority of roads that are treated on a precautionary basis for your information –

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting/grittingroutesmap.htm>

At school, the safety of our pupils, staff and parents is paramount to us and as such we would like to inform you of the safe route in and around school, should such conditions arise. We will ensure there is a path from the school pedestrian gates all the way through the school playground, round to Year 1. We do ask that in icy/snowy conditions, children use the designated path provided as the rest of the playground will be unsuitable to walk on. We are not in a position to grit the main car park as this belongs to the council. However, in adverse conditions the road leading to the school and the car park will not be a priority and therefore we ask for everyone to take extra caution when travelling to school.

In the event of school closure we will update our website accordingly, inform local radio stations and send a text via Parentmail X. Please ensure that you have updated your contact details on Parentmail X.



Head Lice

REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK

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\*\*\*\*\*Dates for Christmas 2018\*\*\*\*\*

We are pleased to be able to share with you our Christmas Performance dates for 2018 and hope that many of you will be able to join us as we start to celebrate as a school. We ask that you try to attend the publicised dress rehearsals if you want to bring pre-school age children, but if this is not possible please support the children who are performing by stepping out of the hall if necessary. We would also like to remind you to respect the wishes of other parents by only posting pictures of your own children to social media and not any containing other children without the consent of their parents or carers.

This year we will be raising money for Bristol Children's Hospital to thank them for the amazing work they are currently doing to directly support children and families in our school. There will be collection buckets at every performance and we hope you will feel able to give generously to this fantastic cause.

Year 2 Robins and Foxes

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am** with a dress rehearsal on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm to which parents are welcome to bring pre-school siblings. FS and Year 1 to attend dress rehearsal and school age siblings of Year 2

Year 3 Ravens and Otters

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** with a dress rehearsal on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11 am** to which parents are welcome to bring pre-school siblings. Years 4, 5 and 6 to attend dress rehearsal and school age siblings of Year 3 at 11.am

Year 4 ,5 and 6

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Civic Centre at 7.00pm.** Years 4 ,5 and 6 children will be in the audience for the whole of the event either on stage as a year group or at the sides of the hall, with one performance at 7pm. Please note that this will be a ticketed event and that, due to Fire Regulations, every person attending must have a ticket (including younger siblings). Ticket information will be sent out nearer the time.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Hilperton site at 11.am – a shorter version to Year 2 and Year 3 and school age siblings.

(Celebration Assembly moved to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December)



**For the attention of  
all parents**

**Will your child be four years old  
before September 2019?  
You must apply for a  
primary school place**

**Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**  
Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at  
all schools and County Hall

**The deadline for applications is  
Midnight 15 January 2019**

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 booklet –  
**Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire**

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Future Dates

11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & YR Star Gazing Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Walk to Budgens
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Children's Christmas Lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Break Up at 3.15pm
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day – school is closed
1 <sup>st</sup> February	School Disco – Y1 to Y6
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Night at Wingfield
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Spring Celebration at Wingfield
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Citizenship Community Day
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset day – school is closed
14 <sup>th</sup> June	School Disco – Y1 to Y6
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Non School Uniform Day for donations to the School Fair
6 <sup>th</sup> July	School Fair

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## TROWBRIDGE STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

This year we have 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.

We have listed the items below they have particularly requested, but would appreciate any non-perishables or toiletries that you feel would benefit the families. They have, however, requested no more baked beans as they have a mountain of them!!

Tinned pies	Tinned meat	Tinned vegetables including potatoes	
Rice	Pasta	Tinned meals (irish stew, casseroles,)	
Tinned fish	Tinned soups	Tinned pasta (including spaghetti, ravioli, etc.)	
Tinned fruit	Tinned custard	Tinned Rice pudding	
Coffee	Teabags	Long life milk	Sugar
Toilet Rolls	Shampoo	Washing Up Liquid	Soap

We will be happy to receive any donations at the school office after the half term holiday

Thank you for your support with this worthwhile cause.