# River Mead School Parent Newsletter 24/03/2023



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## A message from Mrs Austin

A lot going on!

#### Groundworks

The work is well under way to provide the pupils in the Resource Base with some area of all weather play surface. The team from 'Sovereign' have worked hard (despite the weather) to get the groundworks completed ready for the surface. The delivery drivers have thankfully managed to get most of the equipment and supplies on-site rather than in the car park. which has been great.

As you would expect a lot of the learning has included opportunities watching and talking about the digger, the dumper, and the work underway - we are all rather excited to see then end product!

#### M&M Productions

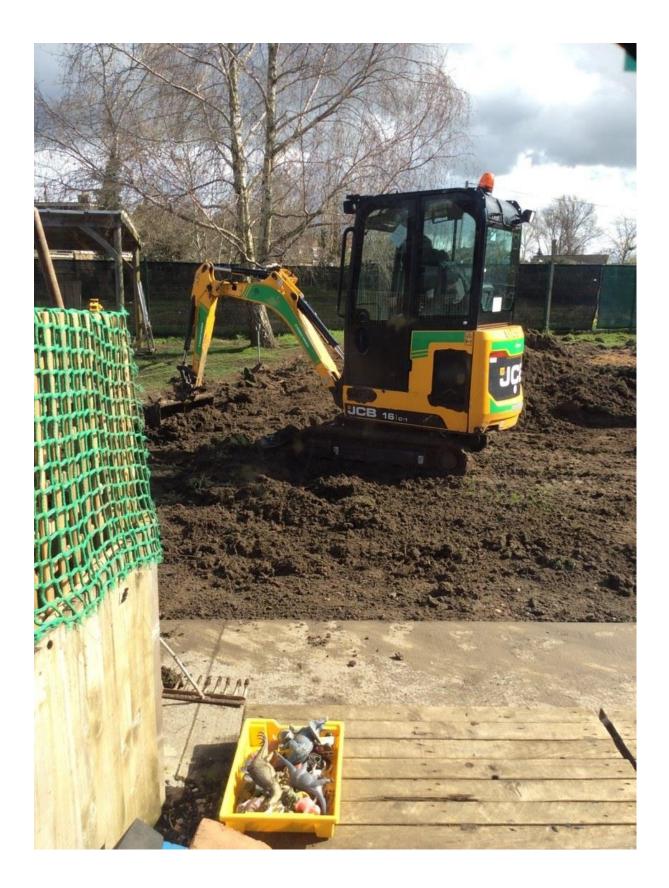
We were delighted to welcome back M&M productions for a classic tale this spring - the magical story of "Alice in Wonderland", the children were enthralled engaged and loved joining in! The magic of theatre is truly something special, to see the rapture and enjoyment on the children's faces was very special indeed. We will look forward to welcoming M&M back in the Autumn term for a 'Panto Performance'of Cinderella!

We are busy planning ahead for a very busy summer term full of SATs, sleepovers, trips and residentials!

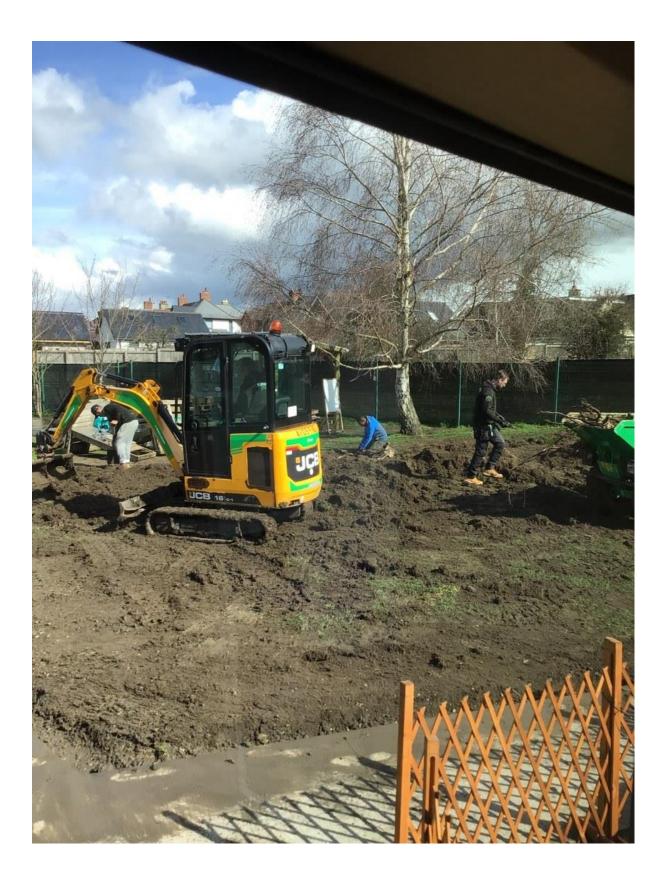
I hope you have an enjoyable weekend

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.

There are still a considerable number of children who are **NOT** in school every day - please speak to us if there is something we can do to help

*Week* **10.3.23** - **88.3**% compared to national average of **93.6**%  $\downarrow$  **on National, but** worse than the previous week...



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

## Car Park - Temporary reduction of space available

The school are having some playground installation work taking place from next Tuesday 21st March until Friday 31st March 2023.

