# River Mead School Parent Newsletter 16/06/2023



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## A message from Mrs Austin

#### What a Scorcher!

That is definitely what this week has felt like, I think we have all struggled to stay cool both at school and at home, although i hate to say it, i hope its a bit cooler over the weekend.

The children have been doing lots of work in school this week to understand how to stay safe in the sun so they may well remind you that they should use factor 50, 5 star \*\*\*\*\* sunscreen, wear a hat, to drink plenty of water, to sometimes loose long sleeves, and to find shade if needed. They have also heard about/learned about the harmful UVA and UVB rays of the sun.

#### Dates

There is a lot of information this week in this newsletter, so please make sure you read it especially the 'dates for the diary' which has everything we could think of on it so you can put them in your diary including;

- Sports day
- Lion King performances
- Meet the teacher sessions
- End of year assemblies
- Y6 water fight

#### Attendance

Please continue to remember sun hats, sunscreen and water bottles when its warm as all of these mean that the children are much safer and able to manage their school day.

Please also remember to drop off and collect your children on-time. Late attendance in the morning impacts on your child's attendance % and they miss their class reading lesson! If you have missed or forgotten a pre-booked attendance meeting please re-book this via the school office.

#### Defibrillator

As part of the government roll-out we applied for a defibrillator for our school as we have had occasion to use one previously. I am pleased to say ours arrived today. All of the staff have previously had training from 'Wiltshire Air Ambulance'. We hope by having one, we will never need to use it!

## Transition to new classes - Meet the team!

Children in mainstream classes will have brought home a letter today detailing which staff will be working with them when they move to their new classes in September. Please look out for this letter and let us know if you haven't received it.

Later this term there will be the opportunity for you to attend a brief informal meeting at either the start or end of the day to meet your child's new teacher and find out a little more about what they will be learning next year.

All of these meetings will be held in the music room (mobile classroom on the playground).

The dates and times for these are as follows:

Current YR moving to Y1 - Monday 17th July at 2:45pm Current Y1 moving to Y2 - Friday 21st July at 8:45am Current Y2 moving to Y3 - Monday 17th July at 8:45am Current Y3 moving to Y4 - Tuesday 18th July at 2:45pm Current Y4 moving to Y5 - Thursday 20th July at 8:45am

Current Y5 moving to Y6 - Friday 21st July at 2:45pm

If you are a Resource Base parent transition meetings will be organised and shared with you as soon as class structure is finalised. If you would like to come along and meet your child's mainstream teacher at the sessions outlines above, you are most welcome to attend.

## Attendance - every child, every day!



#### Attendance the last data (week 6/6/23) shows

#### School overall 94.9% compared to National 94.3% LOOK AT THIS!!! - Keep it up every child, every day

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.

## Check your Arbor App, what % is your child's attendance??? if it is below 90% you may well be asked to attend a meeting at school to discuss this

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

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EST WEEK -		
My School	Primary National	Difference

## **Curriculum Booklets**

#### What is my child learning in school?

Our children benefit from an exciting and engaging curriculum which has been developed to ensure that learning is irresistible for children. Follow the link below to find out more about your child's curriculum for the year and to see photos of their learning environment.

https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/

## **ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant**

Follow the link to learn about our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

https://sway.office.com/SRpS8QsBpHvh77gx?ref=Link

## Star of the Week



**Otters** - Sapphire Duck

Dormice - Elia Duli

Frogs - Phoebe Adams

Herons - Kobey Wild-Bryant

Kestrels - Faith Smith

Badgers - ALL YEAR 6 Buzzards - ALL YEAR 6 Bumble Bees - Ashley Lloyd

## 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 Sophia Bullock
- Dormice Logan Tucker
- Frogs Jacob Brewer
- Herons Chilli-Ray Edmunds
- Kestrels Noah Cargill
- Badgers Harvey Kitchener
- Buzzards Ethan Gingell
- Bumble Bees Riley Stevens

## Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

#### Dormice:

5 reads - Rowan Mustali, Keira Parker, Tommy Sievewright, Zachary Perrin, Alice Edwards, Freddie Hill, Elia Duli

- 200 reads Tommy Sievewright
- 225 reads Elia Duli

#### Herons

- 25 reads Oscar Bole
- 225 reads Kyla Gerrish

#### Kestrels

- 125 reads Delilah
- 150 reads Esther
- 225 reads Lillie-Marie
- 250 reads Imogen

