



The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 10th January 2022



Term 3, Week 2

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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

Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3. We have already communicated in the first few days of term about updates relating to Covid, so I will try and focus this newsletter on the education side of things!

The children at Hilperton and Wingfield have come back to school beautifully, with happy faces and a determination to get on with their learning. New topics are 'off the ground', and it's great to see a deep immersion in new knowledge and discovery right from the off: reception children are learning about space; Year 1 are studying school life in the past; Year 2 are immersed in the history of Britain through famous kings and queens; Year 3 are investigating settlements and learning about great cities; Year 4 are learning about the physical geography of rivers and mountains; Year 5 are travelling back to the 14th Century to study The Black Death, the feudal system and The Peasants' Revolt; Year 6 are investigating scientific and geographical learning from the theories of Charles Darwin. This learning, of course, is accompanied by our daily diet of English and mathematics learning, plus RE, computing, art, DT, music, PSHE and French (years 3 to 6) across the weeks of the term. A busy, busy time as always.

We begin annual report writing next week and aim to have face to face parents evenings – Covid permitting – in Term 4.

Thank you as ever for your support and interest in all that is happening in school.

Stay safe.

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

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

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

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Monday 10 th January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming lessons for selected Year 6 children
Tuesday 11 th January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Wednesday 12 th January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Thursday 13 th January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Friday 14 th January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

Reminder - After School Care Bookings

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.

Punctuality

Be On Time – 10 to 9

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.40am and close again at 8.50am. It is our legal duty to ensure that all children are registered in class each morning and any absentees followed up to ensure that no one is missing without an explanation.

This term, 312 minutes (5 hours and 12 minutes) of education have been lost for Wednesday 5th January and Thursday 6th January alone. This is an enormous amount of time and has a significant impact on all children's learning, from being late in the first instance through to the disruption of the class when a child arrives late.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Online abuse of school staff

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](#)



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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2022?

You must apply for a primary school place

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 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

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 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>
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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