



What's on this Week – Monday 17th December 2018

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***** ‘BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE’ *****

CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

“You’re braver than you believe and stronger and smarter than you think.” Winnie-the-Pooh

Monday 17 th December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.00pm Year 6 Fabulous Finish – parents invited
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.45pm Celebration Assembly – Miss Holton 7.00pm Year 4, 5 & 6 Performance at The Civic Hall (see below)
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.45pm Community Assembly – Mr Cunningham
Thursday 20 th December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.30pm Ducklings and Moles Live Nativity and Christingle 6.00pm Crickets and Falcons Campfire Stories
Friday 21 st December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Merlins and Fireflies Parents in Kahoots Quiz Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (over school uniform) School Breaks up at 3.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Charity Quiz night that we held on Friday last week in aid of Bristol Children’s Hospital’s ‘Grand Appeal’. The staff and I were very touched that so many people came along to support us in our fundraising quest to support Mrs Millard and baby Jack. I must congratulate the winning team ‘The Fundamentals’, but I also hope that everyone who took part had a fun evening. I am absolutely thrilled to inform you that we raised an amazing **£640.50** from this event to add to our fundraising total! What an incredible amount of money! There is still time to make a contribution to the charity buckets if you wish, at the Hilperton Year 4/5/6 performances next week or at either site’s office. Thank you for your support for this amazing cause. I know that Mrs Millard is overwhelmed at the generosity of our school community and I am pleased to say that Jack is now home and doing very well.

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Miss Leah Gee who has worked for The Mead since April 2018. Leah has recently moved and is looking for work nearer to home. Miss Penny will revert to being the class teacher for Ravens with the support of Miss Poole and Miss Robbins (Graduate Teachers). We’d like to thank Leah for her contribution to our school and I’m sure you will join us in wishing her very well for the next part of her adventures.

I hope that you all received the letter sent earlier this week informing you that Mr Rob Cunningham will be leaving The Mead at the end of the academic year. Rob has been appointed as the new Head of the Prep School at Stonar School from September 2019. We will be recruiting for a new Deputy Headteacher in the new year and I will let you know when we have filled the position.

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)

TROWBRIDGE STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Thank you for all your food donations, you have been very generous. We will be delivering your donations to the Storehouse Food Bank on Thursday 20th December. Any final donations would be gratefully received.

INSET DAYS: 7TH JANUARY 2019, 20TH MAY 2019

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BSC/ASC

We are so pleased that many of you are taking advantage of using 'Child Care vouchers' or 'Tax Free Child Care' to pay for your BSC or ASC bookings. However, from 8th January 2019, when we return from the Christmas holidays, we ask that if you are using either of these methods of payments, the funds need to be paid to the school **prior to any booking** (in the same way as we take cash at the window). I am sure you will appreciate that having numerous bookings made without monies being paid to the school is causing a significant amount of administration time in chasing payments.

BSC/ASC and School Clubs

We are pleased to advise that all clubs notifications will be sent out before the end of term. Please could we therefore ask that if you are booking your child into ASC at any time and they also attend a club on the same night, you choose the correct option on the booking form. Once you have submitted your After School Care booking form for the week/term, any changes must be submitted in writing via a new booking form. We are not able to manually amend existing forms or process refunds without a new form being received.

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

We still have some raffle prizes from the Christmas Fair that have not been collected. Please can you ensure they are collected by Monday 17th December 2018. Any uncollected items will be donated to The Storehouse together with our trollies of food.

Perry and Potter's Weekly Active Challenge

This week is all about timing yourself and improving your personal best. See how long it takes you to do 30 star jumps, 20 burpees or 10 sit ups. See if you can beat your time. If you're out and about this weekend how about timing yourself to see how long it takes to run a circuit in the park or run up a hill.

Mrs Alice Perry, P.E. Lead

Christmas Lunch

ALL children will be given a Christmas Biscuit on Friday 21st 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.

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

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)

Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration Civic Centre
Tuesday 18th December - 6.15pm arrival

We are looking forward to our Christmas event in the Civic Centre on Tuesday 18th December. Please can all children arrive by **6.15pm at the Civic Centre**. They will need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. Year 6 will have hats provided but if they would also like to bring the head wear they wore for the World War One event that would be helpful as we will be using both.