#### Buzzards

- 100 reads Annalise Brookbanks
- 125 reads Mollie Bailey, Lillie Goddard
- 225 reads Ben Brown, Ersa Duli

## Writer of the Week



Otters - Escher Remington

Dormice - Florence Jarman

Frogs - Adam O'Harrow

Herons - Emily Sievewright

Kestrels - Ella Willis

Badgers - Maxi Cathcart-Harris, Archie Brown

Bumble Bees - Thomas Wells

## Mathematician of the Week



Otters - Teagan Norris

Dormice - Freddie Hill

Herons - Grace Guy

Kestrels - Oliwia

Buzzards - Paddy Tomney

Bumble Bees - Blakey Smith

## **Online Safety Advice**



What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Influencers

The concept of influencers is hardly a new one. Through newspaper columns and TV spots, we've long been accustomed to hearing informed opinion from, say, Martin Lewis on money, Nigella Lawson on food or Mark Kermode on cinema. How the digital revolution has changed the game, however, is by providing a plethora of platforms from which literally anyone can have their say.

Online, you'll find hordes of people holding forth on any number of topics: gaming, beauty, travel, fashion, fitness ... virtually anything you can think of. What qualifies them as 'experts', however? Is it safe for young people to consume the oceans of content that they generate? Our #WakeUpWednesday guide brings you the essential info on the influencer phenomenon.

Kate Miller

Year 1 Teacher

Assistant Head Teacher

## 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 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)- Monday

### **Dates to Remember**



Please see the table for our updated and confirmed dates to remember including Sports Day and our Lion King performance

Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Trip to Hengistbury head			
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Trip to Roman Baths			
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> June	New intake (Year R in September) parents information meeting 6:30-7:30pm			
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Geography field trip - local area			
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Geography field trip - local area			
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Melksham Oak transition day			
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	New intake (Year R in September) visits:			
		Group A 9:30-10:30			
		Group B 11:00 - 12:00			
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 - World War 2 Enrichment Day			
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Melksham Oak taster day (parents to arrange child to meet River Mead staff at Melksham Oak			
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day (if raining, back up day - 17th July) timings tbc			
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> July	New intake (Year R in September) visits:			
		Group A 9:30-10:30			
		Group B 11:00 - 12:00			
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Abbyfield Year 5 taster day (transport provided - leave River Mead 9am)			
	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Life Bus visiting - PSHE			
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> July				
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> July				
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July		Transition morning with new teachers/TAs (not RB)			
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> July	New intake (Year R in September) visits: All children 9:30-11:30			
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Wednesday		Y6 Abbyfield transition day Y5 Sheldon taster day (parents to book places for child to attend)			
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 field work - walk to library			
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair 3:30-5:30pm			
ниау	14 <sup></sup> July	Parents/carers - meet your child's new teacher (Music Studio)			
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents/carers - meet your child's new teacher (Music Studio) 8:45-9:15 Mrs Udakis (vear 2 to Year 3)			
	1, July	2:45-3:15 Miss Coates (Year 2 to Year 1)			
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	2:45-3:15 Mrs Boddington (Miss Veitch) (Year 3 to Year 4)			
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> July	8:45-9:15 Mrs Sones (Year 4 to Year 5)			
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	8:45-9:15 Miss Bartlett (Year 1 to Year 2)			
		2:45-3:15 Miss Woods			
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day with new teachers/TA (not RB)			
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Lion King dress rehearsal to EY/KS1 2pm			
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	New intake (Year R in September) teddy bears picnic 3:45-4:30pm			
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> July	Lion King performance to KS2 & parents (siblings under 5 years) 2pm			
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> July	Lion King Performance (no children under 5 years) 6:30pm			
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:00am parents welcome			
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 water fight and end of year celebration 3:30-5:00pm			

## What's on









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## Year 5 Melksham Oak Taster Day

All pupils in Year 5 have been invited to attend Melksham Oak Community School on Thursday 29th June for a taster day. Emails have been sent to all guardians for pupils in Year 5 with the relevant information and a copy of the letter from Melksham Oak. Please let the school office know should you not have received this, or you require any further information. Thank you.

## Year 5 Abbeyfield School Taster Day

Pupils in Year 5 have been invited to attend Abbeyfield School on Wednesday 5th July for a taster day. Emails and letters have been sent to all guardians with the relevant information, please could you ensure to inform River Mead school office of your childs preference for lunch, and any allergies, by Friday 23rd June. Thank you.

## 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.

## Hardenhuish School Open Evening and Open Week for Year 5 pupils





## **Sheldon School Open Evenings**

