

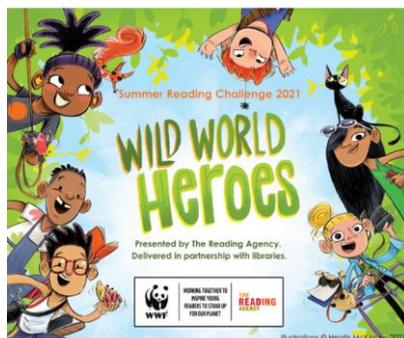
WESTGARTH WEEKLY



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Dear Families,



Summer Reading Challenge

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is "Get Ready for Wild World Heroes", arriving online and in our local library this summer. The Reading Agency has teamed up with the World Wild Fund for Nature, WWF, for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, super rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment. For more information, visit: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Martial Arts

Please find attached details of a Redcar based martial arts class for children and young people, that may be of interest.

Leave of absence in term time

Whilst we do appreciate that ongoing restrictions have meant that most of us have been unable to enjoy family time away this year, our policy on children being absent during term time has not changed. Holidays in term time will not be authorised. In fact, with the amount of face to face education that the children have missed, we urge you to plan any holidays outside of term time. This has also been reinforced in government policy. For more detailed information, please see our full Attendance Policy, available on the school website. A reminder that any requests for leave of absence must be made on the form available, in hard copy or electronically, from the school office, not by email or telephone message.

Staffing Update

We are pleased that Mrs Hall will continue supporting us in school next year. She will not have a class responsibility, but will be working across years 3 to 5, providing PPA (preparation, planning and assessment) cover for teaching staff.

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And finally, our warmest congratulations to Miss Turner, Y5 teacher, and M. Fossey, our French language assistant, who will be married over the summer break, returning in September as M. and Mrs Fossey. We hope that a fantastic day is had by all and we send our very best wishes to the happy couple for all that the future holds!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead
Headteacher