

River Mead School



20th April 2020

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](https://twitter.com/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 entering a further week of 'stay in, stay safe, save lives', we all know how challenging this can be, I know I am having to draw on my patience and resilience with everyone being at home! Be kind to yourselves and remember we are only a phone call away if you need us, even if you just need a to speak to a familiar voice. There is someone in the school office Monday to Friday, or leave us a message and we will call you back.

I know many of you have appreciated the class teachers phoning to speak to both you and the children. It has been good for us all to hear one-another's voices and talk about any worries or concerns you have as well as celebrate the lovely learning that is taking place at home. Mrs Udakis and Mrs Feierabend are not in school on the rota as they are 'shielding' so this has not been as easy to organise for them. Whilst we arrange for a school mobile phone to be delivered to them another member of the team will touch base with you; if you have more than one child you might get more than one call!

This week I would like to share the lovely news that Mrs Feierabend is expecting a baby! If she were in school, you might have noticed by now... It is so lovely to be able to share some exciting and 'good news' with you all. Baby Feierabend is expected to arrive in July, we are all very much looking forward to seeing pictures and send the family all our love. If you have any messages for Mrs Feierabend, please send them to homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk and we will pass them on.

Stay safe everyone!

Best Wishes

Mrs Karen Austin

Sharing the good news stories of Wiltshire's amazing young people

We'd love to share some of the good work and positive examples your pupils are doing at schools during this time. It can anything from rainbow pictures for our food parcels or other work they have been doing.

I'm sure you are hearing about how your pupils are taking the time during COVID-19 to help out in their communities or provide their own unique offers of help at school and wider afield. We would love to be able to share some of those stories on a wider platform. Please can you ask your students if they would be willing to share their story (ideally with a picture attached as a jpeg) this will need to be accompanied by parental consent and emailed to events@wiltshire.gov.uk. Once we have a few

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.

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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** - Kyla
- **Magpies** – Murdoch
- **Frogs** – Rebecca
- **Hérons** –Mollie
- **Kestrels** – Amelia
- **Badgers** –Kenasai
- **Buzzards** – Nadia
- **In-school** – Lily-Mae



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So you could pick and choose the ideas that feel right for you, adapt our suggestions or even come up with your own. And you can use whatever language you feel most comfortable with

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Wiltshire Council
Melksham Area Board



Melksham Without
Parish Council



Melksham
Town Council



Age Friendly
Melksham

Melksham Community Response

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

19th April to 26th April



86

We have collected and delivered 86 prescriptions in and around Melksham taking the total number of prescriptions delivered to 318



53

We have shopped for and delivered essential items to 53 households - that's 250 shopping trips in total now



Thank You

We are 5 weeks into #Lockdown and the team at Melksham Community Response wanted to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all of the wonderful volunteers to who make this project possible



179

We answered 179 phone calls on our dedicated support line - that's almost 1,000 calls since we started



17

17 wonderful new volunteers joined our team - we now have over 400 lovely people helping!



11

We walked people's dogs 11 times who would not have been exercised - that's 45 in total



92

We opened 92 new cases where we provided support to residents - a total of 446 since day one



The number to call if you need help

01225 809265

support@melkshamcommunity.co.uk

Online support at melkshamcommunity.co.uk

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#WiltshireTogether

0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council

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.

See Saw online learning

Well done if you have been accessing your online Learning on Seesaw, if you are still having trouble, this link may help <https://youtu.be/UfNMYsfvc4w> remember only do what you can manage and having a learning routine at home will help. We love seeing your work and activities that you have been doing at home. If you have trouble with any of your home learning remember you can email homelearning@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk



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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The Afternoon Club

And if you have young children in your family, it can be a particular challenge keeping them entertained and stimulated.

BBC are trying to help a little with this. A new online series, **The Afternoon Club**, is part of the BBC's newly expanded education offering during this time.

It offers educational videos aimed at primary-aged children and their parents with a new lesson available

on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/ehfz3d> each day.

The practical and interactive lessons cover everything from arts and crafts to science, dancing and sport.

Previous episodes can be found here;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3bhl2GjnD1523xD6Q6xRLq1/previous-episodes-of-the-afternoon-club>