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).

Dress Rehearsal Tuesday 18th December at Hilperton site at 11.am – a shorter version to Year 2 and Year 3 and school age siblings.

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Sports Reports

P.E. kit reminder

We continue to do P.E. even in the winter weather, so it is important that children have the correct P.E. kit in school. Children should have:

- White t-shirt
- Navy shorts and tracksuit trousers
- Navy hoody or jumper. Ideally children should not be doing P.E. in their jade school jumper or cardigan.
- Trainers or plimsolls (different to the old 'field shoes' that children use at playtimes)

Please note that this is our P.E. uniform and children should not be wearing colourful active wear or football strips. It is also helpful that all clothes are clearly named. It is our policy that children will not be excluded from P.E. if they do not have the correct kit. They will have use of our spare kit, which is washed after every use.

West Wiltshire Football Finals

After finishing in second place in the Trowbridge League, our Year 6 boys football team qualified for the West Wiltshire Finals, which was held at Kingdown School. The team started well, beating Sutton Veny 2-0 with both goals coming from Toby. We then faced a strong North Bradley team drawing 1-1 with Toby scoring again. A special mention should go to Jack for the job he did in man-marking one of their excellent players. Next, we had back-to-back 3-0 wins against The Manor and Forest and Sandridge, with goals coming from Joe, Louis, George and Toby. Unfortunately, an inspired performance against Christchurch (the eventual tournament winner) from goalkeeper Jack wasn't quite enough as we narrowly lost 2-1, finishing in third place overall.



The team should be really proud of how well they have done. They conducted themselves extremely well on and off the pitch and had some great results against some very strong teams!

Hockey Festival



Last Friday a group of Year 4 children went to Warminster School to take part in a Hockey Festival.

First off, they had four sets of training exercises to try out where the staff and students of the school showed them how to use their skills for a match. We then played three 15 minute matches against other primary schools. The children lost 2 matches and won 1, but played brilliantly and gave it their all.

We were so proud of their sportsmanship and politeness to all the other adults and players.



School Ensemble Instruments

We will be rehearsing in school on Tuesday 18th December. Please can you help your child to remember to bring their instrument to school on that day if they are part of the school ensemble.

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**



**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
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

7 th January 2019	Inset day – school is closed
9 th January	Community Assembly – Tiger Martial Arts
14 th January	Bikeability Year 6
16 th January	Bikeability Year 6
17 th January	Bikeability Year 6
23 rd January	Community Assembly – Post Cards
23 rd January	Young Voices 2019 Event Genting Arena Birmingham
1 st February	School Disco – Y1 to Y6
6 th February	Community Assembly – Year 5
13 th February	Community Assembly – Community Celebration
27 th February	Community Assembly – Year 6
6 th March	Community Assembly – Gardening Club
7 th March	Book Night at Wingfield
13 th March	Community Assembly – Comic Relief Red Nose Day
20 th March	Community Assembly – Year 4
23 rd March	Spring Celebration at Wingfield
27 th March	Community Assembly – Community Celebration and Post Cards
24 th April	Community Assembly - St George's Day
7 th May	Life Bus to visit Hilperton for the week
8 th May	Community Assembly – Community Day Preparation
13 th to 17 th May	SATs Week

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15 th May	Community Assembly – Year 3
20 th May	School closed for Inset Day
18 th May	Citizenship Community Day
20 th May	Inset day – school is closed
22 nd May	Community Assembly – Celebration
3 rd June	Year 6 residential Plas Pencelli
5 th June	Community Assembly – Gardening Club
12 th June	Community Assembly – Sports Day Preparation
12 th June	Class Photographs
14 th June	School Disco – Y1 to Y6
19 th June	Community Assembly – Summer Solstice
26 th June	Community Assembly – Year 6 Plas Celebration
28 th June	Non School Uniform Day for donations to the School Fair
1 st 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day at Kingdown
3 rd July	Community Assembly – Post Cards
6 th July	Summer Fair
10 th July	Community Assembly – Year 5 Sailing Celebration
12 th July	Year 3 to Brokerswood – Long day
17 th July	Community Assembly – Sporting Personalities
24 th July	Community Assembly – Celebration
25 th July	School breaks up for the Summer

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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.