



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn

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Date: 7 December 2018

KEY DATES:

Sunday 9 December

Judo grading Day 2: Yr 4 all grades & Yrs 5 & 6 white belts: 9.30-10.30am/
Yrs 5 & 6: 10.45am-12.30pm

Monday 10 December

Parent Consultation Week

Years 1-6 Carol Service rehearsal in church (please come to school as usual in the morning) ***Please ensure your child has their formal hat/cap in school all week***

Normal afternoon activities & clubs

Tuesday 11 December

Yrs 1-6 Carol Service rehearsal in church (please come to school as usual in the morning)

Yrs 1 & 2 Fun Swim (last session)

Normal afternoon activities & clubs

Wednesday 12 December

Yrs 5 & 6 sports at school

Yr 6 Carol Service rehearsal in church (please come to school as usual in the morning)

Munch Bunch club (KG, Pre-Rec & Rec) as usual for pre-booked children only until 5.30pm.

All Yr 3-6 children to stay at school until 5.30pm when they will be walked down to church by school staff. Yrs 1 & 2 not in pre-booked No. 1 Club to come to church at 5.45pm.

Carol Service, King Charles the Martyr Church, 6.00pm - all warmly welcome

Thursday 13 December

Christmas lunch for everyone

All PE kits & trainers/football boots to go home

No after school clubs/activities today, all children to be collected by 4.00pm

Friday 14 December

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children, suggested donation of £2 per child

KG & Pre-Rec: Christmas party at school - **KG & Pre-Rec break up from school at 12.00pm**

Christmas Panto trip for Reception-Yr 6 (children to be walked to Assembly Halls with staff) - **Rec-Yr 6 break up for Christmas Holidays from Assembly Halls Theatre, collect from foyer at 1.00pm**

Tuesday 8 January 2019 - Return to school (After school clubs commence)

Dear parents,

One of our development aims is to strengthen our partnership with you in our joint mission to give our children the best possible start to their education. I saw that in action recently as a few brave volunteers came in for STEAM club and shared their experience as engineers. The club members were enthralled and it was lovely to see just how proud the children were to welcome their parents into school.

The collective expertise of the parent body is really something I'd like to tap into as we push for an increasingly inspirational learning environment. As such, from January, I would like to start a Curiosity Club which would involve guest workshops from any of you (with children in any year group in the school) who would like to share your expertise and experience with the children. You would need to commit to only one or two slots at 4.30pm on a Monday as I would hope we would receive enough interest to invite a new guest speaker almost every week. The content could be work related but could also just as easily be focused on a passionate interest or hobby or a skill like speaking a foreign language. Please do let me know if you'd be happy to run a workshop and we can then discuss the details a little further. The more hands-on and involved the children are, the better. I will, of course, be running a variety of activities on any weeks that we're without a guest and so the club will run regardless of the take up.

On a similar note, if there are any of you with a particular expertise in or passion for Chess, I'd be interested in recruiting for that club on a Friday afternoon at 4.30pm?

Please find the Club List for next term attached as well as details on other extra-curricular activities. We now have four double floodlights for the large astro-pitch and so we're very excited about our club offering for the darker half of next term. Cookery has also been a big hit and a whole new schedule of recipes is set to inspire the children from January. Please could you email Elizabeth your club choices no later than Wednesday 2nd January (or preferably, if possible, by the end of term next Friday) so we can begin to organise the groups.

Kind regards,

Andrew Webster



A wonderful performance from our Early Years children at their Nativity Play this week

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MENU (W/C Monday 10 December):

Monday

Pasta Day with Garlic Bread/ Fresh Fruit

Tea: Fresh Filled Sandwiches/ Fruit

Tuesday

Cowboy Casserole/ Yoghurts

Tea: Fresh Filled Rolls/ Fruit

Wednesday

Burgers, Potato Wedges & Salad/ Cookies

Tea: Pizza & Sausage Rolls/ Fruit

Thursday

Christmas Lunch

SPORTS REPORT:

Football:

Our Year 5 & 6 boys completed the first round of the Mead football cup this week. The boys have made huge progress this term and it has been a pleasure to watch them play. Years 3 & 4 competed in the much anticipated inter-house football on Thursday. Well done to all the boys for representing their houses with such enthusiasm & congratulations to the winner - Wellington!

-Ms Kate Girling & Mr P Leroy



Netball:

The final netball fixture of term was hugely successful for the U9A team, who convincingly beat Holmewood House with some excellent play which was a joy to watch. A loss this week for the B team who never stopped trying and gave a feisty performance against a very good side whose shooters hardly missed a shot.



The U8 A & B teams played their best netball of the season, with a loss for the As and a win for the Bs. Special mention to Elisabetta B and Amelia O who played beautifully together as shooters.

The U10s travelled to Hilden Grange for two matches. Losses for both teams in the first round of matches but they re-grouped to play some lovely netball in their second round of matches, with a draw for the red team and a narrow loss for the blue team.

The U11s played at The Mead against Hilden Grange, playing more effectively as the game went on. Hilden Grange deserved their win this time but the Mead girls were playing some really good netball by the end.

Thank you girls for all your hard work this term and good luck in 2019 with your matches. It has been a pleasure coaching you all.

-Mrs Karen Harman

Congratulations to this Week's Award Winners



Birds, Cats & Ants

Birds:

Amelia Ashley

Lily Bentley

Elliott Berry

Isabelle Chattenton

Oliver Corby

Milo Deniz

Thomas Gerrish

Florence Grebot Baker

Sean Hollywood

Nathalia Jackson

Charlie McAllister

Misty McQuitty Hindmarsh

Oscar Sanford

Andrew Thomson

Ants:

All of Year 2

Cats:

Olivia James

Stars-in-a-Jar:

Alexander Clinton

Emma Lillie

William Piggott

**Birds: Awarded to children who show compassion for others.*

**Cats: Awarded to children who show curiosity.*

**Ants: Awarded to children who show ambition.*

**Stars-in-a-Jar: Outstanding examples of work are taken to Mr Agnew and the children pop their name in the Star Jar. Every Friday, names are pulled from the jar and the winners receive a colourful piece of stationery.
(Names above are this week's Star-in-a-Jar winners.)*

NOTICES:

-Mead Christmas Postbox: If you child would like to 'post' Christmas cards to their fellow pupils this can be done using the red post box in front reception. Please write the full name & class of the child on the envelope. The postbox will be emptied on the morning of Thursday 13 December.

-Second Hand Uniform: Parent Mrs Gemma James organises the second hand uniform on behalf of FoM and is at school most Friday afternoons from 3.00-3.30pm when items can be purchased. Mrs James has a list of what items are available so please send any queries via the school office.

-Missing Uniform/Items: Isabel's (2W) tap shoes; Max's (6W) watch (blue XPLORE); Josh's (4L) glasses (navy blue frame); Katie's (3C) coat; Isabelle's (4L) blouse; Vassilys' (2W) hat and scarf
Please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend.