



8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope that you all have had a lovely summer break. It has been great to see the children returning to school this week so happy and confident and eager to share all their news from the holidays.

I would like to welcome all of our new staff, new children and families who have joined the Mead family. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children. If you have any questions or you are unsure about anything please do not hesitate to ask, we are always happy to help.

I am pleased to report that our building works were completed over the holiday period. We now have four extra rooms which we can use for breakout space and interventions which will benefit all of our children. We also have a lovely new refurbished office for our admin team who play a key role in the success of our school.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. These are some of the things that we will be focusing on this year:

- Maintaining the school's robust safeguarding policies and procedures so that there continues to be a strong safeguarding culture
- We will be continuing to ensure that our curriculum continues to maximise outcomes and learning experiences
- Implementing new Art, Design and Technology and PSHE schemes to support the teaching and learning of these subjects
- Revisiting our behaviour policy to ensure that it reflects current research
- Continuing to work collaboratively with Auriol to create a "Primary Community"
- Continuing to ensure that good standards of attendance and punctuality are maintained in line with new DFE expectations
- Continuing to ensure that equality, diversity and inclusion to ensure is at the front and center to all of our thinking, actions and planning
- Extending the curriculum by increasing the opportunities for all pupils to develop and stretch their talents and interests during their time at The Mead

Upcoming Year Group Parent Meetings

This is an informal meeting where the Teachers will share information about general routines and the curriculum in your child's year group. We have decided to keep these meetings virtual for Reception, year 1 and 2 as in previous years parents have not been able to attend face to face due to work commitments. The meetings for Nursery parents will take place in the School Hall. The meetings will last for approximately half an hour and we are hoping that as many parents as possible will be able to attend. Further information will be sent out with the zoom link in due course.

Nursery - Monday 18th September at 9.10 (School Hall)

Year R -Tuesday 19th September at 2.00 pm (via zoom)

Year 1 –Wednesday 20th September at 9.30am (via zoom)

Year 2 -Wednesday 20th September at 2:00 pm (via zoom)

We do appreciate that it may not be possible for all of you to attend so we will make sure that the presentations are put on the website for you to read afterwards.

Reminders

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform. If your child is wearing trainers to school they must be all black including any logo. Hair bands should be small and discreet and in school colours (blue, grey or white only). Please see our school website for a list of uniform if you are unsure.

We have reviewed our school uniform policy which will be sent out in due course to you. One change is that we have decided to allow the wearing of earrings. However, they must only be a small stud, and must be removed for PE. Your child must be able to do this themselves or if they are unable to do this, your child must not wear earrings on PE days. This is for health and safety reasons.

PE Days

Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. During the colder months, children can wear grey tracksuit bottoms. Staff will also be wearing sports kits on the days they teach PE. Reception will not need to do this just yet; your teachers will let you know in the coming up next week when this will start.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leopards	Hedgehogs Bears	Squirrels Hedgehogs Reception	Monkeys Badgers Leopards	Monkeys Badgers Squirrels Bears



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Current Drop off and Pick up Times

If you have siblings please drop your Reception children off first.

To ease congestion there is a one way system into the Nursery and Reception pick up and drop off area. The blue gate into the Nursery outdoor classroom will be entry only and parents are expected to leave via the gate next to footpath.

Year Group/Class	Drop Off	Location	Pick Up	Location
Rock Hoppers (15hrs)	9.00	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)	12.00	Cuddington Avenue side of school
Rock Hoppers (30hrs)	9.00	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)	3.00	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)
Emperors	9.00	Cudas Close side of the school(Nursery outdoor classroom)	3.00	Cudas Close side of the school(Nursery outdoor classroom)
Reception	8.50	Cudas Close side of the school(Nursery outdoor classroom)	2.50	Cudas Close side of the school(Nursery outdoor classroom)
Year 1	Between 8.50 and 9.00	Year 1 classroom doors accessed by the black gate next to the field	2.50	Year 1 class room doors accessed by the black gate next to the field
Year 2	Between 8.50 and 9.00	Doors by the school mosaic	3.00	Circles in the playground- please wait behind the green fence in the main playground

Please note that for safety of our staff and children the school gates will be locked at 9.10am and 3.10pm

If you arrive late to the school, please take your child to the school office, which is accessed via Cuddington Avenue during the school day after 9.10am

Scooters and Bikes

We love to see children scooting or cycling to school but please remember that once they are in the playground they must not cycle or scoot. The reason we ask the children not to do so is because it is very busy during these times and accidents can happen. The bike and scooter racks are behind the school near the year 1 classrooms.

