

# River Mead School Parent Newsletter

## 11.11.2022



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*Our Twitter feed: [@TweetRiverMead](https://twitter.com/TweetRiverMead)*

*Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/River-Mead-School-728064724207622/>*

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## A message from Mrs Austin



### First Aid

Another busy week of learning in the classrooms, in addition to our regular lessons there has been a focus on saving lives. The children and staff have all had training from the fabulous team at Wiltshire Air Ambulance. CPR and lifesaving training for everyone with added defibrillator training for the staff after school.

Such important skills to have - the children have all been fantastic and engaged in the sessions and the staff were all awesome, you never know when you may need to know what to do!

### We Wish You a MERRY Christmas

English CAROL



2. Now bring us some figgy pudding (repeat 3 times)  
And bring some out here.
3. We won't go until we get some, (repeat 3 times)  
so bring it right here.

### Christmas

Next week we will be sharing the dates and times for Christmas performances, singing round the tree and other Christmas related activities! The children are enthusiastically learning some well-known and new songs and scripts in some year groups. If they have words/script to learn, please help them to do this at home too.

### Melksham Community Larder

Melksham Community Larder is an organisation helping to re-distribute surplus food to people. The larder is open at 4.15pm and will have a variety of different foods - it's worth a trip on your way home, what isn't there to like about FREE food??

[\(1\) Melksham Community Larder | Facebook](#)



## Attendance

**At school, on-time!!**

**Attendance is extremely important - school and attendance every day is a gateway to the future for your child/ren**

***Whole school data - great overall increase this week - WELL DONE!***

**National School**

Last week    95.1%    90.3%

This week    94.9%    94.3%

### **Class data this week**

Every week on a Friday we calculate the attendance for each class each week - your child being at school every day, makes a difference. We celebrate this in our 9am Celebration Assembly and the class with the highest attendance has a reward at the end of the day such as pop-corn in class or extra playtime.

Badgers 93.5

Frogs 93.8

Dormice 92.5

**Kestrels 95.3**

Otters R 91.3

Hérons 94.2

Buzzards 94.1

Thank you for your continued support and in particular for getting to school on-time. Please don't forget the gates open at 8.30am and free breakfast is available; the gates shut at 8.45am, after this time you will need to go in through the school office and complete a late form - you MUST not drop you child in the carpark or at the school gates after this time as it is not supervised and is unsafe.

Learning starts promptly, so please be on time!!



## Reporting Sickness

Just a reminder to always let the office know if your child is sick and cannot attend school. You can do this by calling 01225 703428 and choosing option 1 to report your child absence.

Although we appreciate children are unwell from time to time, children can still attend school when they have a cold or have not been sick if well enough to do so. We have enough tissues and TLC to go around, rest assured if we feel they are unable to take part in their class we will call you to collect them.

**If your child has been sick or had an upset tummy, they are unable to return until 48 hours after their last episode.**

## STAR of the Week



**Otters - Dottie-Rose Cook**

**Dormice - George Drew**

**Frogs - Freddie Wild**

**Hérons - Andrew Elliott**

**Kestrels - Rebecca Bogitini**

**Badger - Lacey-Mae Ward**

**Buzzards - Annalise Brookbanks**

## 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 - Nela Salamonska**

**Dormice - Florence Jarman**

**Frogs - Thea-rose Carrol**

**Hérons - Maximums Rafael Neacsă**

**Kestrels - Faith Smith**

**Badger - Calum Wheatley**

**Buzzards - Rebecca Carter**

**Bumble Bees - Blakey Smith and Sienna Porter**

## Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

### **Year 1**

5 Reads - Alora Brownsell, Bella Caven, Elia Duli & Tia Thunga

### **Year 2**

50 reads - Freddy Wild

### **Year 4**

50 reads - Sherkarnah-mae Ward Jones

### **Year 6**

25 reads - Martha Southall



## Children in Need - 18th November



# Show Your Spots And Let's Raise Lots For this year's Children in Need

Everyone is invited to wear their best inventive spots on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

No need to go out and buy anything...let's see who can be inventive and use items from home??

If you would like to make a donation, these can be made via

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

## Odd Sock Day



## On-Line Safety Advice



### *What Parents and Carers Need to Know about combating online bullying.*

*Defined as “ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online”, cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person’s posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person’s mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we’ve provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.*

*In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.*



## Friends of River Mead



Santa Season is nearly here so the Friends of River Mead School want to remind everyone that our Christmas Fair is fast approaching!

Thank you so much to all those who have donated Prizes, Christmas Jumpers and Teddy Bears so far! We'd really love to keep momentum going – any prizes, big or small, are highly appreciated and will help us raise as much money as possible for the children!

