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## **Newsletter Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### **A Message from Miss Thomas:**

Today seems a strange day in school and no doubt is for those of you at home too – it is the last day of only having a restricted number of children in school and the last day of remote learning for many of you. The feeling in school is one of excited anticipation as both staff and children look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday. We are looking forward to hearing all about the successes and enjoyable times the children have had over the last few months as well as thinking towards the future and everything we will all be able to enjoy doing again as covid restrictions are lifted.

This week you have been sent a lot of information about children returning. I hope this is clear and you feel reassured that your child is returning to as safe an environment as possible. Later today, I will post our updated Risk Assessment onto the home page of our website if you wish to read it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you – every member of our school community – for your support and commitment to doing the best for our children over the last few months. As I have said before, I have been so impressed, and at times touched, by the way parents and staff have worked together to make remote learning successful for our children and look after the well-being of the children and each other. I am sure this will continue as the children return to school.

I look forward to seeing you all next week – have a lovely weekend and let's hope the sun keeps shining!

### **TD days 2020/2021**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Last day of Term 4: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

First day of Term 5: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

To the following children who have celebrated and are celebrating their birthday's during the last/next few days:

Mia, Tommy, Charlie, Max, Jack, Hugo, Adam, Benjamin, Ellis, Amelia and Oliver

## Covid19 Update:

**As all children return to school, it is extremely important that you are vigilant to covid19 symptoms and let us know if anyone in your household displays symptoms. Below is a reminder:**

If your child or any member of your household develops Covid19 symptoms all members of your household should isolate. You must book a test for the symptomatic person and phone or email the school office to let us know (01985 213383 or [admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk)). You can arrange a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

The symptoms to look out for are:

- New, persistent cough
- High temperature
- Change to sense of taste or smell

If you do need to get a test for a member of your household, once you get the result, please let us know as follows:

- Negative result – phone or email the school office
- Positive result – email me ([ct@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ct@avenue.wilts.sch.uk)) as soon as you get the result, whatever time of day that is.

If we do get a positive case in school, we will work with the Public Health Team to identify close contacts and they will be asked to isolate.

## Remote Learning:

The current remote learning ends today. However, from next week, if your child has to stay at home for covid related reasons and is well, we will continue to provide remote learning for them. More details about this will be sent out next week, once the children have returned to school.

## Free School Meals:

If you are not currently eligible for Free School Meals, please see the criteria below to check whether you may be eligible to apply:

Free School Meals are available to eligible children that attend school within Wiltshire on a fulltime basis. This includes Nursery children of compulsory school age who attend school full-time. You must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals for your child or children.

### • Income Support

- Income-based **Job Seekers Allowance** (NOT contribution based JSA)
- Income-related **Employment and Support Allowance** (NOT contribution based ESA)
- Support under **Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- The guarantee element of **State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012)
- **Working Tax Credit** 'run-on' - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

• **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net earned income of no If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals please see the application form on our website.

### Hot Dinners:

Children eligible for benefit related free school meals will be able to have a hot meal starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. All other children, including UFSM Reception to year 2, will be able to order a packed lunch. We hope to be able to offer hot meals soon to more students, please look out for updates as they are released.

### Parent & Pupil Support:

My name is Mrs Leeson and I am fortunate to work in such a diverse, pastoral role in Parent and Pupil Support. I thought it important to explain a little about my role and how I can best support you and your child.

Perhaps you have concerns in regards to behaviour, nutrition, attendance and parenting in general. Or you feel you need support with family learning, finances and applying for benefits, Free School Meals or require Early Help. I am here to offer impartial advice and signpost to a wealth of other agencies when needed.

Importantly, due to Warminster being a Military town, I also have a particular focus on supporting Armed Forces Families – so Please do make contact if your loved one is due to deploy on exercise or tour. Importantly, I understand that family life can be challenging and am here to support you whenever needed, be that with a one off question or more challenging situation. Please feel free to email me on [eln@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:eln@avenue.wilts.sch.uk) or ring the main office to arrange a telephone appointment – 01985 213383







# **Online Paediatric First Aid Course**

**With Wiltshire First Aid**

**The aim of this course is to equip you with the knowledge, skills & confidence you need to deal with Paediatric First Aid situations.**

**This course covers key topics including:  
Basic Life Support, Shocks, Seizures, Fractures,  
Bleeding, Burns and a range of other injuries.**

**This is a flexible, online course that can be accessed from your own home & completed at your own pace. The course takes up to  
6 hours (Approx)**

**For families with children aged 0-5 years old living in South, East or West Wiltshire.**

**To book onto this course, please call:**



**Devizes , Tidworth, Pewsey, Marlborough & surrounding areas  
(01380) 739 835**

**Salisbury, Bulford, Larkhill, Mere & surrounding villages  
(01722) 414 301**

**Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster, Westbury, BOA & surrounding areas  
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Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/>

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March 2021 online courses!! There are courses to help parents/carers help children with home learning. Look out for the evening **Helping My Child to Learn Maths 2** – evening sessions at 8:00pm

