

# River Mead School Parent Newsletter

## 20/01/2023



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*Our school latest news: <http://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news>*

*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

**"He's behind you!!"**

Although not quite a pantomime the M&M Theatre Company production of 'Beauty and the Beast' in school this week was funded by "The friends of River Mead", was absolutely fantastic. The children were enthralled and enjoyed the audience participation too, I do hope they came home and told you all about it.

### Teachers Strike

You will receive some separate information about the forthcoming NEU teacher strikes, so please look out for this, it is important and you do need to read it. Initially we are unsure of the impact of this, as soon as I have some additional information i will share this with you, our course of action will depend on a number of factors.

### Weather

The weather remains cold and changeable, so please continue to ensure that children come to school with coats and are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions. Please don't forget they can bring in a pair of slippers to wear indoors if they have walked to school in wellington boots.

*Mrs Austin*



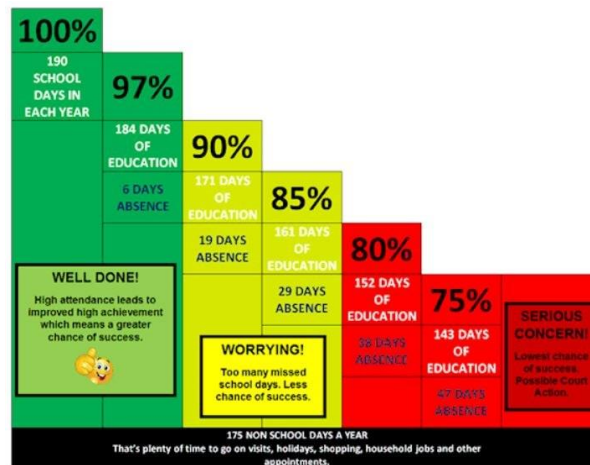
## Attendance



**Every day your child misses school they miss valuable learning that is really hard for them to catch up - It is so important that they are in every single day they are not unwell.**

*Last week our whole school attendance was 91.7% compared to national average of 95.1%*

Any term time holidays will be denied and any overall unauthorised absences that mean your child has accumulated 10 sessions will also be considered for a fine, this is a legal process and the school does not receive this money.



## Star of the Week



**Otters - Arabella Gill**

**Dormice - Elia Duli**

**Frogs - Ella-Rose Pearson**

**Herons - Jojo Maritiro**

**Kestrels - Imie Gingell**

**Badgers - Gracie Plumb**

**Buzzards - Ethan Gingell**

**Honey Bees - Ben Whitehead**

**Bumble Bees - Arthur Jardine**

## 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 - Janelle Cubagee**

**Dormice - Effie Antoni-Turner**

**Frogs - Finley Peckover**

**Hérons - Kyla Gerrish**

**Kestrels - Lottie Welch**

**Badger - Samantha Cousins**

**Buzzards - Sasha Razdobarova**

**Dragonflies - Sienna Stone**

**Bumble Bees - Ashley Lloyd**

## Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

**Dormice**

25 reads - Liera Parker

100 reads - Tommy Sievwright, Alora Brownsell, Elia Duli

**Frogs**

100 reads - Freddy Wild, Jessica Swann, Taylor Busby, Ella-Rose Pearson

**Kestrels**

50 reads - Esther Maritiro

100 reads - Rubie Cleverley & Jack Swann

**Badgers -**

25 reads - Sydney-Jo Brewer, Gracie Plumb, Lacey-Mae Ward

50 reads - Calum Wheatley, Daniel Sieviewright

75 reads - Samantha Cousins, Ruby Smith

**Buzzards -**

50 reads - Annalise Brookbanks

100 reads - Lily Allum, Ersu Duli

Writer of the Week



**Otters - Dottie Cook**

**Dormice - Effie Antoni-Turner**

**Frogs - Jacob Brewer**

**Hérons - Harry Ettle**

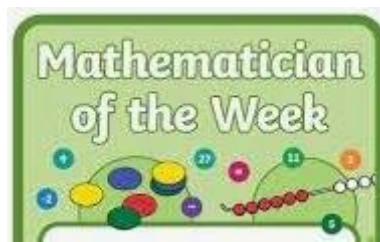
**Kestrels - Kiera Vincent**

**Badgers - Maddy Holland**

**Buzzards - Ersu Duli**

**Bumble Bees - Lukas Hann**

## Mathematician of the Week



**Otters - Cillian Jenkins**

**Dormice - Florence Jarman**

**Frogs - Jessica Swann**

**Hérons - Kyle Saward**

**Kestrels - Murdoch Remington**

**Badgers - Calum Wheatley**

**Buzzards - Annalise Brookbanks**

**Bumble Bees - Blakey Smith**

## Teacher Led Clubs



Teacher Led Clubs are an excellent opportunity for your child to take part in an after school activity they are interested in or would like to try.