This may have an impact on the car park due to the siting of skips and aggregate, which are required for the project. The are most affected will be alongside the boundary as you approach the school gate.

This area will be fenced off so please respect this and do not move any barriers that have been put in place to secure the area.

During the works please also take extra special care approaching/leaving school as the car park may be more congested than normal.

All areas containing skips/aggregate will be fenced off and secure.

Nursery children arriving and leaving will need enter and exit via the side gate where the bike store is to ensure this is safe. We have asked the contractors to keep the main gates clear first thing in the morning and at 3.15pm. as the footpath will be busy.

## Star of the Week



Butterflies - Jasper Edwards

Otters - Eddie Sharp

Dormice - Logan Tucker

Frogs - Isabelle Rodgers

- Herons Oscar Bole
- Kestrels Lexie Smith
- Badgers Calum Wheatley
- Buzzards Ruby O'Harrow
- Bumble Bees Sienna Porter

## 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 Alistair Reece**
- **Dormice Kaiden Deerans**
- Frogs Ava Lilley Sears
- Herons Jojo Maritiro
- **Kestrels Delilah Holbrook**
- Badgers Robyn O'Harrow
- **Buzzards Rebecca Carter**
- **Bumble Bees Sophia Walton**

## Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

Frogs

- 25 reads Finley Peckover
- 150 reads Jessica Swann, Taylor Busby

#### Herons

100 reads - Sophia Quintin

125 reads - Emily Sievewright

#### Kestrels

50 reads - Lexie Tadhunter

- 100 reads Rebecca Bogitini
- 150 reads Jack Swan and Sherkarnah Ward-Jones
- 175 reads Jasmine Kaur

#### Buzzards

- 75 reads Darcie Jowett, Ruby O'Harrow, Martha Southall and Annalise Brookbanks
- 100 reads Mollie Bailey, Rebecca Carter and Lillie Goddard
- 150 reads Ersa Duli and Lily Allum

#### **Busy Bees**

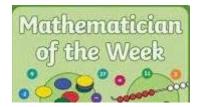
75 reads - Evie McCallum

## Writer of the Week



- **Otters Reeva Linington**
- **Dormice Tommy Sievewright**
- Frogs Larna Rey Lewis
- Herons Kyla Gerrish
- **Kestrels Ollie Brown**
- **Badgers Charlie Smith**
- Buzzards Ella Swann
- **Bumble Bees Arthur Jardine**

## Mathematician of the Week



- **Otters Eddie Edmunds**
- Dormice Tia Thunga
- **Frogs Finley Peckover**
- Herons Oscar Bole
- **Kestrels Rosie Allum**
- **Badgers Sam Cousins**
- **Buzzards Ruby O'Harrow**
- Bumble Bees Lucas Goddard

## **On-Line Safety Advice**



Ten Top Tips for Stronger Passwords

According to a Google survey, more than half of us (52%, to be exact) routinely re-use the same passwords, with around one in ten employing a single password across all of their online accounts. What that means, of course, is that any hacker successfully cracking our password would find themselves with access to not simply one of our online accounts, but several (at least).

That, along with the fact that many people's favoured passwords aren't exactly impenetrable, makes it easier to see why some sources put the number of online accounts being broken into at around 100 per second. Yes, you read that right: 100 per second. To help give you some extra peace of mind about your digital data, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some tips on setting more secure passwords.

In the guide you'll find a number of top tips on setting stronger passwords such as how to get creative, what to avoid, and the value of multi-factor authentication.

## Butterflies Nursery - Easter Bonnet Parade



On Wednesday 29th March, the Nursery children will be taking part in a Easter Bonnet parade.

We are asking parents to support their children in making their bonnet. The parade will take place at 2.45pm in the drop-off/pick up playground. We are more than happy for parents/carers to come and watch and support the children.

We look forward to seeing some fantastic Easter Bonnets!

## Family & Community Learning





## 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 the remainder of this year 2022/2023 are:

5th June 2023

Teacher Training Days for the next academic year 2023/2024 are:

1st September 2023 4th September 2023 30th October 2023 4th January 2024 3rd June 2024

## PE timetable - Please see changes below

#### **PE Days**

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

Badgers - Monday Dormice & Frogs - Tuesday Herons & Kestrels - - Wednesday Otters - Thursday - please remember no Logos, plain white t-shirt if you don't have a coloured one. Buzzards - Thursday Bumble Bees (Beehive) - Monday Honey Bees / Busy Bees (Beehive)- Friday

## Dates to Remember



#### March

28th March - Y3 Church visit

29th March - Butterflies Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 2.45pm

- 30th March Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting 3.30pm
- 31st March End of Term 4
- 17th April Term 5 Begins
- 18th April RB and Year 5 swimming begins
- 24th/25th April Year 4 Residential
- 3rd May Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting 2.45pm
- 4th May Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting 2.45pm
- 15th /16th May Year 5 Residential
- 24th/26th May Year 6 Residential

### What's on



## Ever thought about volunteering?



Wiltshire's Independent Visitor Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time every 3-4 weeks.

#### Volunteers are needed across

**Wiltshire** to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent independent person who can take a special interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share in their interests and who have regular time to spare.

"My IV is awesome and lots of fun; he makes me happy." Young Person

you are interested in knowing more

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