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|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Thurs 4        | Terrific Times Tables  | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Thursday<br>4  | <b>Manage Your Maths 2 - Fractions</b><br>If you find fractions baffling, then this course is for you! We will show you how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions, plus lots more!             | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Thursday<br>4  | <b>Families Reading Every Day – FRED</b>   | 10:00-12:00<br>5 weekly sessions |
| Friday<br>5    | <b>Manage Your Maths 3 - Percentages</b>   | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Monday<br>8    | <b>Helping My Child to Learn Maths 1 (Strategies)</b><br>Understand what and how your child is learning at school. The focus is on modern methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. | 10:00-12:00<br>5 weekly sessions |
| Monday<br>8    | <b>Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience</b>   | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Thursday<br>11 | <b>Manage Your Maths 3 - Percentages</b>   | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Friday<br>12   | <b>Manage Your Maths 4 - Area and Perimeter</b><br>Learn how to calculate area and perimeter of simple and complex shapes including rectangles, triangles and circles.                                   | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Monday<br>15   | <b>Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change</b><br>Explore the reasons why children find change difficult and how you can support positively at home  | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Thursday<br>18 | <b>Manage Your Maths 4 - Area and Perimeter</b>  | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |
| Thursday<br>18 | <b>Money Smart</b>   | 10:00-12:00<br>5 weekly sessions |
| Friday<br>19   | <b>Manage Your Maths 5 - Functional Skills Problems</b>  | 10:00-12:00<br>1 session         |

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| <b>Monday</b><br>22   | <b>Family Wellbeing</b><br>Develop awareness around managing stressful situations, building resilience, developing coping strategies and supporting children with their anxieties | <b>10:00-12:00</b><br><b>5 weekly sessions</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>25 | <b>Manage Your Maths 5 - Functional Skills Problems</b>   | <b>10:00-12:00</b><br><b>1 session</b>         |
| <b>Friday</b><br>26   | <b>Discover Safety Net</b>  | <b>10:00-12:00</b><br><b>1 session</b>         |



## Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning>

Two easy routes to take first steps to start the search for employment and work out what's best for YOU. You can pick and choose Boost courses, but to make sure you are fully prepared, join the whole series to get your job search 100% perfect!

| Date                      | Boost Online Courses   | Date                    | Time                                     |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| <b>March Friday</b><br>5  | <b>*Discover How to Boost Your Potential</b><br>Jumpstart your positive thinking to step in the right direction<br><i>(* an introduction to the online Boost x 8 series)</i> | <b>March Weds</b><br>17 | <b>10:00-12:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b> |
| <b>March Friday</b><br>12 | <b>1. Boost Your Skills</b><br>Understand the best ways to use your personal qualities   | <b>March Mon</b><br>22  | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |
| <b>March Friday</b><br>19 | <b>2. Boost Your Job Seeking</b><br>Realise your capabilities and how to promote yourself  | <b>March Weds</b><br>24 | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |
| <b>March Friday</b><br>26 | <b>3. Boost Your Career</b><br>Find realistic ways to find new job opportunities   | <b>March Mon</b><br>29  | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |
| <b>April Friday</b><br>9  | <b>4. Boost Your Opportunities Online</b><br>How to make your online profile stand out from the crowd  | <b>March Weds</b><br>31 | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |
| <b>April Friday</b><br>16 | <b>5. Boost Your Job Applications</b><br>Learn how to demonstrate you are the right applicant  | <b>April Weds</b><br>7  | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |
| <b>April Friday</b><br>23 | <b>6. Boost Your Communication Skills</b><br>Get your message across to gain employment  | <b>April Mon</b><br>12  | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |
| <b>April Friday</b><br>30 | <b>7. Boost Your Wellbeing</b><br>Learn how paid or unpaid work helps wellbeing  | <b>April Weds</b><br>14 | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |
| <b>May Friday</b><br>7    | <b>8. Boost Your Online Interview Skills</b><br>Present your best qualities for an online interview  | <b>April Mon</b><br>19  | <b>10:00-1:00</b><br><b>1 x session</b>  |

## Family and Community Learning Online Courses

- March 2021
- All 10:00-12:00 (except Boost)
- Single 2hr courses
- 5 weeks of 2hr courses (see courses marked with )

## Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

08 March



## Manage Your Maths Courses

Pre Functional Skills Maths

11 March



## Discovering Confidence

11 March



## Discover Safety Net

26 March



## Helping My Child to Learn Maths 1

08 March



## Family Wellbeing

22 March



## Terrific Times Tables

11 March



## Money Smart

18 March



17 March

## Helping My Child to Learn Maths 2

## Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change

15 March

Various Dates in March (10:00- 13:00)

## Boost Courses - Employability skills



Email: [Familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
 Website: [Workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/](http://Workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/)  
 Call: 01225 770478 (Voicemail Service)

Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Learners must be 19+, have been resident in the EU/UK for three or more years or be a service family member, have less than 5 GCSE's A-C and or be in receipt of benefits or be unemployed. If you do not feel you fit within the criteria, we still may be able to help so please call if you have any questions.

Please check <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning> for details about courses. Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Courses are no cost to you if you are 19+, have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+years, have less than 5 GCSEs grades A-C, in receipt of benefits, a service family or you may have other issues that joining a course could help you with. You might be stuck in a rut or going through a difficult time? We want to hear from people who are unsure about if they can join, we are always happy to talk things through.

Please call us 01225 770478, leave a message or send the team an email [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk) and we will get back to you.

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