



The Mead School

NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates:

Wednesday 8 Nov

Reception - Grandparents' Day
U10/11 football, Skippers Hill,
2.30pm

Monday 13 Nov

Year 3 Viking Day

Tuesday 14 Nov

Steps in Time, Years 4,5,6

Wednesday 15 Nov

FOM meeting, 8.45am

Thursday 16 Nov

U9 football vs Skippers Hill, home,
2.30pm

Friday 17 Nov

Own Clothes Day - Children in Need
ISA Football Tournament

Saturday 18 Nov

ISA Swimming Gala

Monday 20 Nov

Year 5 - Victorian Day
Reception - Year 2 - Perform in
school

Dear Parents,

I am so pleased to announce the arrival of Albert Stanley Wilson into the world, who at 11.21pm on 31st October 2017 was potentially the youngest person on the planet and most certainly one of the lightest at 6lb 9oz. I am sure you will join me in sending our love and congratulations to Caroline and her entire family and the best of British to Albert as he begins his journey growing up with two older sisters!

An immeasurable thank you to all of you for your support with the new parking and drop off routines in the morning. I hope you agree that they have made a noticeable improvement to the morning rush. Thank you especially to everyone for respecting the drop off only rule at the front of the school. Currently, we only have a handful of families using the minibus shuttle or the EYFS car park and so I would encourage more to do the same in order to make these options viable in the long term.

Congratulations to all of our children who competed in sports fixtures this week, a huge testament to the staff given Mr Leroy's absence. Both the boys and the girls performed very admirably and successfully against Sacred Heart with the result of the week going to our year 6 netball team who won 12-3. Fixtures and team sport are set to increase dramatically over the coming months and so it's exciting times ahead for the PE department. Congratulations also to Jonty Gillett in year 6 who was recently awarded a Drama Exhibition to Sutton Valence School for September 2018.

Sadly, we say goodbye this week to Vikki from the kitchen team. A job offer at her children's school presented a logistical opportunity that was too hard to turn down but she is as sad to leave the Mead family as we are sad to see her go. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Beware, beware and make sure you all stay safe and enjoy the fireworks!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Andrew Webster

Thought for the Week:

Please google 'no arms, no legs and no worries' and watch the 4 minutes clip about the most inspirational man, Nick Vujicic. I showed the children this video in Monday's assembly and we discussed how he can inspire us to lose our fear of failure and begin to believe that we can achieve anything if we put our minds to it. I'd love for you to continue this conversation over the weekend.



A happy reunion with friends after half term & our Year 1 budding computer experts design their own PCs for ICT



A tasty bonfire treat for Kindergarten & Pre-Reception, fun at playtime

Menu (W/C Monday 6 Nov):

Monday

Pasta Day, Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Salad

Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Lamb Hot Pot, Carrots & Cabbage

Rice Pudding & Jam

Wednesday

Meatballs, Mash & Carrots

Ice Cream

Thursday

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower

Crumble & Custard

Friday

Fish Friday

Cookies

Term Dates:

Friday 15 Dec

Break up for Christmas holidays (12 noon)

18 Dec - 21 Dec - Holiday Club

Tuesday 9 Jan

Start of Spring Term

Friday 9 Feb

Break up for half term

Monday 19 Feb

Return to school

Friends of The Mead News:

As plans for the forthcoming Friends of The Mead Winter Fayre develop apace, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on FOM's work and share a couple of my objectives for my tenure as Chair.

FOM's stated mission is to, 'Add value to the education of pupils in the school' and FOM's twin objectives are, 'To raise money for activities or items that add value to the children's lives at The Mead School and to create a more cohesive community of parents and teachers at the school.'

Since taking over as Chair at the start of the current academic year, I have had the opportunity to make my small contribution to the official opening of the new playground and to the recent movie night. Much more importantly, though, I have had the opportunity to witness first hand the incredible work and efforts that go into making FOM events such a success and to see the pleasure which FOM's work gives to the pupils.

To watch the older children enjoying the new playground equipment, funded in part by FOM, and the younger pupils playing creatively, imaginatively and collaboratively with the building blocks recently purchased outright by FOM is a true privilege. To see the way that teachers, non-teaching staff, parents and extended family members pull together and move mountains for the ultimate benefit of the children is remarkable.

This brings me neatly to a couple of my objectives.

Not only do I want to play my small part in FOM's fundraising activities, I also want to make sure that you are aware of the impact of your support. I want to raise the profile of FOM, it's work and it's reach. I want to make sure that we all recognise and celebrate FOM's contribution.

So, as FOM once again calls upon the kindness and generosity of the school community to make the Winter Fayre a success, I wanted to say thank you and let you know just how much your support means to current and future generations of pupils at The Mead.

James Piggott

Chair

Friends of The Mead

FOM WINTER FAYRE: SATURDAY 25 NOV, 12-2PM

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