

River Mead School



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STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am hoping to stay in contact with you all weekly via this newsletter. If you have questions or need information, please let me know via the office e-mail with 'newsletter' in the subject line. I will then create a 'frequently asked questions' section.

School is **CLOSED** until we are told otherwise by the government however we are 'open' for keyworker children. This does mean that the class teachers and school staff are all working in rotation in school. This will mean that on some weeks your child's work will be seen online, but they may not get a comprehensive reply, as the teacher is teaching!

We know that you will be finding it a challenge having your children home and trying to teach them too, it will be easier if you get in a routine and stick to it! Write it out where you can all see it and use your 'timetable'. Please just do the best you can in these difficult circumstances, and be mindful that your child's teacher will not be setting a 9am-3.15pm school days' worth of work!

If you set a timetable you can space the learning out with playtime, TV time, fitness, snack, board game, lunch, learning, dinner, family time, etc... If you are using additional online resources too, well done! There are links on the Trust website to help you here; <https://www.themeadtrust.org/learning/curriculum/home-learning/>

Remember you have all sorts of great things in your houses that they can use to count, match, find and create with; pens, paper and technology are only a part of learning. Enjoy your time learning together, don't worry about what they can or can't do, be kind to yourselves and remember we are all doing the best we can (I'm trying to teach my GCSE level teenagers when I can!), this week my boys have also learnt how to bake a cake following a recipe!

Stay home, stay safe.

Best wishes

Mrs Karen Austin

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Messages for Class teachers

Please e-mail office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk Or homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

Teachers WILL NOT be responding to direct messages on Seesaw / Google classrooms unless it's a quick reply, if there is a common class issue, they will support the class as a whole. We appreciate its tricky, but they don't have enough time to reply to 30 separate messages as well as support the children's online learning. If in doubt do your best or try something different!

Free School Meals

If you were eligible you will have received either a supermarket voucher or box of food calculated on the number of children, (if a nursery child based on your normal attendance) for two weeks. We are hoping the government will have a system in place in a couple of weeks. Meanwhile we have done our best to support you all, thank you for being patient.

Mrs Austin's weekly challenge

I thought I would join you all and have some fun, so this week's challenge is to make a rainbow! Send your pictures to homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk and I will include some in the newsletter next week.

"I'm continually inspired by nature, and the rainbow is one of nature's greatest optical phenomenon. The sighting of a rainbow never fails to bring a smile to people's faces. They signify optimism and positivity: with them comes the sunshine after the rain." - **Matthew Williamson**

To give you some ideas - here's the one I made with my family! ☺



Star of the week

We will continue to celebrate 'Star of the Week', teachers are looking at your online learning and the other super activities you are doing and for those still with us, your work and activities in school too!

This week we are celebrating;

- **Otters** - Kyle Seward, working hard on his handwriting and number bonds to 10!
- **Magpies** – Lexi Fitzpatrick, super home learning especially getting the grown-ups to join in with Joe Wicks!
- **Frogs** – Lillie Godard, excellent plant research and writing this up beautifully
- **Hérons** – Rohan Parker, for your awesome experiments at home!
- **Kestrels** – Callum Miller, finishing all of the work he was set and more!
- **Badgers** – Delilah O'Donovan, excellent 'full' answers to her reading comprehension
- **Buzzards** – Kallum Pritchard, Super home learning
- **Beehive** – Kaiden Coe, for completing his home learning and his 'victory' dance!
- **School** - Dylan Cleasby, super Plane building for 'fly to the line'
- **School** – Oliver Cook, Great enthusiasm with Joe wicks sessions and plotting Where in the world people were joining in, on the map.



Reading Olympics

Are you still reading?

I hope you are finding time to read every day – count your reads each week and let your teacher know!

This week

Nadia Salamonska has achieved her 'gold' home reader award
