



Friday 16th July 2021

Dear parents

I am writing on the last Friday of the year, this week like many others seems to have rushed by! Included in this letter are details of the library summer reading challenge, free bus travel for year 6 pupils, an online show and some details about what to do from Monday, if your child tests positive for Covid.

Contact tracing from Monday 19th July

Please see the letter sent with this letter, this details what you will need to do if your child has Covid symptoms or tests positive from Monday. It is no longer the case that whole bubbles in school will have to isolate. Instead track and trace will contact you and support you to identify close contacts. Then only your household and those few close contacts will have to isolate for the 10 day period. Aspire schools will no longer be involved in the process. Please let the school know if your child or anyone in your household tests positive- thank you.

Free Bus Travel for Year 6

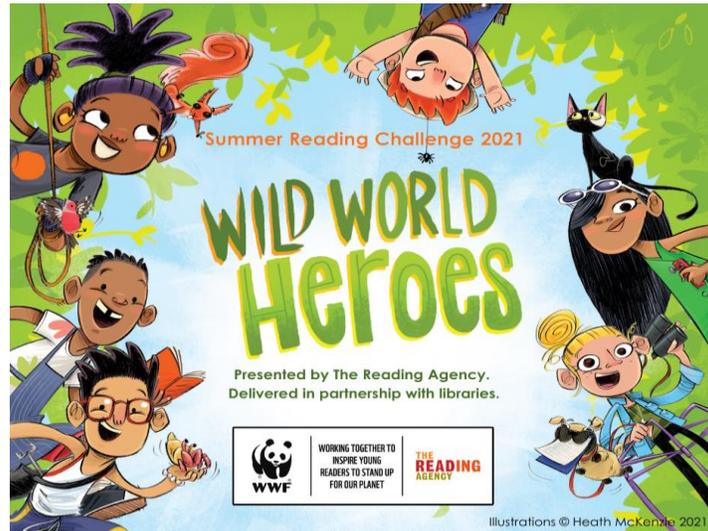
As part of the reconnect programme children in year 6 will be bringing home a cardboard ticket. This entitles them to free bus travel on Stagecoach and Arriva buses between Thursday 22nd July and Tuesday 31st August 2021.

In addition to this a number of Kent leisure centres are offering children a six week pass for £25 or £10 if they receive free school meals (benefit related) so it is worth contacting your local leisure centre if you are interested.

If you have a child in year 6 and they don't bring home the ticket please contact the school office.

Kent Libraries reading challenge

Please see below for the reading challenge for this summer from Kent Libraries. It is also great to hear about children who have taken part in this each year.



Kent libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment.

10 July – 11 September 2021

Sign up by visiting a Kent Library or by visiting wildworldheroes.org.uk to take part online.

The Challenge: read six library books over the summer period.

It can be any type of reading material including

- stories,
- information books,
- audiobooks,
- eBooks,
- eAudiobooks,
- eMagazines and more.

When they have read their six books and completed the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a medal and certificate (while stocks last). And it's all for free!

After the difficult year with the pandemic and its impact on children, the Summer Reading Challenge 2021 is more important than ever in supporting children with their learning, reading skills and so much more. Wild World Heroes celebrates adventure, friendship, reading and fun while helping children to discover the natural world and its importance.

Unicorn Theatre - Free online performance

Mrs Unsworth- Brown our creative arts lead has asked me to signpost you all to a free online theatre show by the unicorn theatre which she thoroughly recommends.

Here is some information about the show:

Our latest online production is a brand new show created and directed by our Artistic Director, Justin Audibert (Anansi the Spider Re-spun).

Creatively filmed and edited to bring theatre to life online for children, Marvin's Binoculars will be available for free, on our YouTube channel and the Guardian website until 8 August 2021. Marvin loves exploring all the parks around his home in London and finding birds, bugs and animals. On his ninth birthday he's overjoyed - his very own pair of grown-up, pro binoculars! But then something terrible happens: he loses them, and to get them back, he must face the intimidating park warden.

Join Marvin as he discovers wildlife and friendship in the most unlikely places. Touching on themes of racial prejudice and self-belief, Marvin's Binoculars is a highly engaging and vibrant show that will inspire children to explore the outdoors in their local green spaces. As part of Unicorn Online, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering a range of free online theatrical experiences that we hope will be enjoyed by children across London, the UK and beyond.

The link to the website is : <https://www.unicorntheatre.com/Marvin-digital>

Supermarket Vouchers and Summer Activities for pupils who receive benefit related free school meals

If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals, you will be receiving supermarket values to support you and your family over the summer. Each child is entitled to £15 a week and will receive those vouchers for the six weeks. Therefore you will receive a voucher for £90. These will be issued by wonde. Office staff will be organising vouchers next week, please contact the school office if you haven't received them by Wednesday.

I wrote to you on Monday detailing a summer activity club for children who receive free school meals. Please contact your school office if you have not received the letter.

I will write to you again once more before the end of term, but I would like to finish by thanking all parents for their support and hard work with home education over the last year.

Wishing you all lovely sunshiney weekends,

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
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