

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

20 July 2022



Access to the School Site from Start of Autumn Term

To improve security and ensure the safety of our school community we are changing the access to the school site from September. Parents will no longer be able to drive into school to pick up or drop off students (unless you need to do so in an emergency or have a site access card). If your child has a temporary disability such as a broken leg, you can of course use the intercom system to be given access to the site within office hours.

There will be a set of automatic gates just inside our main school gates which, like all the other school gates, will only be opened via an intercom to the main school office during school hours.

If you bring students to school by car, please make arrangements to drop them away from the school entrances and do not park across the yellow hatching as this endangers students walking or cycling into school.

Thank you

Bus route updates

As part of this review of the local bus network in the Thanet area, some services operated by Stagecoach on a commercial basis will be discontinued. This may affect students travelling to and from your school. Where we've had to reduce services (as an absolute last resort), we have provided alternative suggestions outlined below:

Hartsdown Academy, King Etherlbert School

- The route **932** bus at 0825 from Margate to Minnis Bay will no longer operate. Please use the 0823 route 932 bus from Margate which has spare capacity.
- The 0801 route **932** bus from Dane Valley will also run along Maynard Avenue in order to serve Garlinge Primary School.
- The 1505 route **932** bus from Hartsdown Academy to Margate will no longer operate. Please use the route 32 service as an alternative.

Royal Harbour Academy (Newlands Lane), Dane Court Grammar School

- The 0728 route **933** bus from Cliftonville to Dane Court will no longer operate. Please use the Loop, 946 or 960 service instead.

Hartsdown Academy, King Etherlbert School, Dane Court Grammar School, St George's School

- The **943** bus will be rerouted to avoid reversing at St. Nicholas, The Oaks.

Royal Harbour Academy, St George's School

- The route **946** bus will be rerouted to serve St Lawrence, Newington Road, The Royal Harbour Academy, Dane Court and St George's School to replace part of route 933.

Dane Court Grammar School, St George's School

- The **948** bus at 0740 from Cliftonville will be renumbered route 960.
- The **949** bus at 0742 from St Peters Railway Bridge will be renumber route 960 and depart St. Peter's Railway Bridge at 0732, serving Kingsgate, Northdown Park, Cliftonville, Dane Valley, Laleham Corner, Margate, St George's School and Dane Court School.

- The **948** bus at 1535 from Dane Court will no longer operate. Instead, please use the 1535 route 960 bus that will be re-routed to St. Peters, Kingsgate, Northdown Park, Cliftonville (The Wheatsheaf), Dane Valley, Warwick Road and Margate.

Ramsgate schools – Chatham and Clarendon House Grammar Schools

- The **989** bus will no longer operate. Please use the Loop and 8/8A service instead.
From the same date there will also be some changes affecting other routes and services in the area. These are outlined in detail on our webpage here> <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/south-east/service-changes-in-the-thamet-area>

Stagecoach will continue to operate the current timetables as normal on schooldays up to and including the last day of term (Friday 22 July).

We will communicate this news through our website and social media, but any assistance you can provide in pushing the message to students and parents who may be affected will be a great help.

With many thanks

Matthew Maytum

Communications Manager

Stagecoach South East

Young People's Guide to Emotional Wellbeing Support

This short sway has been put together to share to let you know about the support that is available to keep young people and their families emotionally well this summer. It includes links to sites for resources, information about services that are available for young people to access directly, and how to find out about local activities and events taking place throughout the summer.

Young Persons Guide to Support

We all need a bit of extra help from time to time. Knowing where you can seek help, should you need it, or even having some tools ready to try, is always worthwhile.

[Go to this Sway](#)

10TH ANNIVERSARY JAPANESE EVENT

As a part of our 10 year anniversary celebrations, for running Japanese studies here at Dane Court, we were all treated to an amazing Taiko (Japanese drumming) performance and a short workshop by Japanese drummers. Joji Hirota and the London Taiko drummers have performed at many events and festivals worldwide, including WOMAD Australia festivals, the Shibus Festival, and many others in the UK. We are very lucky to have them. Many thanks to Ms Myers who went above and beyond to organise such an incredible day, which also included bento boxes for lunch, former sixth form students and origami crafts in the hall.



2nd hand uniform shop

The 2nd hand uniform shop will be open on the first Tuesday of the month 3pm till 4pm so the next one will be on 6th September in the main school entrance.

There will also be a rail of uniform at the boot fair this Saturday (9th July) and at the boot fair on September 10th.

If you are able to help out at our 2nd hand uniform shop on the first Tuesday of the month 3pm till 4pm, then please email the school business manager -Anne Syred syred@danecourt.kent.sch.uk. You don't need to commit to every month - any help would be appreciated.

Thank you



Flyers Attached

Please also see a couple for flyers accompanying this weeks short newsletter.



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with Reconnect**



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Reconnect free bus pass

Printed
or digital
versions
available



Family pass

For all families with children

VALID: 23rd July to 31st August 2022

**Family
Bus Pass**



Young person's pass

For all young people in years 6 – 13

VALID: 23rd July to 31st August 2022

**Young Person's
Bus Pass**



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and adventures
challenge...



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CHALLENGE

From building a den to solving riddles, there
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Reconnect Leisure Centre offers are back!

Over 40 leisure centres across Kent are working with us to provide Kent's children and young people with fantastic offers so they can enjoy sports and leisure.

Most leisure centres are running universal offers with something for all under 18s. Each leisure centre has its own offer so look out for their adverts on social media and at centres near you!

Find out what's on at your local leisure centre



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Mental health support for children and young people

Sometimes the holidays and time away from school can be hard, especially if everyone around you seems to be having a great time and doing lots of things. The websites below are full of loads of useful tools, activities, advice and support to help you when you need it.