So far, we've managed to obtain some really fun and exciting prizes for the raffle, from restaurant vouchers to free music lessons – there's something for everyone! Fancy a nice bottle of wine, or a relaxing meditation session? If so, sign yourself up! Raffle tickets are coming soon folks, get excited!

We're still looking for volunteers to help us out with the Christmas Fair. We need some keen grownups to step in and get themselves on Santa's nice list by helping us set up, with stalls and packing up after! Even an hour of your time would be appreciated and would go a long way in helping.

Another exciting update on the Christmas Fair for all you Foodies out there...the Friends are pleased to announce that local street food vender Veli'cious will be attending the Fair! Come along and grab yourself some yummy food before stepping in to our festive, fun filled fair to get your Christmas Season off to a great start!

Anyone who is interested in some more information on the Christmas Fair, donating a prize or volunteering – please contact the Friends either via email or our social media accounts. Thank you!!  
Email: [rivermeadfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rivermeadfriends@gmail.com)

Facebook: Friends of River Mead School

Instagram: [@friendsofrivermead](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofrivermead)



Each & EVERY one of you can make a very REAL difference for our children's school if you please read on.....

Please, please click the link below & vote for Friends of Rivermead School to help us secure £500 from ASDA for new playground equipment! You only need to enter your email, but you must click the **Confirm your vote** button in the email sent after voting. If you have more than 1 email address - please use them, we need all the votes we can get!

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4345>

You can vote **EVERY 7 DAYS** & the more of us that do so, the more chance we have. We're up against Forest & Sandridge School who are twice the size of River Mead.....we have our work cut out but if we ALL put in maximum effort, voting every week (set a reminder!) & telling **ALL our friends & family** as regularly as possible until 31st December, **we know we can do this** 🙌

And don't worry - we'll keep the reminders coming! **Please vote & share for your children & our school!!**

Green Tokens - Vote | Asda

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4345>

## 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:

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023



# flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**Flu i mmunisation**  
Helping to protect children, every winter

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**For families of children aged 0-5 yrs**

**Join us for an amazingly fun and creative session run in association with Wiltshire Scrapstore!**

**Book your space now!**

**"Bursting with Creativity"**  


**For more information or to book a space contact the children's centre central line on: 0800 970 4669**  
[www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk)

**Tisbury Library, SP3 6HJ**  
Wednesday 9th November  
10.30-11.30am

**Devizes Library, SN10 1DL**  
Wednesday 16th November  
10.30-11.30am

**Westbury Library, BA13 3BD**  
Thursday 24th November  
10.30-11.30am

Booking for Scrapstore events will close one week before the scheduled event date

**spurgeons**  
Nurturing Faith

**Sept to Dec 2022**  
Request your place: 0800 970 4669

**Five to Thrive**  
Join us for 5 fun filled practical sessions where we can share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your child.

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury  
Tuesday 6th September, 10.00am - 11.00am

Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham  
Thursday 8th September, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth  
Thursday 8th September, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford  
Friday 7th October, 10.00am - 11.00am

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury  
Monday 17th October, 10.00am - 11.00am

Devizes Children's Centres, Devizes  
Monday 24th October, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Salisbury Library, SP1 1BT  
Tuesday 1st November, 10.00am - 11.00am

Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham  
Thursday 10th November, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford  
Friday 18th November, 10.00am - 11.00am

**Five to Thrive - continued**

Marlborough venue TBC  
Wednesday 16th November, 10.00am - 11.00am

Online via Microsoft Teams  
Tuesday 6th September, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Online Antenatal via Microsoft Teams  
Wednesday 14th September, 11.30am - 12.00pm

**Healthy Eating**  
For adults only - join us for 4 great sessions where you can learn about healthy eating! You will also receive the ingredients to cook a healthy family meal in your home!

Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes  
Monday 26th September, 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge  
Wednesday 2nd November, 10.00am - 11.30am

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth  
Thursday 3rd November, 10.30am - 12.00pm

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury  
Tuesday 8th November, 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Please note details may be subject to change. Information correct as of 28/09/22

## 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





## **November**

14th November - Odd Sock Day

17th November - Kestrels White Horse Trip

18th November - Spot-tacular Day for Children in Need

21st November - Y6 NCMP

24th November - School Photo's

29th November - Year R - 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

## **December**

8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

12th December - Dorothy House Elf PE Lessons

15th December - Christmas Dinner Day

16th December - Last day of Term

## **January**

3rd January - Teacher Training Day - No children

4th January - Start of Term - All children in

25th January - Young Voices 2023

## What's on

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### ***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*

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# Dorothy's **ELF RUN**

The sponsored run with bells on!

Where...

During every PE Lesson

When...

W/C 12th December 2022

[dorothyhouse.org.uk](http://dorothyhouse.org.uk)

