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Dear Mead Families

We close the spring term thankful for all of the support we have received since Christmas and in fine shape for the summer. During the coming months we will be:

- Continuing with excellence in teaching and learning as priority one at all times
- Completing pupil reports
- Hosting virtual parental consultation evenings
- Preparing for our summer performance
- Hosting sports days
- Welcoming all of our new children who are joining Reception and Nursery
- Celebrating the progress of our wonderful Year 6 children and helping them to succeed on the exciting journey ahead into secondary school
- Ensuring everyone has a full transition programme to their new class with lots of opportunities to discuss with yourselves and ensure the children feel confident, secure and excited about school year 2021-22.

On the next page of this newsletter you will find a Survey Monkey link to a parent/carer questionnaire. Your views are so important to us as we strive every day to do the very best we can for all our children. Please help us by taking a few minutes to complete this questionnaire over the Easter break.

Thank you as ever for all that you do to support our school as essential members of Team Mead 😊



Warm regards
Mark Stenton
Headteacher

Reporting Covid-19 symptoms to the school

If you or anyone in your family is being tested or has received a positive Covid-19 test please inform the school as soon as possible by emailing covidreporting@themead.wilts.sch.uk (including over the weekend and during school holidays).

For all other communication, (Covid or otherwise), please email office@themead.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep everyone safe.

INSET DAYS:

7th June 2021

1st & 2nd September 2021, 1st November 2021, 4th January 2022, 6th June 2022

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

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Family Gardening Club

Family Gardening Club is now full. If you would like to go onto our waiting list please email Mel Jacob on melaniejacob@blueyonder.co.uk



Whole School Survey

Each year, we ask our parents what they think of our school. Usually, you would be given a paper questionnaire to complete during parent consultation evenings. This year, we have moved it online to make it quick and easy for everyone. The link to the questionnaire is below, and it will be available for you to fill in until Monday 26th April 2021.

The questionnaire asks a variety of questions, including some on bullying and SEND. If you have more than one child in school, and have had different experiences with each of them, please complete one questionnaire for each child. If you have had the same experience with all of your children, you can just fill in one questionnaire for them all.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TMTParentQuestionnaire>

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing your responses!

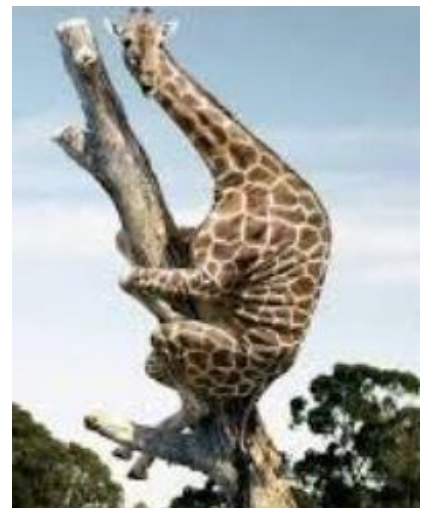
Creative Writing Competition

A HUGE thank you to everyone who sent in a piece of creative writing inspired by the image of a giraffe sitting in a tree. I LOVED reading each and every one of them!

The winning authors were Zarif from Ospreys, Year 5 and Amelie from Wildcats, Year 6. Their stories will be published shortly.

Watch out for the next creative writing competition next term!

Miss Emma Davies
English Lead and Year 5 Class Teacher
Currently reading *A Secret of Birds & Bones*, by Kiran Millwood Hargrave





Year 5 Bug Hotels..... We need YOU!

Next term, Year 5 will "bee" creating bug hotels and we need your help to find lots of materials that we can use!

Over the half-term break, if you do a spot of gardening and happen to come across any of these materials, we will gladly (and very gratefully!) take them off of your hands!

If you do have any of these things, and wouldn't mind us having them, please can you bring them into school **on Monday 19th April** as we are hoping to build our hotels later in the week.

Thank you very much!

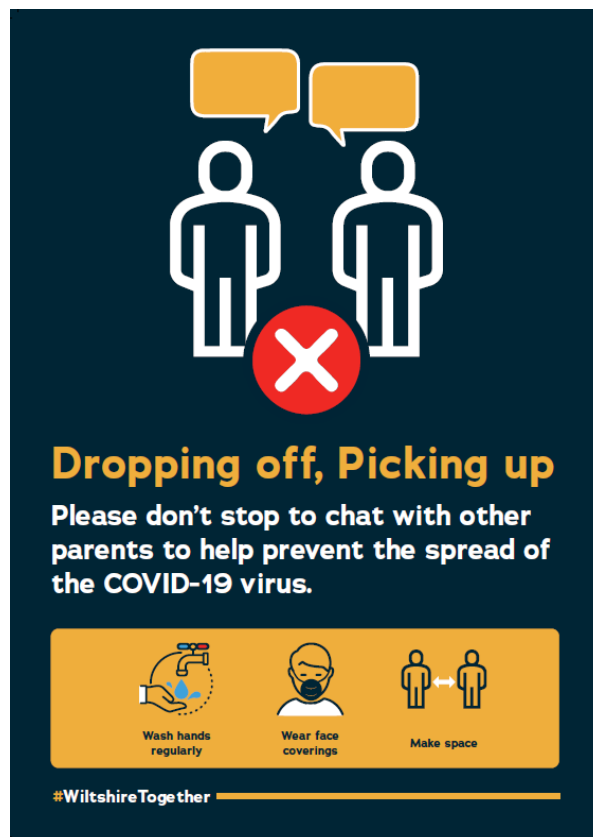
Miss Davies, Mr Webb and the Year 5 children

- Old wooden pallets
- Cardboard kitchen roll tubes/ carpet roll tubes
- Moss
- Bits of ceramic, broken tiles or old plant pots
- Roofing felt
- Scraps of carpet or hessian pebbles
- Straw
- Dry leaves
- Sticks/ twigs
- Woodchips
- Old terracotta pots
- Old roofing tiles
- Bricks, preferably those with holes through them
- Old logs
- Bark
- Pine cones
- Sand
- Soil
- Hollow bamboo canes
- Dead hollow stems cut from shrubs and herbaceous plants
- Flowers/ shrubbery
- Planks of wood
- **Whatever else you can find - preferably natural materials**

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Dates for your Diary	<u>These dates are all subject to change following Government Announcements / Guidelines</u>
Monday 19 th April 2021	Term 5 begins Foxes and Ospreys have on-line sessions with Jonathan's Jungle
Monday 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
Monday 17 th May 2021	Class Photos – David Wiltshire Photography
Wednesday 26 th May 2021	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Friday 28 th May 2021	Term 5 ends – children finish at their normal times
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day – children do not attend school
Tuesday 8 th June 2021	Term 6 begins
Monday 21 st June 2021	Year 5 Curriculum Day at Clarendon School
Wednesday 23 rd June 2021	Year 6 Good Citizen Event at Potterne
Wednesday 23 rd June 2021	New Intake September 2021 Parents Evening Meeting – 6.30pm
Wednesday 30 th June 2021	Trowbridge Youth Parliament
Thursday 1 st July 2021	Sports Day
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	Year 6 Transition Days to Clarendon School and John of Gaunt School
Thursday 8 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance of Alice on the School Grounds
Friday 9 th July 2021	Year 5 Curriculum day at John of Gaunt School
Tuesday 13 th July 2021	Key Stage 2 Performance of Alice on the School Grounds – fall back date
Thursday 15 th July 2021	Sports Day fall back date
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Term 6 ends – children finish at their normal times



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