

River Mead School Parent Newsletter

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A message from Mrs Austin

Welcome Back

I hope that you all had a visit from Father Christmas to your homes over the break. I suspect a few of you may be glad that the children are back into a routine now they are back at school, I know that I am now having to get my teenagers up and out of bed after a few weeks of lazy lie-ins!

You might not see me out on the gate as regularly as you are used to as I will be teaching a reading group in school first thing in the morning, however there will be a member of the senior Leadership

team there so do pass messages on via them and if you do need to see me specifically pop into the office and they will ask me to phone you.

Please remember the weather remains changeable so children MUST bring a coat to school and wear it when reminded to do so by an adult.

We have a shorter term ahead but it remains busy with lots of learning going on, a few exciting curriculum 'extras' and for some 'Young Voices' & the Dance festival (these children already know who they are) as well as we hope brighter days ahead!

Coughs, Sneezes and temperatures.

Recent advice from the Chief Medical Advisor is that if your child is unwell and has a fever they should NOT attend school and you should contact us to let us know they will be absent, they should return to school when they are well.

Children should NOT be kept at home as a precaution this will be an unauthorised absence.

We currently do not have high case numbers for Strep A, Scarlet Fever or Covid within the school. We have reminded all children to wash hands regularly and are utilising our hand sanitiser stocks as an extra precaution during this season of 'bugs'. We are also reminding everyone to sneeze/cough into an elbow or if using tissues to dispose of these straight away. Our cleaning regimes within the school are excellent and high touch areas are cleaned thoroughly.

Please don't forget that vaccination is the best protection against flu and eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information getting your child vaccinated against flu here; [NHS UK](#)

Mrs Austin

Attendance - In it to Win it!!



Added incentive time - Your child has to be in school to win!!

If your child/ren have attendance that is above 90% for this academic year, you (the adult) will be entered in a draw for a **£50 Asda voucher!** Each eligible child has been entered whose attendance is 90%+ using a random name selector

The Parent ofLogan Norris Is the winner!

If your child has the national expectation of 95% or more you get an additional chance for a 'tasty' reward in the 95%+ raffle too (two chances to win a prize). Each eligible family has been entered for each child whose attendance is 90%+ using a random name selector

The Parent of Lawson Miles Is the winner!

Please collect your prizes from the office on MONDAY 9th January

Next opportunity to win will be at the end of Term 3 with the winners being announced week beginning 6th February.



Swimming



Badgers and Buzzards classes are due to start swimming on Tuesday 10th January.

Please can parents log in to Arbor and click on the consent button, without consent children will be unable to take part.

Thank you

Hot Chocolate with The Senior Leadership Team



Well Done to those children who have gone 'above and beyond' this week with their attitude and behaviour, this week the Leadership Team will be welcoming the children for their hot chocolate

These children are:

Otters - Eddie Sharp

Dormice - Zachary Perrin

Frogs - Jessica Swann

Hérons - Chilli-Ray Edmunds

Kestrels - Imey Gingel

Badger - Robyn O'Harrow

Buzzards - Annalise Brookbanks

Kingfisher Reading Challenge



A big well done to those children who have completed the following reads:

Year 1

75 reads - Alora Brownsell, Elia Duli, Zachary Perrin, Tommy Sievwright

50 reads - Zachary Perrin

Year 3

25 reads - Chilli-Ray Edmunds

50 reads - Sophia Quintin

75 reads - Emily Sievewright

Year 4

75 reads - Oliwia Wisniewska, Lexi Tadhunter, Mia Ayliffe

100 reads - Imogen Gould, Jasmine Kaur, Lillie-Marie Caven

On-Line Safety Advice



Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

In the guide, you'll find tips such as double-checking your news sources, taking breaks from being online and not sharing personal information.

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 2022 - 2023. You can find this by clicking on the link below.

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

Teacher Training Days for next academic year 2022/2023 are:

5th June 2023

Family & Community Learning Service

Being a Parent

Suitable for parents of children aged 2-5

A 9-week course run by local parents for local parents.

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Learn practical communication skills for everyday life to bring up happy, confident and cooperative children.

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Call us on: 0800 970 4669

Little Folly Children's Centre
Salisbury
Starts Wednesday 25th January
10am - 12pm

Windmill Hill Children's Centre
Tidworth
Starts Thursday 19th January
9.30am - 11.30am

Studley Green Children's Centre
Trowbridge
starts Thursday 19th January
10.00am - 12.00pm

Online session via
Microsoft Teams
Starts Tuesday 17th January
7pm - 8.30pm

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PE timetable

PE Days

Please see changes for Herons & Badgers

On PE days children should come in wearing their PE kit to avoid changing at school.

Otters - we will let you know when they will start!

Dormice & Frogs - Tuesday

Herons & Kestrels - - Wednesday

Badgers & Buzzards - Thursday

Bumble Bees (Beehive) - Monday

Honey Bees / Busy Bees (Beehive)- Friday

Dates to Remember



January

10th January - Y5/6 Swimming Begins

23rd January - Tropical Discovery visitor

25th January - Young Voices 2023

February

10th February - End of Term 3

20th February - Start of Term 4

22nd February - Frogs trip to Chepstow Castle

What's on

School admissions window open for secondary and primary school places

Wiltshire residents can now apply for secondary and primary school places for September 2023 entry.

Applications can be submitted online on our [website](#) until the national deadlines 15 January 2023 for primary schools and infant to junior.

The National Offer Day for school places for applications received before the published deadlines are 1 March 2023 for secondary and 19 April 2023 for primary and junior. Applicants will be able to log back into the online system on the National Offer Day to view the outcome of their application
