



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn

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Key Dates:

Sunday 1 Oct

Switch off Sunday (Green Team)

Wednesday 4 Oct

Professional photographer visiting

Tuesday 10 Oct

Young Shakespeare Co visiting KS2

Thursday 12 Oct

Open Day (10.00am-12.00pm/2.15-3.15pm)

Friday 13 Oct

FOM Film Night & Parents' Drinks (6.00-8.00pm)

On Parentmail this week:

-Professional photographer visiting school Wednesday 4 Oct, smart uniform please

-Year 1-4 - consent forms for flu immunisation in book bags (Reception will receive directly from NHS)

-Years 4,5,6 - summer activity holiday spaces filling up, return deposit & form to Mr Leroy ASAP to reserve space

-RNCF Cycle ride - Please return sponsorship forms/money by Friday 6 Oct

Dear Parents,

This Sunday, Mrs Lake (our new year 4 teacher and eco-coordinator) invites you all to 'switch off'. As one of our eco initiatives we have asked the children to join this national event and spend at least one hour of Sunday detached from all technology.

But why not go further? Our generation are blessed to potentially be the last to walk the earth who knew a time before the internet. We have a perspective that can never be fully taught or understood by all future generations of digital natives.

With little regard for the hypocrisy, I'm sure I'm not the only parent at the Mead failing to resist adopting the same intensely annoying martyrdom of our own parents as we tell our children of the halcyon days of our youth, before mobiles and Facebook and with only a cup and a ball on a string to entertain ourselves. And yet, I'm sure I'm also not the only one who now reaches for their phone when they wake up in the morning. Sunday is an opportunity to take a breath and look up.

I challenge all Mead families to go the whole day without switching on. To take time to appreciate the world around us and those that help to fill it with a little bit of joy. I look forward to seeing some refreshed and reflective faces on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew Webster

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Thought for the Week:

The purpose of this new section is to share any pastoral themes with parents so that conversations can continue at home. This week we have discussed the power of one individual as we shared a story of a boy who transformed his life and school by simply holding the door open for people. Perhaps dinner table conversations could relate to the choices we make and the impact they can have on our lives and those of others.



Family cycle ride for RNCF was a great success & a lovely family day



Excited Year 6s head off to the Isle of Wight, KG/Pre-Rec enjoy their new play-blocks & Year 4 construct digestive systems

Next Week's Menu:

Monday

Pasta Day, Garlic Bread & Cucumber
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Chilli Con Carne & Rice
Smoothies

Wednesday

Chicken Pie, Potatoes & Peas
Ice Cream Roll

Thursday

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Carrots
Custards/Yoghurts

Friday

Fish Friday
Chocolate Surprise

Term Dates - Autumn:

Fri 20 Oct

Break up for half term (12 noon)

Mon 30 Oct

Return from half term

Fri 15 Dec

Break up for Christmas holidays (12 noon)

Friends of The Mead News:

This week saw Kindergarten and Pre-Reception receive some wonderful new outdoor equipment, funded by Friends of The Mead. The weatherproof blocks and planks are robust and tactile and will, no doubt, provide years of fun and stimulation for the younger members of our school community.

Mrs Ovenden commented, "The children enjoyed unpacking the blocks enormously and investigating the different ways they could be used from building a rocket to making a jack in the box from the boxes they came in, all demonstrating the amount of open ended play opportunities available to them."

It is particularly rewarding to think that with the official opening of the new playground last week and this week's delivery of equipment for Kindergarten and Pre-Reception, FOM's hard work and fundraising is truly benefitting the whole school.

In other news, the school pupil council selected 'The Secret Life Of Pets' as the film for the forthcoming FOM movie night which will take place on Friday 13th October. Watch out for full details via Parent Mail and in book bags on Monday, when tickets go on sale. The FOM committee hopes that lots of parents will enjoy a drink at the school whilst the children watch the movie.

Finally, the FOM committee recently learnt of a fantastic example of the spirit of The Mead reaching beyond our school community. Parent Gemma James works tirelessly to manage second-hand school uniform items as many of you will be aware and has recently supported a project to clothe children in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco this winter by providing some redundant clothing via a former Mead School family.

James Piggott

Chair, Friends of The Mead

Parent Notices:

-Autumn Fair in aid of Barnabas Fund for persecuted Christians in Syria and Iraq. Saturday 7 Oct, 10.00am-1.00pm, King Charles Church Hall, Warwick Rd, Tunbridge Wells. Stalls & refreshments. Admission free.

-Netball, rugby & squash skills development camps at Sevenoaks School, October half term. Age 8+. Flier in school office. Visit www.sennockecentre.co.uk/courses for further information.



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