

Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. I am writing with my usual round up of information and news.

### May Half term - Holiday Vouchers

It has been confirmed today that all children who receive benefits related free school meals will receive a £10 supermarket voucher which will be sent out sometime next week. It will be emailed in the normal way. Please contact your child's school office if you don't receive it by Friday.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit and your children don't receive free school meals please contact your child's school office who will be able to assist you with the application.

#### **Kent Wildlife**

We have received information from the Kent Wildlife Trust regarding the birthday parties they host and the holiday activities information.

# Bring birthday celebrations outdoors with Kent Wildlife Trust's Wilder Birthday Parties!

At Kent Wildlife Trust, we want to make your outdoor birthday celebrations extra special. That is why we have created two different party styles, and a variety of themes, to ensure there's something for everyone!

## **Wilder Birthday Parties**

Fun is the name of the game with our Wilder Birthday Parties. Parties include arts, crafts and games all immersed in the natural world and the beautiful surroundings of our <a href="Tyland Barn Nature Park">Tyland Barn Nature Park</a>, <a href="Maidstone">Maidstone</a> or our <a href="Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve">Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve</a>.

## Go Wild with Wilder Holiday Club this spring & summer!

Looking for something to keep your kids occupied during the holidays? Do they love nature and the outdoors? Then look no further than Kent Wildlife Trust's Wilder Holiday Club!

Kent Wildlife Trust are the leading conservation charity in Kent and the experts when it comes to wildlife and outdoor learning. Join us this spring and summer for our bespoke Holiday Club designed specifically for the next generation of nature lovers!

This year, we are delighted to announce that Kent Wildlife Trust will be hosting our fabulous Wilder Holiday Club at two locations in Kent - Maidstone's Tyland Barn Nature Park and, new to 2023, Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve.

With dates during the Easter and May half terms, and a wide range of dates over the summer holidays, we are sure to have something for everyone.

#### **Eurovision**

As I am sure you are aware, Eurovision is in Liverpool this year and the final is this Saturday. Here is a small section of information that you can share with your children.

The Eurovision Song Contest is a song contest run by the European Broadcasting Union that started in 1956. Different singers representing countries in Europe compete every year. Past famous winners include ABBA (1974), Céline Dion (1988), Lordi (2006), Loreen (2012), Duncan Laurence (2019) and Måneskin (2021)

If you are celebrating in some way - we look forward to hearing about it from the children next week.

Have a lovely weekend. I can be contacted at <a href="mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk">exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk</a>

Kind regards,

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