



# The Mead School

## NEWSLETTER

**Term:** Summer

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### Key Dates:

**Monday 7 May**

**BANK HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 8 May**

Early Years Forest School

Year 5 & 6 NSPCC workshops

Third Transition Session for Reception 2018/19; 1.45-3.15pm

Living Eggs (hatching chicks) programme arrives

**Wednesday 9 May**

Year 3 Transition Meeting for current Year 2 parents; 8.45-9.15am, dining room

Talks with PC Vernon Barker

U10/11 cricket at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst, 2.30pm

**Thursday 10 May**

Year 6 trip to Houses of Parliament & National Gallery

Year 1 Trip to Leeds Castle

U9 cricket at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst, 2.30pm

**Friday 11 May**

Year 6 swimming - long distance badges

### Notices:

#### Missing Uniform Items:

Emma, 6L, inner fleece from coat

Phoebe, 1B, swimming costume

Charlie, 1C, cap

*Please kindly check your child's uniform over the weekend.*

Dear parents,

The inspectors departed yesterday afternoon and I'm sure you will forgive team Mead for looking forward to the elongated weekend. Unfortunately, I am not allowed to give you explicit details from yesterday's feedback but I can say that we're happy with the outcome. I'm afraid you will be fairly overwhelmed with the final report when it is published in around three weeks' time. Unlike the previous inspection, this one was focused only on 'compliance' and so the simple report will include a series of fairly bland statements. Nonetheless, a huge amount of work goes into the process and I would like to thank all of my staff publically but particularly my outstanding Business Manager, Rebecca, who spear-headed the process.

Moving forwards, I recently promised some further staffing news for September. I'm sad to announce that Miss Rodriguez will be leaving us at the end of term to return to Spain for personal reasons. Myriam has been a real asset to the school over the past few years, is a wonderful teacher and I know we will miss her as much as she will miss her Mead family. On the back of this news and within the context of the new appointments announced, there will be some minor shuffling of year group class teachers. As part of a wider strategy to look to always improve and increase standards, Miss Peace will move down from year 3 to join Mrs Moral in year 2 and Mr Chave will then partner Mrs Faure in year 3. Both Miss Peace and Mr Chave have good experience in these age groups and will, I'm sure, prove to be great successes. New appointee, Mrs Gemma Wilson, will join Mrs Latty in year 6 with her senior school transition experience providing obvious benefits. All other class teachers will remain in position.

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify the school's position on class lists for next year and beyond. I am a firm advocate of mixing up year groups every September. The Mead is an incredibly happy and inclusive environment to spend your early childhood and if we are to prepare our children for the realities of senior school life and indeed, life in general, we must encourage them to invest in the whole spectrum of their surroundings. In such a small community, I refuse to allow exclusive friendships to develop or a mindset which is unaccepting of change. Therefore, from now on, every September, classes will be mixed for all the right reasons. Please refrain from inundating me with friendship requests. I guarantee you that our process will be exhaustive. I trust my staff's judgment and they will commit to a thorough deliberation before then also discussing each child individually with me.

Wishing you all a fun filled and hopefully sunny bank holiday weekend.

Andrew Webster

### News Round-Up

#### Enterprising Year 6 Do Roaring Trade at Market Day

Year 6 entrepreneurs did a fantastic job selling their wares and activities for their Wishford Enterprise Award business ventures this week. Read the full story on our website.



#### Rounders Match, 3 May

##### Match Report by Nell & Ellie Beth:

*Yesterday the Under 9 girls played a rounders match against Bricklehurst. Everybody had fun and played their best. We were a great team and the final score was 5-3 to Bricklehurst. Thank you to Mrs Webster for taking us.*



#### Plans Underway for FoM Summer Fair, Sat 23 June (straight after Sports Day)

Friends of The Mead started plans for the Summer Fair at their meeting this week. Class Reps will soon be requesting help with donations & manning stalls so please do lend your support if you can. A reminder to sign up to display a Hamptons Summer Fair promotional board outside your home if you are able to by clicking link in the parentmail or let Ruth in the school office know at [marketing@themschool.co.uk](mailto:marketing@themschool.co.uk).



## Menu (W/C Monday 7 May):

### Monday

#### **BANK HOLIDAY**

### Tuesday

Chicken Korma & Rice/ Yoghurts

**Tea:** Munch Bunch/No.1 Club/ Juniors: Fresh Filled Rolls & Salad

### Wednesday

Pasta Day/ Jelly & Cream

**Tea:** Munch Bunch/ No. 1 Club/ Juniors: Fresh Filled Sandwiches & Salad

### Thursday

Steak Pie, Potatoes & Sweetcorn/ Ice Cream

**Tea:** Munch Bunch/No. 1 Club/ Juniors: Fresh Filled Wraps & Salad

### Friday

Fish Friday/ Friday Treat

**Tea:** Munch Bunch/No. 1 Club/ Juniors: Sausage Rolls & Salad

## Congratulations to this week's Award Winners



### Cups

Infants: Toby Finan

Juniors: Jake Jones

### Stars-in-a-Jar

Chloe Chowdhury

Seb Dexter

Nell Mitchell

### Birds

Alexia Giddins

Aerin Moss

Oliver Hill

Oliver O'Neill

Freddie Kemp

Charlotte Peter

Lucas McIntosh

Mani Place

Misty McQuitty

Sofia Thain

Hindmarsh

Hamish Weaver

Elodie Mitchell

All of Year 3

## Year 4 - Electricity Projects



## Year 5 Places of Worship Projects



Japanese temple



Cotswold Church  
constructed from lego

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