



What's on this Week – Monday 11th February 2019

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

CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

“The question is, are we happy to suppose that our grandchildren may never be able to see an elephant except in a picture book?” David Attenborough

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| Monday 11 th February 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR, Y5 & Y6 Fire Safety Sessions with the Fire Brigade |
| Tuesday 12 th February 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am - The Orchard Nursery Stay and Play • 2.45pm Celebration Assembly – Mr Cunningham • 2.45pm – Y3 Fabulous Finish |
| Wednesday 13 th February 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming – selected children • 2.45pm Community Assembly • 5.30pm – 6.00pm – Year 4 Fabulous Finish & Braeside Parents Meeting |
| Thursday 14 th February 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am - Family FUNs Workshop • 9.00am – Y2 Fabulous Finish • 10.30am - West Wilts Dance Festival rehearsal – Bath Forum • 2.40pm – Recorder Assembly with Alice Bull and Mrs Dixon • 2.45pm – Butterflies and Bees Fabulous Finish • 3.15pm – Year 6 Fabulous Finish |
| Friday 15 th February 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am – Y5 Fabulous Finish • Y2 Fire Safety Sessions with the Fire Brigade |

The Mead's Recommended Read

Year 3 are currently reading *The Boy who grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd. This is a wonderfully funny book about the adventures of a boy called Tomas and his pet dragon that he has grown from a dragon fruit.



The story tells the tale of all the mishaps that occur from owning a dragon and keeping it a secret, delightfully explained by Tomas. Year 3 are enjoying the story and the vivid imagery that comes from reading it.

Sarah Penny, Senior Teacher/SLE for Primary Art

World Book Day Thursday 7th March



To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting all children to dress as a character from a book that they enjoy. The children will have opportunities to discuss their outfits and their favourite stories in their classrooms on the day, and the staff in each year group will also be dressed in character.

We do not expect you to go and buy a new outfit especially for this day so if you would like any suggestions please speak to your child's class teacher.

We can't wait to see your costumes...

Miss Emma Davies, Class Teacher and Reading Leader

INSET DAY: 20TH MAY 2019

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Perry and Potter's Weekly Active Challenge

For your Active Challenge this week try some jumping. We have been practising in P.E. to jump with our knees bent, landing on the balls of our feet, swinging our arms to get more height and most importantly being balanced when we land.

Can you try some different jumps? How about a star jump? Tuck jump? Half turn or a Full turn? What other types can you do? You could always invent some of your own!

Mrs Alice Perry
P.E. Lead

Sporting Fixtures

This week we hosted Bellefield School for a netball friendly in preparation for the Trowbridge tournament coming up in the next few months.

We have been training hard as a team so it was great to put our skills into practice. It was an extremely competitive match which ended 2-4 to Bellefield but was played with great spirit and was enjoyed by all.

Mrs Alice Perry
P.E. Lead

After School Care Collection and Nursery

We politely remind all parents/carers that the collection times for After School Care and Nursery are either 4.15pm or 6.00pm depending on which option has been booked.

Unfortunately, we are having many instances where children are not collected on time resulting in members of staff being unable to leave. As you will appreciate staffing numbers are allocated on the number of children attending each session and are timetabled to finish at either 4.15pm or 6.00pm.

Late collection results in staff having to be paid additional time at a cost to the school and I am sure you will remember our newsletter earlier this year regarding funding cuts, that this is not something the school can sustain. Therefore, as a result costs need to be passed on to parents involved.

With effect from Monday 28th January 2019, any child not collected on time will incur a late collection fee of £15.00 per 15 minutes (or part thereof).

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Kerry Thain
School Business Manager



NURSERY OPEN SESSIONS



Are you looking for a nursery place for your child from September 2019?
Would you like to come and see our amazing Early Years provision?
Why not come along and explore our fantastic, purpose built nursery! Suitable for children aged from 3 to 4 years.



