

# River Mead School Parent Newsletter

## 10.09.2021



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## A message from Mrs Austin



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### *Welcome Back!*

*We are so pleased to see all of the children and how well they have settled in, its a lso delightful to see our new children across the school joining us and settling too.*

*Please remember the weather is a bit changeable so bring a coat every day.*

*Please also support the ongoing COVID measure by not waiting around and dropping/collecting on time.*

*As a 'Healthy School', we would like to remind you that drinks bottles are to contain water unless otherwise arranged with myself or your Class Teacher, and due to the number of pupils with allergies in the school we would ask that lunch boxes do not contain nuts.*

Thank you

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## STAR of the Week



**Year 1 - George Cook**

**Year 2 - Darcie Merritt**

**Year 3 - Faith Smith**

**Year 4 - Adam Ottoway**

**Year 5 - Harvey Kitchener**

**Year 6 - Kacie Knight**

**Beehive - Carl Gillett**

## Hot Chocolate with Mrs Austin



**Well Done to those children who have gone 'above and beyond' this week with their attitude and behaviour.**

**Mrs Austin is celebrating your achievement with a 'Take-away' pack of hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits! These children are:**

**Year 1 - Phoebe Adams**

**Year 2 - Harry Eittle**

**Year 3 - Lexie Smith Year 4 - Ruby Smith**

**Year 5 - Ruby O'Harrow**

**Year 6 - Jasmin Coe**

**Beehive - Carl Gillett**

## Hot Dinner Menu Choices

Here at River Mead School we aim to provide a nutritionally balanced menu that meets the standards set by the School Food Trust. We use quality ingredients that are produced locally, from sustainable sources, farm assured and approved by the Marine Conservation Society.

All hot meals are served with a selection of seasonal vegetables and we offer a daily meat-free option, suitable for vegetarian. Drinking water, milk and bread is freely available. All children will be offered the main dessert option; however, seasonal fruit will be available as an alternative.

**If your child requires school dinners and you have yet to complete the option form, please click on the link below**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=p-kkhyXMPEuZmNyEftBm9bCygPLKu09AqoH4KYctfvZUQVZRRTE3MjUxNUpVNDRKQ0IBR1JNM05aWC4u>

Thank you

## School Term & Holiday Dates

School holidays are important to all of us! To help you plan for some family time we have put together the School Term & Holiday Calendar for 2021-2022. You can find this by clicking on the link below - to clarify, children WILL be in school on Friday 3rd of September.

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

Teacher Training Days have also been set, these are:

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

## Dormice - Year 1

Year 1 are looking for a set of toy cars to add to their playful learning environment. If you have any small toy cars that are no longer used at home and you would be happy to donate them, please bring them to the school office or directly to Year 1 at the start or end of the day.

Thank you so much in advance.

Miss Holton and Miss Nurdin

Dormice class teachers

## Self Care and Independence



**Family and Community Learning  
Story Box  
(Early Years)**

**Year of Reading  
21/22**

Starting Friday 17 September  
5 x 2hr online sessions  
10:00-12:00

This course is for parents and carers AND their child/children age 2-4 years. Adults who want to support their preschool-aged child/children to engage with books and develop their child's literacy, language and communication skills will benefit from this course.

Children are made **READERS** on the laps of their parents

CONTACT DETAILS AND TO JOIN COURSE:  
EMAIL: FAMILYANDCOMMUNITYLEARNING@WILTSHIRE.GOV.UK  
WEBSITE: WORKWILTSHIRE.CO.UK/FAMILY-LEARNING/  
CALL: 01225 770478

Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Learners must be 18+, have been resident in the UK/EU for three+ years, a service family member, have less than 5 GCSEs A - C and/or be in receipt of benefits or be unemployed. If you do not feel you fit within the criteria, we may still be able to help so please call if you have any questions.

Wiltshire Council

Family and Community Learning are very excited to be offering this NEW online Story Box for families with early years children (2-4 yrs old).

It is a 5 x week online course and aims to encourage sharing reading together. This will support speech and language development and keep the love of reading going for the family.

This course is part of an exciting opportunity to bring stories to life!

## PE timetable - PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

### PE Days

For those children in school during 'Lockdown' they will need to wear their PE kits to school on the following days, if you are at home you might also want to get your PE kit on as there will be PE activities to do at home, look out on Seesaw!!

Year R - TBC (once settled)

Year 1&2 - Tuesday

Year 3, 4 & 5 - Wednesday

Year 3, 5&6 - Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday Swimming (Term 1)

Beehive - Friday

## Dates to Remember



### **September**

23rd September - Year 3 Herons - Trip to Stonehenge

28th September - Year 5 Badgers - Trip to Bristol Museum & Art Gallery

### **October**

5th October - Year 6 Buzzards - Trip to Black Country Living Museum

6th October - Year 1 Dormice - Trip to Noah's Ark

## Castle Mead School Vacancy



Castle Mead School have a vacancy for a Parent Support Advisor

If you would like further details and to make an application please click on the link below:

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/about-tmat/vacancies-and-volunteers/parent-support-advisor/>

**For the attention of all parents**

**Will your child be four years old before September 2022?**

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

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Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

**The deadline for applications is**  
**12 midnight, 15 January 2022**

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

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**Contact customer services on 01225 713010**  
For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

**Wiltshire Council**

**For the attention of all parents**

**Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2022?**

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

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**12 midnight, 31 October 2021**

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