River Mead School Parent Newsletter 30/06/2023



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A message from Mrs Austin



SPORTS DAY MONDAY!!

Please remember all children are to come to school in the PE kit for the day, make sure to be here at the right time for your child's session, either morning or afternoon.

Please remember it is for FUN and enjoyment, do support your child/ren to be good team players and to abide by our FREDICE values (Friendship, respect, equality, determination, inspiration, courage, excellence).

Hats, sun cream and water bottles are all essential.

I also ask that you do not smoke/vape in sight of the children (even if out on the public pathway), and to remind you that no alcohol or offensive clothing/slogans on clothing (or a lack of clothing) will be permitted on the premises.

Lets all make sure we have a fantastic day!

The rest of that week continues to be busy, so please make sure you have read the 'whats-on'

Fabulous Fieldwork and School visits

Well done to the children who have been out and about for their geography field work or visiting secondary schools this week. The feedback has been that you all conducted yourselves impeccably and demonstrated our values in person, showing everyone what a great school River Mead is!. This makes us all very proud of them, so please let them all know.

Teacher Strikes

The school is *NOT* open to *ALL* children on *Wednesday the 5th or Friday the 7th of July* due to the teacher strike.

We continue to thank you for your ongoing support in the matter, we know you value our teachers and believe they should be well apid and well supported by the government. The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP, Secretary of State for Education, emailed all Head Teachers this week to say "The government will soon make a decision on teacher pay for next year and I will email you as soon as we have published our response." So I will keep a hopeful eye on my in-box!

You will have received a message/phone call if your child/ren have been invited to attend. If you are on shift in a front line service (NHS, Police, Fire, Prison) on either day, please contact the office to inquire about a space. Clearly with no teachers, these days will be of a different nature to normal school days; If your child has been invited please send them to school in PE kit.

• SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR ALL PUPILS ON THURSDAY 6th JULY - non - attendance will be marked as unauthorised.

I hope you all have a good weekend, see you on Monday ready for Sports day!

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 23/6/23) shows

School overall 94.3% compared to National 95.3% - 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.

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.

Star of the Week



Otters - Dottie-Rose Cook

Dormice - Freddie Hill

Frogs - Sophia-Rose Carroll

Herons - Freddie Porter

Kestrels - Tiarni Stone

Badgers - Rowan Parker

Buzzards - Adam Ottway

Bumble Bees - Arthur Jardine

Dragonflies - Sienna Stone

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 - Lillieanna Penfold

Dormice - Bella Caven

Frogs - Finley Peckover

Herons - Darcie Merritt

Kestrels - Lexi Tadhunter

Badgers - Jay Bullock

Buzzards - Oliver Cook

Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

Dormice:

75 reads - Keira Parker

100 - Effie Antoni-Turner

150 - Alice Edwards

Kestrels

100 - Imey Gingell

200 reads - Lexi Smith

250 reads - Jasmine Kaur

Buzzards

150 reads - Lillie Goddard

225 reads - Lily Allum

Busy Bees

200 reads - Lucas Goddard & Isaiah Agboka

Writer of the Week



Otters - Milena Sledz

Dormice - Elia Duli

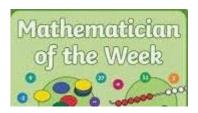
Frogs - Adam O'Harrow

Herons - Alfie Adams

Kestrels -Faith Smith

Bumble Bees - Carl Gillett

Mathematician of the Week



Otters - Janelle Cubagee

Dormice - Kaden Deerans

Frogs - George Cook

Herons - Kyle Saward

Kestrels - Noah Jarman

Bumble Bees - Lukas Hann

Online Safety Advice



What Parents and Carers Need to Know about OmeTV

OmeTV is an emerging social networking app that aims to let its users connect, ideally forming new friendships or simply getting to meet interesting people from all around the world. It's not particularly new technology, but it's remained popular amongst younger audiences. OmeTV uses video chats to randomly connect its users, much like its better-known sister app, Omegle.

Unfortunately, OmeTV still carries the same risks as its competitors. With so many users being so lightly regulated, there's real potential for some unpleasant characters to make use of the app. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide dives into OmeTV, highlighting the risks and advising you on how to keep your child safe on the app.

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 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



Feel confident to help your child leann



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:

• less than five GCSEs grades A-C

• in receipt of benefits

• a military family

• a family with SEN child / children

• are unemployed and seeking employment

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





Wiltshire Council





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			
Wednesday	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)			
		2:45-3:15 Miss Coates (Year R to Year 1)			
Tuesday	18 th July	2:45-3:15 Mrs Boddington (Miss Veitch) (Year 3 to Year 4)			
Thursday Friday	20 th July 21 st July	8:45-9:15 Mrs Sones (Year 4 to Year 5) 8:45-9:15 Miss Bartlett (Year 1 to Year 2)			
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Tuesday	18 th July	Transition Day with new teachers/TA (not RB)			
Wednesday	19 th July	Lion King dress rehearsal to EY/KS1 2pm			
Wednesday	19 th July	New intake (Year R in September) teddy bears picnic 3:45-4:30pm			
Thursday	20 th July				
	20th July	Lion King performance to KS2 & parents (siblings under 5 years) 2pm Lion King Performance (no children under 5 years) 6:30pm			
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Monday	24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:00am parents welcome			
Monday	24 th July	Year 6 water fight and end of year celebration 3:30-5:00pm			

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

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Keeping your children safe online over the holidays



Year 5 Abbeyfield School Taster Day - Cancelled

As per an email sent earlier this week, unfortunately the Abbeyfield Taster Day is no longer taking place on Wednesday 5th July. All children will need to attend River Mead School as normal. Thank you.

Hardenhuish School Open Evening and Open Week for Year 5 pupils

