



Term 6, Week 2

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Dear Mead Families,

The sun is shining and the weather is good, making the start to term ever so special. The children are already deep into their new topics and the learning is exemplary. For example, I was thrilled yesterday to be told by Year 3 about all of the stages in the course of a river, using geographical language that would befit GCSE and A Level. Absolutely stunning, learned in two days, and typical of the outstanding teaching the children are receiving.

Reports are being sent home as I write, and we really look forward to meeting with you all virtually for the online parent conversations next week. We will aim to use class visualizers to share on screen your children's books, so that you can see the wonderful progress they are making. We know you will be very proud - we certainly are!

Also next week, I will be writing to all families with the news of the class structure for 2021-22; this is finalised for teachers and we are completing teaching assistant timetables on Tuesday. You can be assured that detailed planning has gone into the structure for every class and I am extremely confident in the superb team we have to teach and care for your children. Transition conversations have already begun in school to ensure every child is really well known to their new teacher in order that they can thrive from day one in September (which also applies to our conversations with secondary schools for our Year 6 children).

Finally, we will all know more about any changes to Covid Protective Measures next week and will, of course, keep you fully updated as we have throughout.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Warm regards
Mark Stenton
Headteacher

Reporting Covid-19 symptoms to the school

If you or anyone in your family 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

Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep everyone safe.

INSET DAYS:

1st & 2nd September 2021, 1st November 2021, 4th January 2022, 6th June 2022
<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

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Parent Conversations

If you have not yet made your parent conversation appointment please either click the link on our website homepage or go to www.parents-booking.co.uk/themead to make the appointment.

On the day of the parents' evening, login to Parents Booking just like before. This time there will be a "join Video Meetings" button which you need to click, to join your video meetings. These appointments will exactly match what has been pre-booked.

Participants must use a computer/device which has a webcam and microphone.

You must use one of the below device and internet browser combinations for the video meeting technology to work:

- Apple iPhone/iPad (must be iOS 11+): Safari (New: Chrome looks to be supported with iOS 14.3)
- Android phone/tablet: Chrome or Firefox
- Linux computer: Chrome or Firefox
- Microsoft Surface: Chrome or Firefox
- Mac computer: Safari (version 11+), Chrome or Firefox
- Windows computer: Chrome, Firefox or Edge (but only the new Edge Chromium, not the old Edge)

When you click "Join Video Meetings", you will be shown a "Meeting Not Started Yet" message, until the instant your appointment is due to begin.

When the time of your first appointment starts, and provided the teacher is also ready for the meeting, your meeting will start. Before you can talk, you will need to provide permission to your internet browser to use its microphone and webcam. You will be asked for permission by your internet browser, and then shown a 'popup' which asks which microphone, and then which webcam, you want to use. Press 'Allow' and 'Apply' for all of these.

Once you have provided permission to the microphone and webcam, your video meeting will start.

Appointments follow on automatically. Your schedule is shown at the bottom of the page. Once one appointment has finished the next will start instantly, and you do not need to change web page.

Help us win £5,000 for our school library!

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Celebrating P.E. Achievements

As a P.E. team we are looking to celebrate children's sporting achievements outside of school by displaying photographs of the children on our P.E. board. We would really appreciate it if you could email the office any photos of your child with medals, certificates or action shots! It would be helpful if you also wrote a brief description to accompany the photo.

Many thanks
Mrs Perry and Mr Rutter

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Friday 11th June 2021

Friday 25th June, The Mead's World Book Day

We will be holding our delayed World Book Day celebrations on Friday 25th June!

We would love it if every child dressed up as a character from a book, but please don't feel like you have to buy a new costume, as lots of characters in stories are "human" and wear "normal" clothes!

Now that things are gradually returning to normal, we can't wait to open our library areas again and reignite our love for shared reading experiences! With this in mind, we are hoping to raise lots of money on our World Book Day, so that we can purchase as many new books as possible for the library areas at both of our sites.

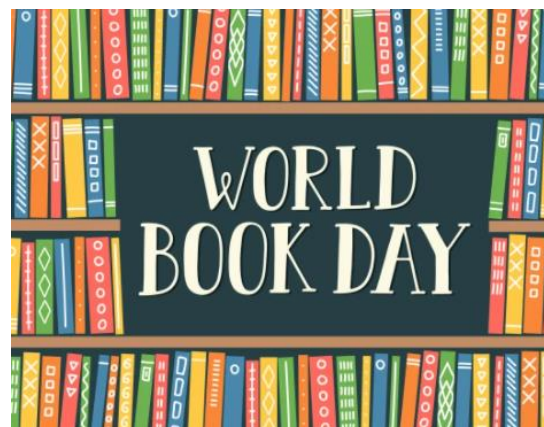
Therefore, we would be extremely grateful if your child could bring a small donation into school on Friday 25th June (suggested donation is £1) as ALL of the money we raise on the day will be used to buy new reading books suitable for all year groups.

So that we can raise as much money as possible, we are also going to be running a sponsored Readathon and holding a cake sale at both sites on Friday 25th June. More info to come on these...

