River Mead School Parent Newsletter 07/07/2023



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A message from Mrs Austin

Sports day

Well the weather was remarkable willing on Monday, with enough bright sky for the morning, a complete downpour over lunch (thank goodness we didn't plan a picnic)! then more bright sky, although a bit blustery, for the afternoon. Thank you for supporting your children in their activities, they were all having fun whilst trying very hard to earn points for their house to win the trophy!

NSPCC

I am pleased to say that whilst some children were outside for sports day, those inside were participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse, in an age appropriate manner. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. This is a yearly programme that we participate in, and have done so for many years.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

This is a great opportunity to keep reading all through the summer, so sign up and join in!!

Sign up for this year's <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u>. Sign up at Melksham Community library from **15 July.**

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The challenge is for 4–11-year-olds to read 6 library books over 8 weeks of the summer in return for various fun prizes, including a medal and certificate on completion.

This year the challenge runs from Saturday **15 July to Saturday 9 September**. There will be an initial registration period in the first two weeks of the challenge, where children will receive a collector's folder, then after this period (from 31 July) they are invited to return to talk about the books they have read and start collecting their stickers. Children can also continue to register throughout the summer.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by <u>The Reading Agency</u> and delivered in partnership with the <u>public library network</u>.

How can my child take part? (Library or online)

It's **FREE** to join the challenge and to take out a library membership, visit: <u>Join the library - Wiltshire</u> <u>Council</u> and library staff will be on hand to support reading choices. Children can also take part in the challenge online via the website: <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u> where they can rate and review books, download activities, and access video content, games and quizzes.

Have a good weekend and KEEP READING!

Mrs Austin

Transition to new classes - Meet the team!

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 30/6/23) shows

School overall 94.1% compared to National 91.2% - 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



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/

Notice to all parents & carers



A polite reminder to all parents & carers that smoking or vaping is prohibited on site. Please refrain also from smoking & vaping outside the school gates to ensure the health & safety of all.

Please could we also ask you to consider and ensure that your clothing is appropriate when dropping off and collecting children, this includes tops being worn.

We thank you for your cooperation on these matters.

River Mead Nursery



NEW Prices for Services - from 01/09/2023

Due to many costs rising such as energy and food we have needed to review the charges we make for our traded services. We have tried to keep this increase to a minimum, as we do appreciate that our families are also battling with all these increased costs.

From 1st September 2023, the prices for the following services will be as follows:

- Nursery: Half Day (3.75hrs) £21.80. Full Day (7.5hrs) £43.75. Nursery Breakfast £4.65
- Meals: Cost per meal £2.70
- Before School Club: Cost per session £2.55
- After School Club to 4:15: Cost per session £1.75
- Lettings: Hall (per hour, min 1.5hrs) £12.00. Kingfisher Court Weekdays £12.00.
 Kingfisher Court Weekends £18.00
- Music Lessons: £8.00 per 15 min individual lesson, or a 30 min group session

Online Safety Advice - keeping safe over the holidays



Friends of River Mead

The friends of River mead are organising a summer fair for the 14th of July. This will run from 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

Please come and join us for fun and games.

The FORMS Summer Fair will be taking cash and card payments (on certain stalls) this year. We are also trialing a QR code system enabling faster payments using your smartphone. QR codes will be on every stall. Therefore, if you are short of change then you can use your phone to pay. You can sign up for the sum up pay app beforehand and register your card (similar to Google / apple wallet) or you can scan on the day. More details can be found by following this link https://www.sumup.com/en-gb/pay/

The FORM is a small group, therefore if anyone would like to volunteer to help us with the summer fair we would greatly appreciate this. Any help is welcome. More details the help required will be added to the FORM Facebook page shortly.

Thank you,

Friends of River Mead





Family & Community Learning







July 2023 - online courses

Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry Friday 7 July 10:00 -12:00

Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience Friday 14 July 10:00 -12:00

Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change Friday 21 July 10:00 -12:00

Our courses are free, if you are over 19 years old, a resident in UK/EU for over three years, live in Wiltshire and meet any of the following criteria:

I less than five GCSEs grades A-C

To find out more visit workwiltshire.co.uk/events, call 01225 770 478 or email familyandcommunitylearning@ wiltshire.gov.uk





Wiltshire Council

Being a Parent



Suitable for parents of children aged 2-11

Join Us:

Online via Microsoft Teams

Wednesdays from 5th July

7pm-8.30pm

Call us on: 0800 970 4669









children's centre central line on: 0800 970 4669

www.wiltshirechildrens centres.org.uk

July 2023

1.30pm - 2.30pm

1:1 support available to join online sessions



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

MELKSHAM CRICKET CLUB YOUTH SESSIONS 2023

THURSDAYS KS1 5pm-6pm SATURDAYS KS2 & KS3 10am-11am

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST NOW OPEN.

- SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES
- PAY AS YOU PLAY OR BLOCK BOOK
 - GIRLS/BOYS
 - HARD/SOFT BALL SESSIONS
- ECB, DBS, FIRST AID TRAINED COACHES

Advanced coaching available for more information please contact us.

WWW.MELKSHAMCRICKET.CO.UK FACEBOOK/MELKSHAMCRICKET FACEBOOK/THEBOUNDARYMELKSHAMCC

EMAIL - MELKSHAMCRICKET@GMAIL.COM







BOOK NOW 01225 860 100 / wiltshiremusic.org.uk























WWW.ACTIVE ROWBRIDGE.CO.UK



26TH JULY
26TH JULY
31ST AUGUST
JOHN OF GAUNT
9AM - 3PM STANDARD
DAY £19.80
9AM - 4PM
EXTENDED DAY £24.60





KIT: TRAINERS, SHINPADS, PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE









WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK



Wiltshire Parent Carer Council - Short Breaks Bulletin: https://wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short_breaks Short Breaks Bulletin

Cost of Living

If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis and need some extra support, the team at Wiltshire Council are waiting to help however they can. Please follow this link for further information:

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6665/Council-tax-benefits-and-financial-support