

River Mead School



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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

Unusually I am sending you this in Half Term – I was extremely busy on Friday and this didn't get sent out then. I hope you were able to find some time to safely enjoy the weather over the bank holiday weekend.

Please remember that Social distancing rules still apply and you should not compromise your own or the safety of others by having parties or meeting at each other's houses, this is still NOT allowed.

The staff are busy in school this week preparing the school for our offer of wider opening for a number of our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children alongside our Keyworker children and EHCP/vulnerable pupils, a number of whom have been attending River Mead School since schools closed to the wider community.

School Will ONLY remain open for Keyworkers essential to the Covid-19 response and Vulnerable pupils from 1st June. Phased re-opening will begin the week of 8th June as we do not want to rush the process and there is a great deal to do! This will ONLY be for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children and the offer will be dependent on a number of factors you will be sent information about this nearer the time.

Please bear with us, as I am sure you will appreciate it requires a great deal of planning to get this right and to ensure everyone's safety and well-being and we have to remain responsive to the guidance the government releases.

Stay safe everyone!
Best Wishes
Mrs Karen Austin
Head of School

Year 6 in- focus!

This week we are celebrating some of the amazing home learning from Year 6. Please remember the expectation is that you only do what you can all manage. If you have extra activities, or are working on paper or in books that is all ok! If you add in some extra physical activity or you have a baking or making session, or you snuggle on the sofa together for a film they are just as important for your well-being! We are proud of everything you do 😊.




Flashback 4 Year 6 Week 1 Day 1

1) What is the value of the digit 7 in the number 10.75? ✓

2) What is 36×10 ? ✓

3) Work out $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{9}$ ✓

4) Write down a 4-digit number with 7 in the hundreds column. ✓




definition: **when a group of people of things go different Directions**

sentence: **The crowd dispersed.**

word: **disperse**

synonyms: **break up and split up**

picture: 



I liked this book because it helped me to be able to do better work. Some of my school work has been set about icy and snowy places, so then it makes me to be able to picture the cold environment easier. This book has also helped me to learn better year six vocabulary and descriptive words, there for I can write better stories and other pieces of work that includes writing. The things that I have liked about the book is that one of the people was being helped by an Eagle which was interesting as an animal was helping a person. The thing that I didn't like about the book is that it is about tribes which i find a bit boring and that isn't really the type of books that I enjoy.



Young people can go missing for a number of different reasons. If you have concerns about a child's whereabouts, please do not hesitate to contact us. In an emergency, always call 999.



Missing young person ?

The current restrictions on our daily lives will no doubt be more difficult for some more than others and we understand that people of all ages may be struggling to cope.

While the need to stay at home is crucial, we know that on occasion people do go missing. If your child, or a child you know has gone missing, and you have genuine concerns about their welfare, do not delay in reporting concerns to police. You will not be fined/prosecuted under Covid-19 powers for carrying out any reasonable enquiries to find them yourselves. Our officers will do all that they can to understand individual circumstances and provide support where needed.

Always call 999 in an emergency.

If you need help and want to speak to someone, Missing People charity is available 24/7 – call 116 000, text 116 000 or chat online via www.runawayhelpline.org.uk

IT IS HALF TERM!



Please note we will **NOT** be uploading work for your children in half term.

Your children have all worked really hard and they need a learning break!

The teaching staff will be working to prepare the school ready to expand our offer to further children, as well as our existing 'Priority Children'.

You can still access links and ideas here;
<https://www.themeadtrust.org/learning/curriculum/home-learning/>

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 children who are still with us, your work and activities in school too!

This week we are celebrating;

- **Otters** – Freddie T
- **Magpies** – Oliwia
- **Frogs** – Rebecca
- **Hérons** – Rowan
- **Kestrels** – Jayden
- **Badgers** – William S
- **Buzzards** – Kian
- **In-school** – Faye

Remember to celebrate at home and make it special!



What can I do? Updated guidance for England



Stay home whenever possible



Work from home if you can



Avoid public transport if possible



Take unlimited exercise outside



Enjoy parks and public spaces without exercising



But always keep your distance in public

Are you worried or concerned about a member of our School community?

We are acutely aware that during this time we are all facing many challenges and one of our primary roles as a school is to support all our pupils and parents to feel safe and secure. Our schools are still running, albeit in a different way, and we are trying to maintain those vital links with your child/children and you. Please do feel that you can still ask to speak with someone if you have concerns by contacting the school office.

We also know that the lack of normal school contact, where you can choose to speak to someone face to face, could make it harder for you to share concerns during this time, so we have signed up to a secure, online messaging and reporting tool, run by [South West Grid for Learning](#), called **Whisper** which will allow parents to contact us if you have any concerns, worries, if there is anything bothering you, or you feel we can help. **This way of contacting us is anonymous.**

The platform is encrypted and only our Head of School/Designated Safeguarding Lead, and our SENCO/Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, will be able to access the messages. Please be assured all such messages will be treated with sensitivity and professionalism.

If you have any welfare concerns that you would like to report through Whisper, you can do so leaving your name, or anonymously. There is a direct link on the school website.

<https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding-covid-19/>

To send us a message please click the link below and this will take you to a secure e-mail page. We will endeavour to get back to you within 2 working days.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/rms1/>

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

0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council

No one should feel unsafe in their own home –

If you're a victim of domestic abuse help is available 24/7

Spiltz – 01225 775276 (weekdays)
Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service –
out of hours call 01793 610 610

#STOPABUSE

Wiltshire Council