River Mead School Parent Newsletter 11.11.2022



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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!



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

Herons 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

Herons - 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 Herons - Maximums Rafael Neacsa 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 18th 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!

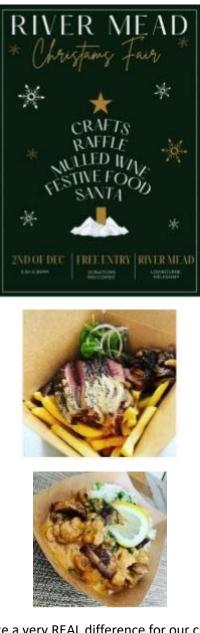
We're still looking for volunteers to help us out with the Christmas Fair. We need some keen grownups to step in and get themselves on Santa's nice list by helping us set up, with stalls and packing up after! Even an hour of your time would be appreciated and would go a long way in helping.

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

Facebook: Friends of River Mead School

Instagram: @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

Family & Community Learning Service



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

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spurgeons children's charity Join us for an amazingly fun and creative session run in association with Wiltshire Scrapstore!

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

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space now!

"Bursting with Creativity"

For more information or

to book a space

contact the children's centre

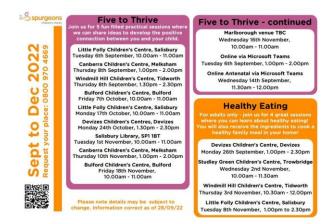
central line on:

0800 970 4669 www.wiltshirechildrens centres.org.uk

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 or week before the scheduled event date



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

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 <u>website</u> 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

