

# Newsletter

We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

## Forthcoming dates

**6 Sep** First day of term  
**11 Sep** Current Year 3 First Holy Communion

**Full Autumn calendar to follow in September.**

## Dear Children, Staff, Parents and Carers,

Wow... what a strange few weeks to round off an utterly strange year! We are so disappointed that our bubbles burst for the first time so close to the finish line! Reception, Year 2 and Year 5- we have missed you all so much and can't wait to see you again! Year 6, we were so pleased that you were able to keep going right till the end- your play was fantastic, and leavers' Mass so special. Good luck to you all. I would like to thank each member of our school community- children, staff, parents, governors and trustees- for the superhuman way in which you have all pulled together this academic year. Thank you for your kind words, gifts and cards this past week. We are so grateful! With my prayers for a safe and relaxing holiday for you all. We'll see you in the new academic year! Don't forget to be smart and well turned out in your winter uniform. **Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths**

## Covid Guidance Update

- Bubbles are no longer required from Monday 19 July.
- Face coverings are no longer required for staff, pupils and visitors in classrooms or communal areas.
- Settings will no longer be expected to trace close contacts (NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify any close contacts).
- From Monday 16 August, children under the age of 18 years will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.
- From Monday 16 August, double vaccinated staff will no longer need to self-isolate. They will instead be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible and will need to self-isolate if they test positive.
- Schools are required to have an 'outbreak management plan' from September.

## New Arrival and Dismissal Arrangements from September

- School will now begin for everyone at 8.55am.
- The playground will be open from 8.30am for any child who needs to be dropped off early. Staff will be on duty to supervise the children.
- Between 8.45 and 8.55, children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 will make their way to their classroom and will read quietly until 8.55. Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y6 will remain in the playground. This will reduce congestion in the playground and on the stairs.
- School will finish for everyone at 3.30pm and siblings can be collected together once again.
- In order to end the day in a calm and organised way, we will ask parents to queue before entering the building. Surnames A-M will queue on Bury Walk and surnames N-Z will queue along Pond Place. Parents will enter the school in small groups to collect their children.

## Transition Videos

Normally, during the last week of term, children and their new teachers would spend some time together in their new classroom.

With so many bubbles isolating, this has not been possible. Instead, teachers have made videos for their new class and posted them on Classlist (with the exception of Miss Dahlgren who met her new class on their induction day last week). Please show them to your child, as they will help with the transition process and help your child to feel more confident about moving up.

## After school clubs

After an enormous amount of coordination and organisation from all of our club providers, our brochure and timetable are ready and clubs will resume from 20<sup>th</sup> September. We are very pleased with the broad offer of clubs and lessons available and hope you will be too. Please [follow this link](#) to the documents on our school website. Read the information carefully before you contact the provider, and please be patient; many of them are taking bookings now, but others not until September.



## Goodbye and Good Luck!

To all of our leavers: parents, staff and children. We wish you all the very best for the future. You have each played a special part at making Oratory a wonderful place to be. There will always be a place for you here, and in our hearts. Don't cry because it's over... smile because it happened! ☺

# SUMMER HAS ARRIVED



Activities and events for children and young people.

 Department for Education

 City of Westminster

 THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Summer camps, sports and games, arts and cooking – this July and August, Our City is offering something for every young person in both Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea to enjoy!

There will also be a wide range of activities for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), so everyone can join the fun.

If your child is eligible for free school meals via the Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food Programme, then there will also be free holiday offers and food available.

