

# Bees Galore

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Madley Primary school, who have waited to encounter a swarm, are now preparing to have a colony of bees and they should settle in soon enough.

Madley school, who have been longing to have bees, now have teachers to help care for their new honey bees. Now they have persuaded to get other staff to get trained by Wye Valley Beekeeping Association and should have calm bees soon. It seems the whole school is excited and determined to learn about bees!

This has been praised by the school's bee mentor, who explained, "Several years ago we were on holiday in Australia and visited a bee farm. We could watch the bees behind a glass window. The bees were mesmerising and the smells were amazing [wax, honey and the pheromones the bees use to communicate] I did not start keeping bees straight away but that memory stayed with me." This highlights the impact seeing bees in action has on people.

At the moment the teachers are so nervous about their unbelievable bees but with a bit of time and lots of support the school will become confident bee keepers.



**The bees going into their new hive.**

The delightful bees are key pollinators, which are a crucial to help plant reproduction and by keeping bees they are adding to the honey bee life count. The mentor added that, "When I retired from my career I planned on retraining as a teacher now I can work with your school and help you experience the special world of bees,"

Over the next few weeks, the school believe that the bees will settle in and the regular visits can start to take place.

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