

### Term 2, Week 7

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

The last week is nearly upon us and we will soon say goodbye to the autumn term.



Which, of course, means that Christmas is almost here. The celebrations have begun across both of our sites, with the Young Voices choir performing at Bath Abbey last week, and our Wingfield choir performing at St. Mary's Church this week. Nativity plays are also in full swing and let's just hope and pray that next year we can have full live audiences once again! As we write this we are all wearing Christmassy clothing to raise money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital charity. And, of course, next week we will all enjoy ending the term singing carols and tucking into a Christmas lunch.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all of our families the very best for the festive season and the warmest wishes for the coming year. Thank for all that you do to support our school across both of our sites and communities.

Thank you  
Mark Stenton  
Headteacher

**INSET DAYS:** 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

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# The Mead Community Primary School



## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Swimming lessons for selected Year 6 children</li></ul>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Christmas Lunch Day</li><li>School breaks up at 3.15pm</li></ul>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inset Day – children do not attend school</li></ul>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Term 3 begins – gates open at 8.40am</li></ul>

### Worried about a child?

We all have a responsibility to keep children and young people safe from harm. If you believe a child or young person is at immediate risk of serious harm or injury, or you believe a criminal offence has been committed, call the police on 999.

If you believe a child or young person is at risk of significant harm, neglect or injury, report your concerns to the [Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub \(MASH\)](#) on 0300 456 0108.

If you have significant safeguarding concerns about someone who is working or volunteering with children and young people, call 0300 456 0108 and ask to speak to the Designated Officer for Allegations (DOFA) for advice, or email [dofaservice@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:dofaservice@wiltshire.gov.uk)

If you think a child or young person is in need of support from a range of services and none of the above applies, see [our services and who to contact](#).

You will have seen recent news coverage of abusive online behaviour towards some secondary school teachers on the TikTok platform. This is so reprehensible and something we can all play a role in stopping should we become aware of it. This link explains how:

[How schools and parents can spot and tackle online abuse of teachers](#)

### 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.

### 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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### 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>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices, Birmingham
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for the Easter holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Kilve Court
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 return from Kilve Court
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.themeadtrust.org)

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

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