

Monday 16th January 2023

Term 3, Week 3

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Monday 16 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.30pm – Swimming for selected children
Tuesday 17 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Football Finals – Devizes – selected children • Chance to Shine Cricket - Year 1
Wednesday 18 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday 19 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Friday 21 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am – Fitness Friday on the playground • 2.20pm Star of the Week Assembly by invitation on Zoom

Dear Mead Families,

In spite of the weather's determined efforts to make the week tricky, this has been another joyful episode in the life of our lovely school. Learning around the school has been superb across all subjects with some fantastic topics too: Reception children exploring space; Year 1 are on scientific journeys relating to birds and different materials; Year 2 are focussed on the history of Kings and Queens; Year 3 are investigating earthquakes and volcanoes; Year 4 are studying rivers and landforms; Year 5 are looking at where our food comes from and issues around fair trade; Year 6 are studying the workings of the cardio-vascular system, whilst also learning about the ancient kingdom of Benin in West Africa. Intrepid learners, one and all! Here's Year 3 at Stonehenge last term...



We have also had whole school training in the positive mindfulness of martial arts courtesy of Mida Martial Arts group, whilst every year group has been enjoying gymnastics with Mr Smith in their PE lessons. The weather may be grim, but the light of learning shines through.

Thank you as always for your support,
 Mark Stenton
 Headteacher

INSET DAYS
5th June 2023

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Internet Safety Week 6th – 10th February 2023

Internet Safety is one of the most important issues for parents and carers. Educating children at an age appropriate level about online safety and safe use of technological devices is an OFSTED priority for all schools - and rightly so.

On Monday 30th January we are fortunate to have the opportunity of Richard Pomfrett working with our children all day. Richard provides expert primary age input on internet safety and comes highly recommended from other Wiltshire primary schools where he has presented to children. Our PSHE leads have been in communication with him and have planned a really thorough and exciting day for Years 1 to 6. This will provide an amazing introduction to both National Internet Safety Week for Schools and Children's Mental Health Week, which both follow on Monday 6th February.

The timetable is as follows:

09.00 - 10.30 - Y3 - 4 90mins '**Building a Digital Toolkit**' Giving young people the tools to use throughout their online lives.

11.00 - 12.00 - Y1 - 2 60mins '**Becoming a Digital Hero**' Simple steps to stay safer and happy online.

13.00 - 15.00 - Y5 - 6 120mins '**Taking control of my Digital Life**' Empowering young people to take control and make the correct decisions online.

The sessions will require the main hall and classrooms at Hilperton to accommodate all children, and we will be organising coach transfer to and from Wingfield site throughout the day in accordance with this timetable (**precise arrangements on the coach timetable to follow at start of next week for Y1 to 6 Wingfield children**).

There is a cost to the school for this event, but we hope you agree it is very important. The cost per child when averaged out across the site will be £1.50 please. This will be added to your Arbor account in due course.

We will also be providing information for parents and carers to follow up on this essential learning for all of us to ensure we keep our children safe online.

World Thinking Day

Wednesday 22nd February 2023 is World Thinking Day and as school we will be supporting this. It is a chance for all members who are part of the Guiding and Scouting community to wear their uniform with pride and think about the wider family around the world. If your child is part of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, they will be able to wear their scouting uniform to school on 22nd February 2023 if they would like to.



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Dates for your Diary	These dates are all subject to change
	Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
Wednesday 25 th January	Young Voices Event in Birmingham
Wednesday 1 st February	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Wednesday 1 st February	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – Staverton School hosting
Thursday 9 th February	West Wilts Dance Festival – selected children
9 th & 10 th February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Wednesday 22 nd February	Year 6 Bikeability – selected children on the Hilperton Site
Wednesday 22 nd February	World Thinking Day for the Guiding and Scouting community
Thursday 23 rd February	Year 6 Bikeability – selected children on the Hilperton Site
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 3 rd March	Woodpeckers, Wrens and Swans to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
Tuesday 7 th March	Foxes and Ospreys to Bristol Hindu Temple
6 th – 10 th March	Careers Week
Wednesday 15 th March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament – The Mead School (Hilperton) hosting
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Monday 24 th – 28 th April	Parent Conversation Week
Tuesday 25 th April	Foxes and Ospreys walking to Trowbridge Museum
Friday 28 th April	Young Blooms visiting Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans
Thursday 4 th May	Bees to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Friday 5 th May	Butterflies and Cygnets to Warleigh Lodge Farm
Monday 8 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 th May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Wednesday 17 th May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Thursday 18 th May	Kestrels, Puffins and Fireflies to The Roman Baths
Wednesday 24 th May	Whole School Performance – Wiltshire Music Centre
Thursday 25 th May	Squirrels and Otters to Bristol Buddhist Centre
Thursday 25 th & 26 th May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Friday 9 th June	Woodpeckers, Kestrels and Swans to Hengistbury Head Beach
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 to Cotswold Water Park
Tuesday 27 th June	Hilperton Site Sports Day
Thursday 29 th June	Hilperton Site Fall Back Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	Wingfield Site Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	School Disco
Monday 3 rd July	Wingfield Site Fall Back Sports Day
Monday 10 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 th July	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Friday 14 th July	Y3 to Thoulstone Park – long day – see letter dated 01.12.2022 (and on Arbor)
Tuesday 18 th – 21 st July	Year 6 to Kilve Court – 3 night residential
Thursday 20 th – 21 st July	Year 4 to Braeside – 1 night residential – see letter dated 01.12.2022 (and on Arbor)
Tuesday 25 th July	9.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2023?

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 2023

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.

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