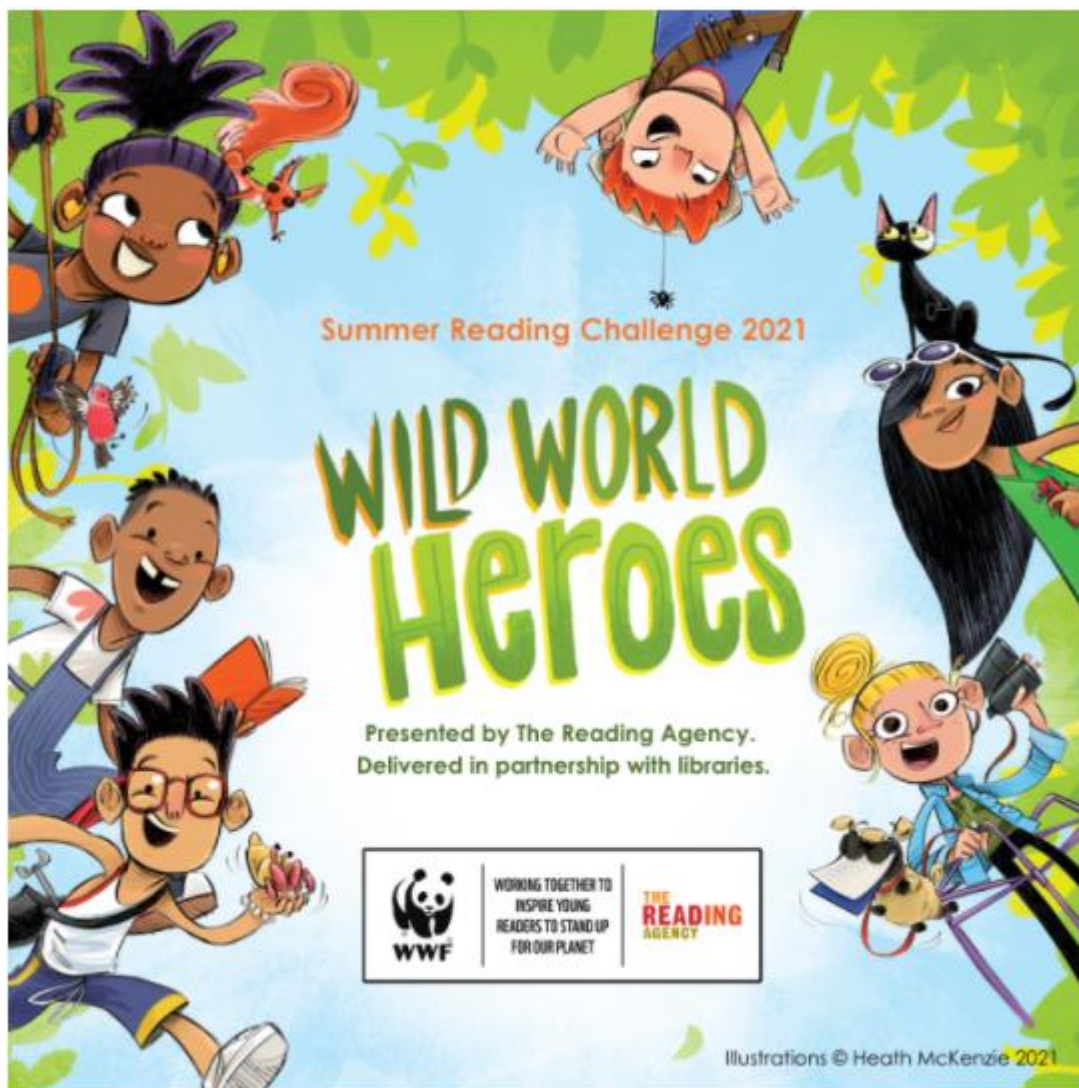
So find out what's taking place and make it a summer to remember!



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## The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Libraries would like to invite your pupils to join this year's challenge Wild World Heroes and a theme of conservation with a link to the World Wildlife Fund.

Libraries are aiming to have a programme of events and activities in our libraries and on-line.

Getting your pupils to join the challenge will support their Covid recovery. Research shows that taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge can contribute towards preventing the 'summer holiday dip' in reading motivation and attainment.

The children joining the challenge can collect stickers and other rewards to mark their progress and a medal and a certificate for those that complete the challenge of reading six books over the holiday.

There are also plenty of events and activities taking place in all the libraries across Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster to keep the children entertained and busy reading!

Library staff would love to come into schools and promote the challenge at an assembly, but as this may not be possible this year, we are looking at how we can work with schools to promote the challenge virtually. Please contact your local library or [nfuller@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:nfuller@westminster.gov.uk) for more information.

Additionally, the national organisers of the challenge, The Reading Agency, have enabled children to join the challenge digitally and there is more information about that and on their website: <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.