

# The Archer

School Newsletter No 10

This is our last newsletter of the academic year and we would like to wish you all a restful summer. We have brought together some notices and announcements for the end of term as well as schemes that may support you over the summer.

## Sports Day

A huge thank you for your support at our recent sports days. It was a pleasure to see so many people cheering on the children and encouraging them to take part in the fierce competition. A huge congratulations to St David, who completed a clean sweep by winning both our EYFS/KS1 Sports day, as well as our KS2 sports day.

## Bus travel

As part of Kent's Bus Service Improvement Plan, and with the support of Kent's bus operators, eligible families with children can enjoy the summer with free bus travel from 23 July to 31 August 2023 inclusive.

The new 'Bus About Kent' pass is available to families who receive benefits-related free school meals and allows up to 4 family members to travel by bus for free during the summer. Eligible families will receive this automatically, and more details can be found here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/bus-passes/free-summer-bus-travel-for-eligible-families>

## Kent Children's University

Each year, Kent Children's University produces seasonal challenges for schools and families. The Summer #KCUChallenge launched on Friday 14 July at 10pm consists of 24 activities for families, ranging in topic and complexity. These activities are suitable for children aged 5+. The aim is to encourage parents and carers to take part in free or low-cost opportunities with their children during the summer holiday period. Please see the following web page which will continue to be updated in the coming weeks: <http://www.kentchildrensuniversity.co.uk/cukent/home/kcu-challenges/2023-summer-kcuchallenge/>

## Building works

Over the summer, we are expecting some significant works to the classrooms in the key stage 2 wing of the school. This will mean that our classrooms will return to action for the start of the year and the school will have access to our library and other rooms around school. The next phase of works will be on reinstating the roof of the key stage 2 hall roof. We will update you on prospective dates for completion in due course.

## Keeping Well over summer

Kent have created the following newsletter for helpful tips and information on mental wellbeing over the summer break: <https://sway.office.com/Uv2MtvXQH6ozrL6i?>

### Free e-books

Don't miss out on free access to reading all summer! Accelerated Reader have made thousands of books available for free online. There are fiction and non-fiction books to read and also listen to, as lots of the titles are also audio narrated. Prizes will be awarded to the schools that complete the most books and spend the most time reading so get reading, Wentworth! To access the lists, use the following login information at <https://www.myon.co.uk>:  
School Name: Summer Reads  
Username: SUM Password: SUMR123!

### Travelling to and from school

Please remind children of the need to be aware of their own safety when travelling to and from school and also throughout the holidays. We have been informed of a number of older children who have been distracted on their journey to school (talking with friends / using personal devices). There is some excellent advice on the following website: <https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledgecentre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

It has also been reported that some older siblings have been attending the school site to collect younger siblings. If this forms part of your families arrangements for collection, please remind older siblings that they must do so respectfully to our school community and neighbours.

### Uniform

Please familiarise yourself with school uniform requirements if you are planning on buying new uniform for September.  
<https://wentworthonline.co.uk/uniform-information>

### Ready, Set, Read! : Summer Reading Challenge

*This year's reading challenge is running from 8th July to 9th September. Children can join up by visiting a Kent Library or by visiting <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> to take part online. Our closest library to school is in Ashen Drive, but you can visit any library in Kent to participate. To complete the challenge, children need to read any 6 books over the summer period. This can be anything from stories to information books, audiobooks, eBooks and more. At the end of the challenge, they will receive a medal and certificate. It is completely free to take part! To find out more, visit [bit.ly/ReadySetRead2023](http://bit.ly/ReadySetRead2023).*

### Dartford Food Bank

*We have supported Dartford food bank across the year with various drives for donations. These have been greatly received and benefited a great number of people in our community. Below is a QR code which allows you to make a donation to the foodbank to ensure that there are supplies across the summer break. Many thanks for your support:*



Scan to pay  
New Avenues

### Further Support Services

**Samaritans - Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. We're here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year: call 116 123**

**Childline - Get help and advice about a wide range of issues, call us on 0800 1111, talk to a counsellor online**

**Kooth – Free, safe and anonymous online support for your people – kooth.com**

**MIND - 01322 291380**

**National Centre for Domestic Abuse – You don't need a bruise to be a victim – 0800 9702070**

**Dartford Foodbank - 43 Spital St, Dartford DA1 2DX 07434 811053 – You only need proof of child benefit and address to visit the food bank – Tuesday 10-12**

**The Salvation Army – Hythe Street Dartford 01322 288434**

**CAB – 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Tree Community Centre or 3rd Tuesday at Temple Hill Community Centre – book by appointment on 01322 311265**

**You will find any other supported service for Dartford -**

**<https://sway.office.com/jauVJAuG1p415i2C>**

### Duke of Cornwall

Could a child you know become a 'hero' in their community by learning to prepare for emergencies with Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Awards? The Kent prepared website is a free resource for children to access to learn more about how they can keep themselves safe at home and in their local area. <https://www.kentprepared.org.uk/youth-resources>

### Upcoming dates

**Thursday 20th July - Term 6 ends**

**Tuesday 5th September - Term 1 starts**

*Please see the school calendar as well as the term dates on our school website for more information:*

**<https://www.wentworthonline.co.uk/calendar>**

