

Term 3, Week 5

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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

It is important to start this letter with a shout out to all staff who have covered for colleagues this week. I'm sure you're finding similar in your own work-places, with Omicron causing unprecedented absence levels. Thankfully things appear to be improving, with absence rates of staff and pupils still far higher than normal, but coming down as the week has progressed. We continue with our protective measures within school, and hopefully can see a greater normality as the winter progresses into spring. I'm aware that we have been relatively fortunate compared to many schools.

After a walk around school on Wednesday afternoon, I was struck by the wonderfulness of the teaching and learning taking place in spite of the tricky circumstances. When a Year 2 child is explaining to you why Alfred the Great was indeed, 'great', or another Year 2 child is explaining who they can see in the images from the Bayeux Tapestry, you know that proper school life is prevailing. Certainly my highlight of the week.



I think the picture on the left sums up the enthusiasm for learning nicely.

Stay safe, and thank you to all in our communities for your positivity and support.

Best wishes

Mark Stenton
Headteacher

INSET DAYS: 6th June 2022

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Monday 31 st January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lessons for selected Year 6 children
Tuesday 1 st February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Wednesday 2 nd February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodpeckers and Wrens to Chepstow Castle Jonathan's Jungle to visit Falcons and Wolves
Thursday 3 rd February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Friday 4 th February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Reminder - After School Care Bookings

Please note that the BSC/ASC booking system on PAY360 is not available between 11am – 5pm each day. If you require After School Care for the same day this must be booked by 11am. We will of course be able to make bookings for exceptional circumstances, but you will need to phone the school office to arrange this.

Family Gardening Club

Family gardening club is for parents and children to come and grow their own veg and learn about gardening together. Tools and seeds provided although it is recommended you provide your own gardening gloves. Your family will have their own small plot and you will be supported to grow veg in this plot.

If people are interested you need to email me melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk for more information. Places will be awarded on first come first served basis.

Families who join need to commit to attend regularly for the growing season - February until October 2022. Club takes place on a Sunday morning at 10am - sessions vary between every three weeks and weekly depending on time of year. The next session is Feb 6th 2022.



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 Hilperton Nursery Facebook and Twitter are now both @MeadatOrchard

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
Thursday 14 th July	Y4 to Braeside for a 1 night residential
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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