



What's on this Week – Monday 7th January 2019

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***** 'BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE' *****

CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

“It has been a long journey, but if you dream and have the ambition and want to work hard, then you can achieve.”
Mo Farah

Monday 7 th January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:40am School re-opens for Term 3
Wednesday 9 th January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming - selected children • 2:45pm Community Assembly – Tiger Martial Arts
Thursday 10 th January 2019	
Friday 11 th January 2019	

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that the end of term 2 is here already, but we are breaking for the Winter holidays tomorrow. It has been a busy and exciting term with all of our Christmas Performances. We hope that you were able to get involved in some way and that you enjoyed seeing your children perform. If you have any feedback for our staff we would be very pleased to hear from you:

feedback@themead.wilts.sch.uk

As you know, we have been busy raising money for Bristol Children's Hospital's Grand Appeal this December in honour of the amazing work they have been doing supporting some of our families. We held a quiz night earlier in the month where we raise £640.50 and have had collection buckets at every one of our performances which has raised £985.04. This makes our grand total an incredible **£1625.54!** We are touched and grateful for your generosity and know that this money will be really well used to help the families of the sickest and most vulnerable children this Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

On behalf of everyone at The Mead I would like to say an enormous thank you for all of your continued support of the school. We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019. I hope you have a very happy and peaceful holiday and a Happy New Year!

Miss Emma Holton (Head of School)

Trowbridge Storehouse Foodbank

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Foodbank Collection. You have all been very generous. We have now delivered the donations to Storehouse in Trowbridge and this means they will be able to support families in need over the Christmas holidays. Thank You!



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, 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.

After School Care

Please be reminded that all children must be collected by an appropriate adult and signed out of the care provision. Children cannot be dismissed to walk to the gate or to walk home alone.

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@themed.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)

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2020-2021 – CONSULTATION

Wiltshire Council are presently consulting on the School Term and Holiday Dates for 2020-2021. You can view the two proposed options on the Wiltshire Council website, by clicking the link here [Terms and holidays | Wiltshire Council](#)

In essence:

Option 1: Shows a proposed calendar with a **five-day break in October, with term 6 ending on Wednesday 21st July.** This is the option favoured by neighbouring local authorities.

Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a **seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July.**

You can let Wiltshire Council know your views by using any of the following methods:

By email to: directorDCE@wiltshire.gov.uk

By letter to: School Term Dates 2020/21 Consultation, Children's Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Please submit your views by **Friday 8 February 2019.**

SHEILA PEDLER, BUSINESS MANAGER

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Sports Reports

P.E. kit reminder

If you have any spare PE kit that you would be happy to donate to the school, we are in need of the following:

- White t-shirts
- Navy shorts and tracksuit trousers
- Navy hoodies or jumpers
- Trainers or plimsolls (range of sizes)

Bling Your Bike

On Wednesday, we had a fun time 'blinging our bikes' and 'wackyng our wheels' to remind ourselves about staying safe on our bikes and scooters especially now that it is darker earlier. We were amazed to see so many families decorating and parading their creations around the playground in the morning. All the entries were judged by the Sports Council on criteria including safety, colourfulness and uniqueness. The top scorers were displayed in assembly in the afternoon and children talked about what they had made. Due to all wonderful entries, the Sports Council found it tricky to decide upon a winner but they voted for Amelia and Riley in Year 2 whose scooters together made Rudolf pulling Santa's sleigh! Thanks to everyone who took part. Stay safe on your wheels at this time of year- be seen and be safe!



Santa Dash



Mr.
P.E.

Six children, from across the two sites, headed to Farfield Farm College in Dilton Marsh for the Annual Santa Dash. The children were joined by another 300 children from schools across Wiltshire for the event. It may have been a chilly morning but everyone involved soon warmed up once they got their Santa or elf outfit on.

The children had great fun running around the track whilst having snow thrown at them!



Healthy Eaters of the Week

Two Robins were spotted having super healthy snacks- orange and raspberries. They said that they were "really juicy and delicious". What will you choose to make sure you are spotted?



Miss Elyne Williams

Year 2 Class Teacher and PSHE 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-notice/>

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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Perry and Potter's Weekly Active Challenge

Penguin Waddle - This week's Active Challenge has a winter theme. Can you hold a ball between your legs and walk (or waddle) without dropping it? To make it trickier, change the size of the ball. You could time yourselves to do a circuit of a room in your house, or the garden! Or have a race against some in your family. Have fun!

Mrs Alice Perry, P.E. Lead

Future Dates

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	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
6 th February	Community Assembly – Year 5
7 th February	Year 1 to The Arc Theatre
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 (World Book Day)
13 th March	Community Assembly – Comic Relief Red Nose Day
20 th March	Community Assembly – Year 4
20 th March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
23 rd March	Spring Celebration at Wingfield
25 th March	Parents Conversation Week
27 th March	Community Assembly – Community Celebration and Post Cards
30 th March	Pantastic all day rehearsal
4 th April	Pantastic – Spring Performance
24 th April	Community Assembly – St George's Day
6 th May	Bank Holiday – School is closed
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
15 th May	Community Assembly – Year 3
18 th May	Citizenship Community Day
20 th May	School closed for Inset Day
20 th May	Inset day – school is closed
22 nd May	Community Assembly – Celebration
22 nd May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
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

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3 rd July	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
6 th July	Summer Fair
10 th July	Community Assembly – Year 5
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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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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