

River Mead School



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Lowbourn, Melksham SN12 7ED

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The school office is open and you can contact school via the telephone if you need assistance

Our school latest news: <http://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news>

Our Twitter feed: @TweetRiverMead

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/River-Mead-School-728064724207622/>

STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are continuing to support your children with online learning at home. Please contact us if you are having trouble logging on to SeeSaw or for the Beehive classes Dojo, please contact the school office or homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk. It is important you are able to log on and access the learning on offer if you choose to do so. If you can please encourage your child to read every day with you or by themselves if they are able to.

As we have said we just wanted to reassure you that while we will continue to post regular online activities, we know that some of you are dipping in and out of these activities. This is absolutely fine! If you'd like to post a photo of other activities you have been doing at home you are more than welcome to, but you do not have to if it's tricky. We hope the activities that we are posting are useful, but want you to know that there is no pressure to complete them all on one day or even at all!

A member of the staff team will also phone your household every couple of weeks, and in some cases more often. Its important we are able to speak to yourselves and ensure you are ok, but also the children to maintain those very important links with them directly - It's a bit like a "good morning / good afternoon" at the school gate or classroom door. We are not 'checking-up' on you but 'checking-in' with you. We pride ourselves in normal circumstances on being available to help and support you, this is just the same.

Remember if you want MORE home learning there are additional resources and links here;
<https://www.themeadtrust.org/learning/curriculum/home-learning/>

The BBC will also be offering online support from today via BBC bitesize
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

.....and the very popular bedtime stories here (and on i-player) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories>

Stay safe everyone!

Best Wishes

Mrs Karen Austin

Free school Meals

Schools are now able to access the government scheme for providing 'virtual' vouchers which have been e-mailed to families who are eligible. 'Edenred' the company managing the vouchers are, as you can imagine very busy and there have been some delays and these arriving to families! We are sorry for the delay but it is out of our hands. If you are in need of emergency support, please contact the school office between 8-5pm weekdays or e-mail the office. Hopefully these are now beginning to clear!

River Mead School Display

Over the next few weeks we will be creating a display on one of the boards in the school hall that will remain up until we are all back together. We are going to create a 'River Mead Tree' where the leaves represent everyone in our school community.

We have been inspired by an idea that was shared on twitter. A tree with leaves that represent important people.

We would like children, families and staff to create a leaf/leaves that we can add to the display.

The leaves could be made in lots of different ways; drawing, painting, folding paper, Lego, using things in the garden – I'm sure you have lots of other creative ideas!

Photographs of your leaves can be sent to homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk and we will print them out and add to the display in school. We will keep you updated as the tree grows!

Your leaves could also be posted to school if that is easier. River Mead School

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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** - Jo Jo M
- **Magpies** – Jasmine K
- **Frogs** – Ersa D
- **Hérons** – Adam B
- **Kestrels** – Belle
- **Badgers** – George B
- **Buzzards** – Finlay-Jay S
- **In-school** – Kieran OT



COVID Symptom App



The COVID Symptom App has been launched with researchers at Guy's & St Thomas' & King's College to help slow the spread of #COVID19 and identify at-risk cases sooner by self-reporting symptoms daily, even if people feel well. You can download the app here: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/> You are encouraged to login and share your status every day (even when well) to help provide data for the policy makers to work with. Please share this app as widely as you can. The greater number the number of people contributing each day, the greater chances we have of tracking and slowing this awful virus.



Have you been offered a school place at River Mead School, Reception "Otters Class" for September 2020. Please let us know when you have accepted your place online and we will send you a code to join our online pre-school activities, we can also send you information about how we can continue to stay connected and welcome you to our school family in these difficult times!

Email: office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/>

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We know this is a difficult time for many and through our Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub we are working hard to ensure the most vulnerable in our community get the support they need.

If you need support, or know someone who does, the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub can be contacted on 0300 003 4576 or by email at wellbeinghub@wiltshire.co.uk

The hub is open Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm and weekends, 10am – 4pm.

So far, we have contacted more than 8,000 people and delivered more than 600 food parcels, so please get in touch if you need to.



#WiltshireTogether

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wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Great Online activities from the Scouts

With a scout leader in my house, a Scout and young leader (and I occasionally get to help too), I thought you might like to try some of these at home -*Mrs Austin*

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/?setting=At%20home>