



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th July 2021

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As we end our penultimate week before our summer break, I would like to share with you some changes in our Joy Lane staff team.

Mrs Wilson, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Rennells are retiring at the end of this term (how very dare they!). They have been part of the mainstay of our Joy Lane team and will be missed terribly. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Stevens have supported the children in our SRP and Mainstream for past seven years, and Mrs Rennells has been supporting children for 27 years! Our children have been extremely lucky to have been supported by these wonderful ladies, and their flexible, friendly approach and nurturing support will be remembered fondly and missed by children, staff and our parent community alike. We send them our very good wishes for a happy, healthy retirement. In addition, Mrs Martin leaves our learning support team to begin her teacher training programme at the Canterbury Academy, and we wish her the very best of luck in your future career.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Crowe to our teaching team, who joins us from Blean Primary School. She is very much looking forward to becoming part of the Team Joy Lane and meeting her new class at the 'meet and greet' sessions next week.

It has been a tricky week, dealing with the notifications of the positive COVID-19 test results and with constant liaison with Public Health England, and sadly, we have been notified of further positive cases in school; I send my very best wishes to the children and adults for a speedy recovery.

Enjoy the sunny weekend ahead and the final week of this strange and challenging academic year.

END-OF -TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of Term 6 is Friday 23rd July at our usual finishing times from 1pm.

Paid-for After School Club and the Nursery close at 4pm on the last day of term.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in Kent provides healthy, nutritious food and exciting, enriching activities for children and young people during the school holidays. Families of children aged 4 to 16 years, who are eligible for benefits related to free school meals, can access these opportunities in the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays for free.



The HAF Programme aims to support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Kent, encouraging them to engage in interactive and fun activities and provide them with access to nutritious food. This programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide support for eligible families in Kent to access these holiday activities for free. For more information, visit the website ([Holiday Activities and Food Programme \(Kent\) | The Education People](#)) and click [here](#) to view the parent leaflet.



MUSIC AT JLPS

As we begin to think ahead about the exciting prospect of a little more freedom in school next year, extra-curricular activities that have really suffered can once more be enjoyed, and this includes instrumental music lessons at Joy Lane.

Ms Salter, Mr Edwards and I have tried, where possible and necessary, to deliver some lessons via video calls, but in most cases, we have happily returned to teaching face to face; with our strict, subject-specific risk assessment in place, we feel able to increase the number of pupils we teach in September, taking on those who have remained patiently on our waiting lists for many, many months.



All students who are on our waiting lists will be contacted very soon to explain when their expected start date will be as we begin to understand what restrictions, if any, will stay in place during the next academic year. If you are concerned that you have been on a waiting list for a very long time and might have been forgotten, then please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Rawlings, via Dojo during term time or by emailing Joy Lane office (FAO of Mrs Rawlings), so that we can be sure you are contacted. We do not expect to have forgotten anyone, but it has been an unusual and testing year! Please include all contact details, which instrument and when you joined the waiting list (if you know), and we will be sure to contact you as soon as we can.

Our letter for those interested in lessons and joining the waiting list can be found on the JL website: [https://www.joylane.kent.sch.uk/images/documents/Letters_2020-2021/Term_1/Instrumental Lessons Letter 2020.docx.pdf](https://www.joylane.kent.sch.uk/images/documents/Letters_2020-2021/Term_1/Instrumental_Lessons_Letter_2020.docx.pdf)

Please be advised that lessons usually start from Year 3 and our different instruments have varying waiting list times as they are taught by different members of staff in different teaching spaces.

We would also like to take this opportunity to promote this amazing opportunity open to all budding musicians aged 8 and upwards. No experience is necessary, beyond knowing a few notes on your chosen instrument and participants certainly do not need to be able to read music. At £20 for a 4-day course, this offers superb value for money, and speaking as a parent of two previous attendees, it is great fun and worth giving it a try. Kent Music staff run the event and they are all enthusiastic, professional, teaching musicians who know how to bring out the best ideas from the children as they compose their own masterpiece over the 4 days. Take a look at <https://www.kent-music.com/events/ol-project-27/>

O1 FEST
COMPOSE, CREATE & CELEBRATE MUSIC

16 - 19 AUGUST 8 - 18 YEAR OLDS

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

COMPOSE YOUR OWN FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

MAKE MUSIC LIVE WITH EXPERT TUTORS

ALL ABILITIES ALL INSTRUMENTS ALL GENRES

Kent Music

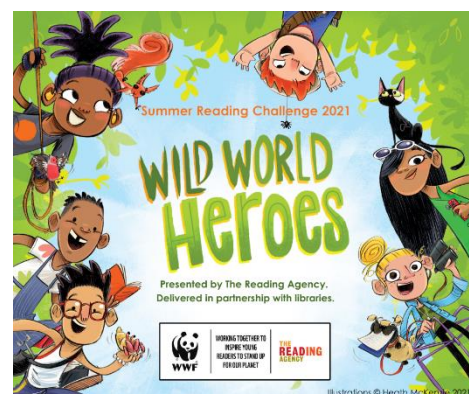


KENT LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Get ready for the Wild World Heroes as Summer Reading Challenge 2021 comes to Kent libraries!

Kent libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021 - a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

Running from 10 July – 11 September 2021, for the first time, children can choose to sign up and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge either by visiting a Kent Library to claim their joining pack, or by visiting wildworldheroes.org.uk to take part online. Visit kent.gov.uk/libr to find an up-to-date list of our open libraries and information about when others will be opening.



Meet the Wild World Heroes - Carys, Marcus, Callum, Willow, Faiza, David and their trusted animal companions from Wilderville - who are all on a mission to take action and save their natural world.

Children can help the Wild World Heroes by signing up to the Summer Reading Challenge and reading 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 and their families, 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

arts, craft & creative play outdoor activities Kent test & catch-up

music

KIDS Summer CAMP

July 26th - August 20th
10% Discount for week bookings!

Kent Test

Tuition Extra
Roper Yard, Roper Road
Canterbury

hair & beauty

arts & craft

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Roper Road, Canterbury

Stay all day!
Sport, Arts, & Creative Play!
£30 per day

Add Extras - bespoke experiences!
morning & afternoon slots available

- Music
- Cookery
- Hair & Beauty
- Kent Test Prep

£10 extra per experience

1-2-1 tuition available ask about our great refuel!

9:30am - 12:00pm
Lunch
1:00pm - 3:30pm

our site
Canterbury

- Sensory Room
- Recording Studio
- Beauty Salon
- Roof-top Garden
- Learning Room
- Catering Suite

Fantastic outdoor spaces to play!

Tuition Extra Summer Camp

Tuition Extra is a Kent based bespoke education service for children with Additional Educational Needs.
www.tuition-extra.co.uk/summer-camp

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Tuition extra **thrive** (with funding)

