# River Mead School Parent Newsletter 19/05/2023



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## A message from Mrs Austin

#### Finally some sunshine!

A reminder for all to ensure that children are appropriately dressed for the weather, time to dig out the sun hats and remember to apply the sun cream. Oh and always have a rain coat as of course this is the UK and the weather changes with a click of your fingers.

Y5 had a great time camping away overnight this week, enjoying the fresh air and large open space that the Wingfield site offers. Thank you to the adults who supported the children to ensure that it was a success. The children were also delightful and the staff commented on their behaviour and engagement in the activities.

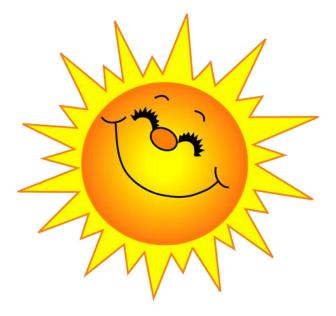
The next few weeks will continue to be busy as Y6 head off for their residential at Grittleton House before we all have a break.

Don't forget after the break we have INSET day on 5th June, children are back on Tuesday 6th June and Y3 are off for some exciting science that day!

Friday 9th 2.45pm is our 'Parent Connect Meeting' which is a chance to catch up with me and Miss Harrison who is taking over as Acting Head Teacher in September.

(I will remind you again next week)

Mrs Austin



### 5 Star Service!

After a spot check visit today, the kitchen was awarded the highest possible food hygiene rating of 5 stars \*\*\*\*\*

#### Well done to Mr Heaton and Mrs Shanon

An outstanding achievement!!

Service with good humour, a smile, and tasty food served from a spotless kitchen - what more could we ask for.

So if you are eligible for a school dinner including any child in years R, 1 and 2, why not give School dinners a try for free and save money on those packed lunches!



## Attendance



#### Today attendance at River Mead is 92.3% compared to national 93.7%

You MUST inform the school of your child's absence if you as the parent are unwell you are expected to find support to ensure your children are at school and on time, there have been a number of children late or absent due parental illness.

You will be receiving a phone call to book a school attendance meeting if you have received a letter about attendance.

Attendance for any child below 90% is considered as being persistently absent

Below 70% is considered a serious concern

Below this and you will be invited to a meeting with the education welfare officer and fixed penalty notice fine may be issued.

#### Check your Arbor App, what % is your child's attendance???

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

## A note to Nursery parents

Please can you make sure children are bringing in hats, sun cream and water bottles now that the weather is getting warmer. Also, please ensure that children have two changes of clothes in case your child gets wet/dirty.

If you have any unwanted clothes, we would be very grateful for these to be used as spares as we are getting low!

## Please can you ensure that no food product containing egg is brought into the nursery due to high allergy risk.

A reminder as well to please collect children on time.

Thank you.

## Home reading - You can make a difference this half-term!

Your child has made super progress in their reading this year.

Let's keep them reading this half-term for maximum success in the Phonics Screening Check next term.

#### Watch Virtual Classroom films

We'll be sending links via Seesaw to:

- 1. Set 2 and/or Set 3 reading films to practise reading specific sounds and words
- 2. Pinny Time films to practise reading sounds speedily
- 3. 'Special Friends, Fred Talk' films for practice reading a range of new words.

The plan

- Set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each day.
- Find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet.
- Praise your child as they join in with the lesson.

#### Practise using My Sets 2 and 3 Speed Sounds

Your child has Set 2 and Set 3 worksheets daily to practise reading sounds and words at home.

See how quickly your child can read each of the sounds. Ask them to read the words using Fred Talk.

Listen to your child read every day

You will find Read Write Inc. Storybooks in your child's bookbag for them to read to you. Choose a quiet time when they are wide awake.

Help your child to:

- read the sounds and words at the front of the book, before they read the story
- sound out any new words as they read the story.

Read back each page to them, after they have read it. If the child has enjoyed the story, encourage them to read it again on the next day to increase their fluency.

Most importantly...do it all with patience and love.