Miss Emma Davies

English Lead and Year 5 Class Teacher

Currently reading *A Secret of Birds & Bones*, by Kiran Millwood Hargrave



| Dates for your Diary | <u>These dates are all subject to change following Government Announcements / Guidelines</u> |
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| Monday 14 th June 2021 | Parent Conversation Week commences |
| Monday 21 st June 2021 | Year 5 Curriculum Day at Clarendon School |
| Wednesday 23 rd June 2021 | New Intake September 2021 Parents Evening Meeting – 6.30pm |
| Friday 25 th June 2021 | World Book Day Celebration |
| Tuesday 29 th June 2021 | Class Photos – David Wiltshire Photography **REARRANGED DATE** |
| Wednesday 30 th June 2021 | Trowbridge Youth Parliament |
| Thursday 1 st July 2021 | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 6 th July 2021 | Year 6 Transition Days at Clarendon, John of Gauntl and St Augustine's |
| Wednesday 7 th July 2021 | Sports Day Fall Back |
| Thursday 8 th July 2021 | Year 6 Transition Day at St Laurence School |
| Friday 9 th July 2021 | Year 6 Transition Day at Lavington School |
| Friday 9 th July 2021 | Year 5 Curriculum day at John of Gaunt School |
| Saturday 10 th July 2021 | Alice Rehearsals all day at school |
| Tuesday 13 th July 2021 | Year 6 Transition Day at Melksham Oak |
| Tuesday 13 th July 2021 | Key Stage 2 Performance of Alice on the School Grounds |
| Thursday 15 th July 2021 | Key Stage 2 Performance of Alice on the School Grounds – Fall Back Date |
| Monday 19 th July 2021 | Year 6 Activities and Overnight Camp at Wingfield |
| Tuesday 20 th July 2021 | Year 6 return from Wingfield |
| Friday 23 rd July 2021 | Term 6 ends – children finish at their normal times |

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THE FRIENDS OF THE MEAD
SCHOOL UNIFORM

All proceeds will go towards
the continued support of the children & school

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
GET YOUR PRE LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR A SMALL DONATION

WEEK STARTING 7TH JUNE

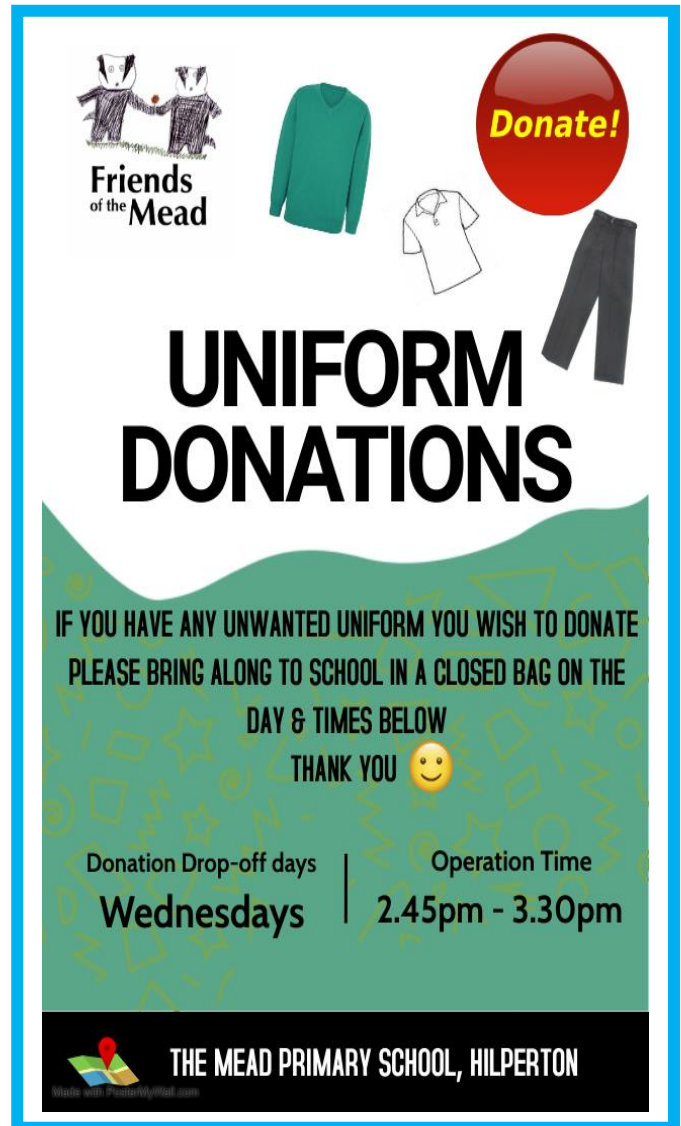
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| Polo tops/Cardigans/Jumpers/Fleeces/Coats | WEEK 1 |
| Dresses/Skirts/Trousers | WEEK 2 |
| Book bags/PE bags/PE Kit | WEEK 3 |

WEDNESDAYS 2:45 - 3.30pm

If you require any uniform, please contact TFOTM directly

✉ thefriendsofthamead@outlook.com

Find us on Facebook



Donate!

UNIFORM DONATIONS

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED UNIFORM YOU WISH TO DONATE
PLEASE BRING ALONG TO SCHOOL IN A CLOSED BAG ON THE
DAY & TIMES BELOW
THANK YOU 😊

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| Donation Drop-off days | Operation Time |
| Wednesdays | 2.45pm - 3.30pm |

THE MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, HILPERTON

Trowbridge Art Trail

Please follow the link for more information:

<https://trowbridgechamber.com/event/windows-on-nature-art-trail/>

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Will you be applying for
SECONDARY SCHOOLS
later this year?

We invite Year 5 students and
parents to socially distanced tours

Wednesday 9th June – Friday 16th July
9AM – 5PM

Visit our website for details

*Why not scan the code to
watch our welcome video*

