

River Mead School



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Dear Parents

Thank you for those of you who have already sent me messages via the office to share with staff—they are simply lovely and I know will definitely make a difference. If you still want to send a message in, please do so via the office e-mail.

Please contact us to tell us if;

- **you or a member of your family has symptoms.**
- **you or a member of your family are isolating (including older children).**

If you or a member of your family are waiting for a test result, you can contact us at the school office during the week or out of hours;

⇒ covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

⇒ or over the weekend please use the emergency covid text number **07521622705**

- **you or a member of your family are waiting for a test result YOU ALL stay at home, you DO NOT go out.**

Thank you for your continued support, everyone is doing their best.

Mrs Austin

Star Of The Week

Otters - Oliver B
Magpies - Alfie A
Frogs – Lille-Marie C
Heron - Whole of Class
Kestrels - Sam C
Badgers - Imani T
Buzzards— Reun W

If your child is Star of the week they will receive their certificate and their achievement will be posted on Seesaw for you to see. The school family will celebrate online via a virtual assembly which one of the school leaders will host.



Do you have symptoms?

If you have any of the following symptoms or your child is sent home with any one of these;

- ⇒ A new and continuous cough this is defined as coughing for more than an hour or 3 long coughing fits in 24 hours
- ⇒ A high temperature
- ⇒ A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Phone 111 for advice

Phone 119 to book a test or book a test online persevere and refresh, re-fresh, refresh—you will get one. If you cannot please call the office.

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Please contact us to let us know if you or a family member is being tested and of the result, phone the office or by email if out of hours;

covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

Please Remember

1. **Wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting your child**
2. **Communicate via Telephone & Email**
3. **If you must come into the office, one person in Reception at a time**



Big Well Done to the following pupils who have achieved their Bronze Award in the recent Reading Olympics:

Year 2—Imogen Gould

Year 4—Harvey Kitchener

Year 5—Asel Ceylan

Year 6—Will Skippings

Sports Star of the Week

Year 1: Hamza S & Mollie W

Year 2: Esther M & Tyler M

Year 4: Ella S & Charlie C

Year 5: Abdullah S & Lily-Mae S

Year 6: Lou Lou CH & Harley P

Sports Challenge

Grab yourself a ball or roll a sock up into a ball.

How many times can you throw the ball up into the air and catch it?

Don't forget to upload a video of yourself taking part onto Seesaw.

Good luck. River Mead Sports Family.



Christmas Cards & Gifts

Lots of parents have enquired about Christmas cards & presents. We are happy to announce that Christmas cards may be brought into school and posted in the Class Box. Cards need to be in by **11th December** please. Gifts for adults are also being accepted and can be left in Reception.

Meal

If you haven't booked your child/ren in for Christmas Dinner, please let Reception know as soon as possible.



Menu Choices

Term 3 Meal Choice Menu's are now available.

These will be sent out via Sims in the next few days.



Please can you return your child/rens choices by **Friday 11th December 2020** so we can ensure choices are ready to go for the children's return on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Thank you

Otters Nursery Parents

The weather is now getting colder and wetter. Although our little otters love the water we need to make sure they are kept warm.



Please make sure you provide enough spare clothes such as pants, socks and trousers for your child, we don't have enough for everyone!

If you bring your child/ren in with hat's, scarves and gloves please make sure you have labelled them.

River Mead School and Nursery pride themselves on being a healthy eating school. If providing a lunchbox for your child/ren, please can you make sure that the contents of it is healthy, no more than one chocolate bar.

We would also like to remind parents that collection times are 3.15pm and 4.15pm only

Thank you.



Thanks to your generosity the school has raised an amazing £280.48.

Without your help, the Poppy Appeal would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.



PE Days

Please can you make sure your child has the correct P.E kit this year. Children should have

- A plain white top or house coloured t-shirt
- Navy/black shorts or tracksuit trousers for poor weather
- Plain jumper or school jumper
- Trainers
- Coat and will need a coat

Please note this is our P.E uniform and children should not be wearing clothes with sports branding, Football strips or sparkly slogans

Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on the following days:

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Monday (yoga) Thursday PE

Year R - Monday



Online
one off
event on

Supporting feelings and emotions with children

(0-5 year olds)

*** Wednesday 2nd December from 10am ***

Join us online and learn about the importance of
identifying and labelling emotions, self
regulation and relaxing together with your child.

Please join our fun session with your children
and other family members or alone.

one to one support available to help you get online with us

*** Contact Wiltshire Children Centres on the central
lines for more information or to book a space: ***

South (Salisbury, Amesbury, Bulford, Larkhill, Mere) - 01722 414301

West (Trowbridge, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster) - 01225 705225

East (Devizes, Tidworth, Marlborough, Pewsey) - 01380 739835



The Friends of River Mead School are a group of parent's who get together and arrange events and activities to raise money for the school. Due to current restrictions we are unable to hold any at the moment but are always looking for new parents to join us!

If you are interested in joining the team or would like any further information then please contact the office and leave a message for Anne-Marie.

Thank you.

Did you know...

You can find curriculum information for each class on our website. This lets you know what the class are learning about this term?

Information for Term 2 has now been uploaded and the links below will take you to the class page where you can find this.

Curriculum Information:

Reception: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/nursery-and-reception/>

Year 1: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/magpies/>

Year 2: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-2-frogs/>

Year 3: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-3-hedgehogs/>

Year 4: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-4-swans/>

Year 5: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-5-badgers/>

Year 6: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-6-buzzards/>

Beehive: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/resource-base-beehive/>



Christmas Countdown 27 Days



Open Days at River Mead School



Visit us if you are looking for a primary school place for September 2021!

We also have Nursery places for two and three year old children available **now**.

Come along and take a full guided tour of the school on
Saturday 9th January 2021, 9am - 2pm

Spaces are limited, so book yours now at
rivermeadopenday.eventbrite.co.uk

Online booking in advance is essential

For the attention of
all parents

Will your child be four years old
before September 2021?

**You must apply for a
primary school place**

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at
all Wiltshire Council Offices.

**The deadline for applications is
Midnight on 15 January 2021**

All forms must be returned to the
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on 01225 713010
for more information or to request our guide -
Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire

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Wiltshire Council