Your support matters. Thank you Kate Miller Year 1 Teacher

Assistant Head Teacher

## Star of the Week



Otters - Cillian Jenkins

- Dormice Tommy Sievewright
- Frogs Sophia-Rose Carroll
- Herons Joeli Maritiro
- Kestrels -Lexie Tadhunter
- Badgers All Year 5s!
- Buzzards All Year 5s!
- Bumble Bees Sky Edmunds

## 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 Lincoln-jai Ward-Storey
- Dormice Ayaansh Doneria
- Frogs Finley Peckover
- Herons Adam Shahzad
- Kestrels Esther Maritiro
- Badgers Archie Brown
- Buzzards Jess Taylor
- Busy Bees Lukas Hann

## Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

#### Dormice

- 5 reads Alora Brownsell, Freddie Hill, Elia Duli, Bentley Pepper, Tommy Sievewright
- 75 reads Rowan Mustali
- 100 reads Freddie Hill, Ava Mullis

#### **Busy Bees**

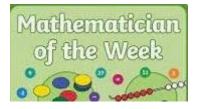
50 reads - Ashley Lloyd 100 reads - Marc Taylor, Carl Gillett 150 reads - Sky Edmunds

## Writer of the Week



- Otters Kevin Marino
- Dormice Alice Edwards
- Frogs Sophia-Rose Carroll
- Herons Darcie Merritt
- Kestrels Jack Swann
- Badgers Sydney-Jo Brewer
- Buzzards Roxy Mitchell

## Mathematician of the Week



- Otters Jackson Tucker
- Dormice Keira Parker
- Frogs William Eanes
- Herons Emily Sievewright
- Kestrels Rosie Allum
- Badgers Lacey-Mae Ward
- Buzzards Harvey Aylsesbury

## **On-Line Safety Advice**



What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Telegram

With more than 700 million users worldwide, Telegram is a popular alternative to the likes of WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger; indeed, in some countries, it's overtaken that pair to become the most-used instant messaging app. Telegram's no stranger to controversy, however, and has occasionally been made unavailable for download in some nations (including the UK).

There are various reasons for these suspensions, but the primary trigger for the authorities' concern has been that Telegram's robust encryption, sadly, all too often encourages the app's use as a conduit for extremist political material and illegal sexual content. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week brings trusted adults the lowdown on Telegram.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks including a lack of age verification, inappropriate content and cyber-bullying.

## Family & Community Learning



on't forget all our sessions e completely ee of charge! Please note details may be subject to change. Information correct as of 14/3/23

## Nature explorers at River Mead - sign up now!



## 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 - Thursday 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



#### May

22nd May - Reception trip to Stowford Farm

24th/26th May - Year 6 Residential

June

6th June - Y3 Science Show, Clarendon School

9th June - 'Parent Connect' session at 2.45pm join Mrs Austin for a cuppa, chat and Q&A

19th June - Y2 Hengistbury Head Trip

20th June - Y3 Roman Baths Trip (TBC)

26th June - YR Height and Weight screening

27th June - Y6 Melksham Oak Transition Day

27th June - New YR Sept 2023 Visits

## What's on



EMAIL - MELKSHAMCRICKET@GMAIL.COM

GYMABILITY MAY HALF TERM TUESDAY 30TH MAY 12:45-1:45 WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 9:30-10:30

> OUR GYMABILITY DROP-IN SESSIONS ARE FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS WITH ANY PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, LANGUAGE, AND/OR SENSORY CHALLENGES. CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS CAN EXPLORE OUR GYMNASTIOS APPARATUS WITH OUR COACHES IN ATTENDANCE. SPACES, ARE STRICTLY LIMITED AND MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.

BOOK ONLINE NOW!! WWW.WILTSHIREGYMNASTICS.CO.UK THE WILTSHIRE SCHOOL OF GYMNASTICS, LYSANDER ROAD, BOWERHILL, MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE, SNI2 6SP











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WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK

STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £19.80 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £24.60 Childcare vouchers acc<mark>epted excludes b</mark>ank holidays





## TCS Open Evening June 23 - For parents of students in Years 4,5,6

#### The Corsham School Annual Open Evening

You are warmly invited to our Annual Open Evening at The Corsham School on **Thursday 15th June 2023 from 6pm-8.30pm**. This is an opportunity for families to tour the school, visit curriculum areas and meet key staff. Mr Bell, Headteacher, will also give a presentation in our Main School Hall. His talk will take place at 6pm and, again, at 7pm.

If you would like to register your interest to attend the Open Evening and also book onto one of the Headteacher's talks, please go to our website - <u>Open events - The Corsham School</u>



## St Augustine's Year 5 Taster Day & Admissions Information

#### Year 5 Taster Day

We still have some availability on our taster days. Should you wish to attend please email <u>admissions@sta.cc</u> with the following details:

Date you wish to attend (26/28/30 June)

Current school

Parental contact

Email of parent

Phone number of parent

Photo consent

Any further information we may need

#### Admissions

St Augustine's are really looking forward to welcoming their new cohort this summer for their induction days, to get them ready for September.

A few spaces have unexpectedly become available, and they would be delighted to consider further applications to join their Year 7 this September. If you are interested, please contact them directly as soon as possible on admissions@sta.cc and 01225 350001 ext. 242. Or you can apply direct to Wiltshire Council.