



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

Term: Autumn

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Key Dates:

Monday 16 Oct

Harvest donations welcome (see Parentmail) Monday-Thursday.

RI & Years 1-4 Flu immunisation

Year 5, South East Water talk

Tuesday 17 Oct

Early Years forest school / Year 4 trip Chatham Synagogue & Rochester Cathedral

Wednesday 18 Oct

FoM Meeting, 8.45 am/ Year 2 trip Kew Gardens

Friday 20 Oct

Harvest Festival, 11.15 am, all welcome/ Break up for half term at 12.00 pm

Secondary School Open Day

Dates:

The Skinners' School (for current Year 6): 16/10 & 18/10

Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys (for 2018 entry): 16/10 & 19/10

Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School: 18/10 & for 2018 entry: 17/10 & 19/10

Weald of Kent Grammar School: 17/10

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Dear Parents,

Open Day was a triumph. As I've mentioned to many of you on the step, I'm loving my new job and feel proud and privileged to be the Head of such a wonderful school. On Thursday I was fit for bursting. Your children were remarkable and every visitor indeed remarked on how happy and polite they all were. Our year 6 tour guides were confident and considerate, asking interesting and thoughtful questions as well as being inspirationally enthusiastic about their school. At one moment, I stood near the stairwell on the ground floor and could hear the sounds of tap shoes, ippons (judo) and laughter all merging marvellously. The fact that one chap went to get his cheque book and came straight back with signed registration forms says it all.

At lunch, I sat chatting to two year 6 girls about their tours. They were so articulate, mature and comfortable throughout the conversation that I totally forgot they are only 10 years old. But then, after they had effortlessly cleared away the table, came the moment which sums up the Mead. After capably holding a very grown up conversation, I then asked them what their plans were for playtime, to which they replied "Not sure...we'll probably just play 'it' again". And that is the magic of the Mead, giving them the confidence to cope in all sorts of situations whilst ensuring we cherish their childhood.

As I say, I'm very proud, as should you be.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew Webster

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Thought for the Week:

All of our best wishes go with Mrs Wilson as she heads off on maternity leave today. With the imminent arrival of baby number 3 into the Wilson household, I'd like to ask all big brothers and sisters out there to think about how we can do a better job of looking after our younger siblings. Fill their bucket this weekend (that goes for older siblings amongst the Mums and Dads as well, me included)! Mr W



KS2 enjoy interactive workshop with Young Shakespeare Company, Year 6 welcome visitors for Open Day & Kindy enjoy conker rolling!



Success for our U10 netball team this week, sausage roll making in Cookery Club & our U8/9 footy team relaxing post-match

Next Week's Menu:

Monday

Chicken Korma, Rice & Cucumber

Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Pasta Bolognese & Sweetcorn

Smoothies

Wednesday

Mexican Day

Ice Cream

Thursday

Burger Day

Cookies

Friends of The Mead News:

As I write this, final preparations are being made for tonight's Friends of The Mead Movie Night and Parent Drinks. It looks like being the best attended FOM Movie Night to date and the continued support of FOM's activities is enormously appreciated.

As you may be aware, parent Gemma James generously gives her time sorting, managing and selling second-hand Mead School uniform, with proceeds going to FOM. We would like to have another drive on pre-owned uniform and would be very grateful for your donations of clean, good quality, current uniform which you no longer require. It would be very helpful if you would remove any name tags and drop off your items to the school office. With the support of other volunteer helpers, Gemma has historically raised significant funds for FOM in this way. Watch out for details of our next second-hand uniform sale coming soon.

Please also watch out for full details of next week's FOM meeting, taking place next Wednesday, 18th October, via Parentmail shortly.

Finally, I'm happy to share that FOM has just renewed a subscription to Aquila magazine, giving pupils access for another year. Full details of the magazine can be found here: <https://www.aquila.co.uk/>

James Piggott

Chair

Friends of The Mead

Term Dates - Autumn:

Friday 20 Oct

Break up for half term (12 noon)

Monday 30 Oct

Return from half term

Friday 15 Dec

Break up for Christmas holidays (12 noon)

18 Dec - 21 Dec - Holiday Club

Tuesday 9 Jan

Start of spring term

Sports Report:

Netball: Great results for our U10 netball team in their match against Brick-lehurst on Wednesday. The team received a special mention from Mr Webster in assembly today. They were 3-1 down at half time. The weather was miserable and the opposition coach was offering to call the game early. The girls refused, showed real grit and determination and won the match 4-3. Superb!

Football: Our U8/9 football team had a very good match against Beechwood this week. Our boys played 4 quarter matches and Mr Leroy changed the team every quarter. We won 1 quarter, drew 2 quarters and lost 1. Mr Leroy said there was great team progress from last match and the enthusiasm was again very high. Keep up the good work!



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