Tuesday 5th March 2019 10.00 – 11.00am
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 5.00 – 6.00pm
Thursday 2nd May 2019 10.00 – 11.00am



The Mead Primary School, Hackett Place, Hilperton BA14 7GN | 01225 759273 | thenursery@themed.wilts.sch.uk

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>

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Future Dates

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| 27 th February | Community Assembly – Year 6 |
| 7 th March | World Book Day |
| 7 th March | Book Night at Wingfield (World Book 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 |
| 30 th March | Pantastic all day rehearsal |
| 4 th April | Pantastic – Spring Performance |
| 6 th May | Bank Holiday – School is closed |
| 7 th May | Life Bus to visit Hilperston for the week |
| 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 |
| 22 nd May | Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy |
| 3 rd June | Year 6 residential Plas Pencelli |
| 12 th June | Class Photographs |
| 14 th June | School Disco – Y1 to Y6 |
| 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 |
| 2 nd July | Year 6 Transition Day to John of Gaunt and Clarendon |
| 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 |
| 15 th July – 16 th July | Year 4 to Braeside overnight |
| 25 th July | School breaks up for the Summer |

BSC/ASC

Please can we remind you that if you are using BSC/ASC without prior booking, payment **MUST** be made on the day, via cash or cheque at the reception window. We are unable to accept pupils without payment.

If you are using Child Care Vouchers or Tax Free Child Care to pay for your bookings, the funds also need to be paid to the school **prior to any booking.**

Once you have submitted your Before School Club or 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.

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.

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We are looking forward to holding some great events this year, some dates for you are below:

- 7th March World Book Night @ Wingfield.
- 23rd March Spring Celebrations @ Wingfield.
- 18th May Community Day @ Hilperton.

For more information on any of these events, please check out our notice board located near the main gates to school.

We run a book club over both sites (Friday lunchtime @ Hilperton, and Thursday lunchtime @ Wingfield) where children can purchase books at low cost. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact The Friends via our Facebook page, email us at thefriendsofthemed@outlook.com or contact Nicola Gould (Hilperton) or Rebekah Searle (Wingfield).

We look forward to seeing you at these events and more!

Thank you for your continued support,
The Friends of the Mead





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*Are you a Childminder or Early Years Practitioner?
You might be interested in this.*



Early Years Conference 2019

**Join Jude Twani (Early Years Consultant) and Gill Jones (Ofsted)
for a day of professional learning and networking**


Jude Twani Keynote Address: Getting Them Talking
More and more children are joining Early Years settings and schools with less well developed communication and language skills. Jude will explore the possible factors that contribute to this, and the challenges we face as Early Years practitioners in supporting the development of these skills. She will share how we can work with children using four simple approaches, which provide them with the essential skills they need to become "good talkers".

Gill Jones: The Education Inspection Framework in Early Years
Gill will discuss the new Education Framework, due to be implemented in September 2019, and share what it will mean for Early Years practice and provision.


Jude Twani & Gill Jones Interactive Q&A
An opportunity for delegates to pose questions and discuss effective Early Years' pedagogy with our keynote speakers.

Afternoon workshop with Jude Twani: Finding My Voice
Supporting all children to find their voice, particularly those who are "quiet", and this may even include singing!

Jude Twani is a passionate advocate for Early Years, who has held a range of roles within the Local Authority including children's centre teacher and consultant, trainer, and NVQ assessor. She also trained as an Ofsted inspector and facilitates training nationally. She is an associate consultant / trainer for Early Excellence, along with leading on pedagogy and research in a large primary school. Her passion is to motivate and inspire those working with children to keep the child at the heart of their practice.



Gill Jones is Ofsted's Early Education Deputy Director. She was appointed a Senior HMI in January 2013, having joined Ofsted in 2007. She is a qualified teacher and has extensive leadership and management experience as a headteacher and local authority inspector. She was a Consultant Leader for the National College and led training for headteachers and school improvement partners.



Suitable for

Heads of School, Deputy Headteachers, Early Years practitioners
(including Nursery & Reception teachers), support staff and childminders

Wednesday 1st May 2019 9.00am – 3.45pm
Brunel Room, Springfield Community Campus, Corsham SN13 9DN

£95 for CSL members |
£125 non-CSL

Book by Monday 1st April 2019 at
www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/cpd
or by completing the attached booking form

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