Teacher Led Clubs for Term 4 will go live at 3pm on Friday 10th February and can be booked via Arbor - so keep your eyes peeled!



## On-Line Safety Advice



### What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Twitter

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in 2022 for \$44 billion, the platform has undergone several major changes.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as trolls and bullying, fixation on view count and interaction with strangers.

## Friends of River Mead



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*FORMS would like to invite you to bake or buy cakes for a Valentine's Bake Sale on 09.02.2023.*

*The winning class will be able to choose a new classroom resource!*

*The sale will take place outside classrooms at 3.15!*

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## 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

## PE timetable - Please see changes below

### PE Days

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!

Badgers - Monday

Dormice & Frogs - Tuesday



Hérons & Kestrels - - Wednesday

Buzzards - Thursday

Bumble Bees (Beehive) - Monday

Honey Bees / Busy Bees (Beehive)- Friday

## Dates to Remember



### **January**

23rd January - Tropical Discovery visitor

23rd January - Year 3 Geology Talk

25th January - Young Voices 2023

31st January - Beehive trip to Lacock - Class day to be confirmed

### **February**

1st/2nd February - Beehive trip to Lacock - Class day to be confirmed

2nd February - Year 1 Asda Taster Session

7th February - Dance Festival

9th February - FORS Bake Sale

10th February - End of Term 3

20th February - Start of Term 4

22nd February - Frogs trip to Chepstow Castle

22nd February - World Thinking Day (any Girl Guides to proudly wear their uniforms to school)

### **March**

2nd March - World Book Day

What's on



**Are you a parent carer living in Wiltshire?**

**Are you looking for a new opportunity in 2023?**

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) is looking for volunteers to help us make a difference and support our strategic work.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a friendly, supportive and engaging team, helping to represent the collective experiences of parent carers of children and young people with SEND.

Come along to our **volunteer recruitment session** to meet other volunteers, learn more about the opportunities and some of the benefits of being a volunteer with the WPCC.

Join us on **Monday 6th February 2023, 10am to 2pm**

The WPCC will pay travel and childcare care expenses to every interested parent carer who attends.

**Free lunch and refreshments, even if you decide it's not for you and a chance to win a £50 gift voucher!**



Scan this QR code to find out more



Or visit

[www.issuu.com/wpcc1/docs/volunteer\\_information\\_pack - january 2023](http://www.issuu.com/wpcc1/docs/volunteer_information_pack_-_january_2023)

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**WYVERN THEATRE  
SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT**

PRESENTS

*THE*  
**WIZARD**  
*of* **OZ**

By **L. Frank Baum**  
With Music and Lyrics by  
**Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg**

Background Music by  
**Herbert Stothart**

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by  
**Peter Howard**

Orchestration by  
**Larry Wilcox**

Based upon the Classic  
Motion Picture owned by  
**Turner Entertainment Co.**  
and distributed in all media  
by **Warner Bros.**

Adapted by **John Kane** for the  
**Royal Shakespeare  
Company**



AGED 9-21? INTERESTED IN MUSICAL THEATRE?  
**SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT IS BACK!**  
**AUDITIONS SUN 26 APRIL**  
LEARN MORE AND APPLY [BIT.LY/SYP23](http://BIT.LY/SYP23)



## River Mead Vacancies



ARE YOU AWESOME?

# JOIN OUR TEAM

AS AN ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

- 37.5 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
- £21,189 – £21,968 pro rata depending on experience
- Option to work up to an additional 120 hours a year, providing clerking support
- Closing date: 6 February 2023

[www.themeadtrust.org/join-us/vacancies](http://www.themeadtrust.org/join-us/vacancies)