Parking

Please remember there are parking restrictions on Cudas Close and Cuddington Avenue. It means that you must not park or wait in your car during drop off and pick up times unless you are a blue badge holder. These are there to keep our families safe, please help us to do this by abiding by the restrictions.

Parent Volunteers.

We are looking forward to welcoming parent volunteers into school. If this is something that you are interested in doing and finding out more about please could you email the school office office@mead.surrey.sch.uk to register your interest by Friday 15th September.

Communication

Teachers are usually available at the end of the day for you to ask them any questions but please wait until they have made sure that all of their children have been handed over safely to their parents and carers. They are also happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time if you need a longer opportunity to talk with them or give you a call if you are unable to see them at school. You can also email your teacher via the class email. Attached is our email protocol with a reminder of all class emails.

Mrs Bedford (my Deputy Head and SEND Leader) and I are out in the playground before and after school when we can be, but if you need to make an appointment to see us, please do this through the school office by email or telephone and we will try our best to see you as soon as possible. We are always happy to meet with you and work together to resolve any issues.

I shall be sending further communication in due course with dates for events for the term, which are shared with Auriol. All dates will be published on our calendar on our school website.

I appreciate that there is lots of information to remember, but we are always happy to help, so please just ask us if you are not sure.

Kindest regards
Mrs Creasey



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Upcoming Events

Monday 19 th September	Nursery Parent Welcome Meeting	9.10 School Hall
Tuesday 20 th September	Year R Parent Welcome Meeting	2.00 Zoom Meeting (details to follow)
Wednesday 21 st September	Year 2 Parent Welcome Meeting	2.00 Zoom Meeting (details to follow)
Thursday 21 st September	Year 1 Parent Welcome Meeting	9.30- Zoom Meeting (details to follow)
Monday 25 th September	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	
Monday 2nd October	Year R parents workshop Phonics/ reading	9.00- Hall (further information to follow)
Monday 9 th October	Year 1 parent's workshop Phonics/ reading	9.00am – Hall (further information to follow)
Week beginning Monday 16 th October	Parent consultations	Virtual – further details will follow
Tuesday 17 th October and Wednesday 18 th October	Individual Class photos	
Friday 20th October	Break for half term	2 weeks (return Monday 6 th November)
Monday 7 th November	Year R Parent Maths Workshop	9.00 - Hall
Tuesday 7 th November	Year 1 Drop in for parents to see classrooms look at work with children	8.40-9.00

	Year 2 Drop in for parents to see classrooms look at work with children	2.40-3.00
Wednesday 8th November	Year 2 Drop in for parents to see classrooms look at work with children Year 1 Drop in for parents to see classrooms look at work with children	8.40-9.00 2.40-3.00
Monday 13 th November	Year 1 Parent Maths Workshop	9.00 - Hall
Tuesday 5 th December	Rock hopper Penguin Christmas Show	9.30
Wednesday 6th December	Emperor Penguin Christmas Show	9.30
Thursday 8 th December	Reception Christmas Show	9.30
Friday 9 th December	Reception Christmas Show	9.30
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 Christmas Show Year 2 Christmas Show	9.15 10.15
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 2 Christmas Show Year 1 Christmas Show	9.15 10.15
Friday 16 th December	End of term- usual finish time	
Tuesday 2nd January	Term starts and all children return	

Please keep a look out on "Coming up Next Week" for further events specific to the year groups.