



# The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022



## Term 3, Week 7

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

As we enter the last week of term, it is noticeable that school attendance has recovered dramatically from the Covid situation that was affecting all classes in January. We're at the mid-point of the school year now and our current whole school attendance is 94%, slightly higher than the current national average for primary schools which has risen from 89% to 92%. These figures show the impact of Covid, as normally we would expect our attendance to be around 97%.

In the second half of the school year, which will hopefully be relatively free from Covid, we will be monitoring attendance even more rigorously than normal in order to ensure that, wherever possible, there is no more missed school.

Across a school year each day of absence is 0.5% (1% at this half-way stage); all attendance can therefore recover and our aim is to have every child above 95% except in authorised medical circumstances. We also need to ensure that every child is in school by gate closure at 08:50am so that no learning is missed at the start of the school day.

Thank you for your support as we drive the school recovery from the pandemic.

**Mark Stenton**  
**Headteacher**

### **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.

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**INSET DAYS: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swimming lessons for selected Year 6 children</li></ul>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robins and Moles to Trowbridge Museum</li></ul>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Otters, Squirrels &amp; Fireflies to Langford Lakes</li><li>• School breaks up at 3.15pm</li></ul>

***Please can we remind all parents that face masks on required (unless exempt) when entering the reception area to speak to the office. Many thanks.***

## **Jungle Book**

A quick update to reassure everyone!

We are delighted to announce that our performance of Jungle Book has been rescheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at The Wiltshire Music Centre.

There will be both a matinee and evening performance on this day. Exact details on purchasing tickets and costs will be announced shortly. The whole cast will also attend a technical rehearsal at the venue during the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Our Saturday rehearsal will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May and will run from 10.00am until 4.00pm. It is essential that all children involved in the show attend this rehearsal.

Rehearsals for the show will start after half term as after school clubs and run throughout terms 4 and 5. There will be extended club times in the week before the show to allow us the maximum of time to rehearse with the children. This information will also be announced as soon as possible.

For the children who are in the cast from Wingfield. Transport will be arranged to bring your child to the Hilperton site, but you will need to arrange collecting them at the end of the rehearsals from Hilperton. Thank you in advance for all your support- the show will go on!



### **Follow us**

Wingfield Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatWingfield  
Hilperton Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatHilperton  
Hilperton Nursery Facebook and Twitter are now both @MeadatOrchard

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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	<b><u>These dates are all subject to change following Government Announcements / Guidelines</u></b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for the Easter holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Jungle Book whole day rehearsal (10am – 4pm)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Jungle Book Performance
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for the half term holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – school not open for pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Sailing Day (more details to follow)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 to Braeside for a 1 night residential
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to Kilve Court
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 return from Kilve Court
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for the Summer holidays (3.15pm)

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