

River Mead School Parent Newsletter

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A message from Mrs Austin



I am so impressed with the children and how well they have settled back into routines. Children are demonstrating they have remembered how to be "Ready, Respectful and Safe" in their words and actions. Thanks also to all of you, for following the one-way system onto/off the main playground, and for supporting your children's independence by allowing them to walk into class on their own!

I have enjoyed meeting the "Hot Chocolate with the Head" nominees who have demonstrated that they have gone "above and beyond" in some way during the week.

Finally we are all settling back into new routines and some positive changes in school and some 'old' familiar routines too. Although we are trying our best to operate in a way that is as 'normal' as we can, we are also trying to remain vigilant in trying to keep everyone safe. On occasion we may reinstate some 'bubble' practices when we feel it is appropriate and only for a short period of time.

Please continue to let us know if you or your child/ren are unwell and in particular if you test positive on an LFT and/or PCR so we are able to advise you on what to do
covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Car Parking

Recent parking changes to support the local River Festival was a huge success, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for your help!

As you are aware the car park can get extremely busy during drop off and collection times. We would like to remind all parents to take care and drive slowly when arriving and to only park in the bays provided. If the car park is full you have the option to park by the Skate Park near Waitrose and to enjoy a lovely walk through the park to the School.

Can we also remind you to be polite and courteous to all staff. They are in the car park to welcome your child to school not to be verbally abused. Further action will be taken if necessary.

STAR of the Week



Year 1 - Taylor

Year 2 - Kyle Saward

Year 3 - Ollie Brown

Year 4 - Ashleigh Townsend-Morgan

Year 5 - Sydney-Jo Brewer

Year 6 - Imogen Webster

Beehive - Poppy Ellison-Balchin

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 looking forward to seeing you in the Leadership Suite on Friday after assembly.

These children are:

Year 1 - Oliver

Year 2 - Emily Sievwright

Year 3 - Lottie Welch Year 4 - Lillie Goddard

Year 5 - Annalise Brookbanks

Year 6 - Lily-Mae Southall

Beehive - Tommy Smith

School Trips

We have a number of school trips taking place over the next few weeks.

For us to be able to make these possible we need your help and support. Without parent contribution trips will be unable to go ahead, if you are able to make any contribution please can you do so via Pay360 by the date stated on your child's trip letter.

If you haven't already, please can you also send back your child's consent form.

Thank you



Flu Vaccination with Virgin Care

Dear Parents

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this.

However, we are aware there are some children that, due to an underlying medical condition, are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or vcl.immunisations@nhs.net.

Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Team

European Day of Languages

During the week beginning 27th September, we will be celebrating European Day of Languages at school. This is a celebration of languages spoken throughout the world. At River Mead, we are fortunate enough to have families where languages other than English are spoken at home and we would love to be able to celebrate this.

If you speak languages other than English and you are able, we would appreciate it if you could record yourself sharing some words and phrases in your own language, or perhaps read a short story? You might want to tell the children how many languages you speak, and then briefly say what you think is good about speaking more than one language. This doesn't have to be a long video at all, I would suggest no longer than 5 minutes please!

Once you have done this, please attach the video to an email, marked "FAO Mrs Sones", and send it to office@themead.wilts.sch.uk

Many thanks, in advance, for your support.



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

Self Care and Independence

The Wiltshire Council Family and Community Learning Team are excited to be able to offer the following courses:

Family Wellbeing: there are three courses that have been developed to support family wellbeing (1 x 5 week course and 2 x 2 hour sessions)

Fun with Phonics – a two week 2 session course to demystify phonics for families with children aged 3-6 yrs (or with +6 aged children who are struggling to grasp reading)

They are looking forward to sharing more news with you about Wiltshire's Year of Reading very soon too.

Wiltshire Council




Fun With Phonics

2 x 2 hour sessions
Mondays
11 and 18 October
10:00-12:00

This course will help you understand how phonics and early reading are taught in school. You will gain confidence supporting your children at home.

Suitable for families with 3 to 6 year olds and primary school aged children who require extra support with phonics.

(Helping My Child to Learn Phonics, follows this course)

CONTACT DETAILS AND TO JOIN THE 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 19+, have been resident in the UK/EU for three+ years, have a child with SEN, a service family member, have less than 5 GCSEs A - C and/or be in receipt of benefits or be unemployed. If you feel you don't fit within the criteria, we may still be able to help so please call if you have any questions.

Family and Community Learning




Wellbeing Courses 2021

The online courses offer support to families with children who are finding life difficult during these tricky times. Families will learn how to improve communication and problem solving skills AND gain the ability to be more resilient in times of stress.

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Family Wellbeing
5 week course
starts Monday 23 September 10:00-12:00

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Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry
1 x session
Monday 4 October 10:00-12:00

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Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience
1 x session
Tuesday 5 October 10:00-12:00

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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 (some children in Beehive will also be swimming on a Tuesday)

Date's 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 (extended day)

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

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2022?

You must apply for a primary school place

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.

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

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

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2021

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

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

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