**MOOD
SPARK**

Mood Spark

The Moodspark website is for young people aged 10 to 16 to learn to look after their emotional and mental health.



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Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT)

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) offer a range of resources, information, advice and guidance including how to access counselling support.



**Kent
Resilience
Hub**

Kent Resilience Hub

Visit Kent Resilience Hub where you can increase your understanding, find approaches and tools or navigate your way to support and services relating to resilience and emotional wellbeing.



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A site for 10 to 25 year olds to get free, safe and anonymous support.



Cypmh in Kent
run by NELFT
[@kentandmedway
camhs](https://www.instagram.com/kentandmedwaycamhs)

Discover more kent.gov.uk/reconnect





Nutritious food and enriching activities



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 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.

Find out more about the programme and see if you are eligible.

tinyurl.com/HAFKent



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SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS TO DO AT HOME



Are you looking for some exciting science experiments this summer? Thanks to the Reconnect Programme, children can access free experiments through the CREST Awards.

Backed by the British Science Association, the CREST Awards introduce children to learning through their own science experiments. The hands-on investigations are fun, easy to

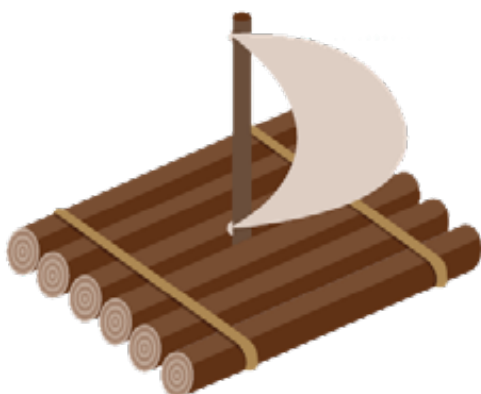
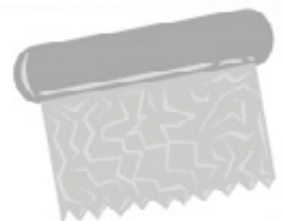
understand (no science knowledge needed from adults!), use common resources found in the home, and each one only takes 45mins to 1 hour to complete.

Once 8 challenges are completed, child is awarded a CREST Award, consisting of a certificate celebrating their achievement and a patch to recognise their hard work.

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You can download the **FREE** experiment booklet (complete with explanations for the adults) on The STEM Hub website, <https://thestemhub.org.uk/crest-awards>.

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To find Reconnect activities in your local area:

This summer is set to be bigger and better than ever.
Many organisations are gearing up to promote their events
and activities supported by Reconnect.



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What's on guide](#)



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Sports clubs

- Baypoint Basketball Club
- Total Sports Coaching
- Confidance
- All Shade of Life CIC
- Weald Coaching
- Ember skateboarding lessons
- Thanet Mustangs American football



Youth groups, clubs, libraries, children's centres

- PlayPlace Youth Services
- Kent Youth Summit
- Dover Big Local
- Kent libraries
- Kent children's centres



Disabled children's support

- SNAAP
- We are Beams
- Nova
- Umbrella club



Creative activities

- Horsebridge Arts Centre
- Arts & Crafts Group
- Beach Creative CIC
- Pie Factory Music



Education

- Invicta National Academy
- Playground
- Summer Reading Challenge
- CREST Awards



Country parks

For all summer activities
and events at Kent's
Country Parks visit
[kent.gov.uk/
countryparks](https://kent.gov.uk/countryparks)



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Culture Camps is a Kent wide programme in partnership with Screen South, Lv21 and Pillar.

The 4 organisations will be running a series of Culture Camps over the next two months, with activities including drama, art, music, animation and much more.

They have been designed to bring young people back together and allow them to gain confidence, experience and try new activities in a safe and fun environment. Some are only bookable through schools, but 9 Culture Camps are available for the public to book onto.



Gravesham

LightVessel21, Royal Pier Road,
Gravesend
15th – 19th August

[Click to learn more](#)

[Book here](#)



Tonbridge

Tonbridge School, Tonbridge
6th and 7th August

[Click to learn more](#)

Tunbridge Wells

Skinner's Kent Academy,
Tunbridge Wells
13th and 14th August

[Click to learn more](#)

Maidstone

YMCA Community Centre,
Maidstone
20th and 21st August

[Click to learn more](#)

Sevenoaks

Weald of Kent Grammar School,
Sevenoaks
30th and 31st July

[Click to learn more](#)



Folkestone

Screen South Digital Hub, The
Glassworks, Folkestone
26th – 27th July
9:30 – 17:00

[Click to learn more](#)

Dover

Betteshanger Sports and Social
Club, Cavell Square, Deal
4th – 5th August
9:30 – 17:00

[Click to learn more](#)

Thanet

Pie Factory Music, Ramsgate Youth
Centre, High St, St Lawrence,
Ramsgate
10th – 11th August
10:00 – 16:00

[Click to learn more](#)

Canterbury

Westgate Hall, Canterbury
17th – 18th August
9:30 – 17:00

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**Reconnect
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FESTIVALS



Reconnect Presents is a series of events to provide entertainment and fun for young people this summer.



Herne Bay Festival 2022

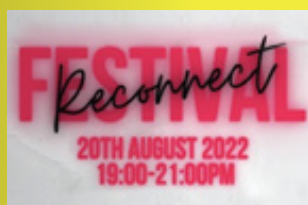
29th July to 31st August | Across Herne Bay

Herne Bay Festival is a charity run by local people to advance the prestige of the town by bringing an annual festival of high-class events during the month of August.

This year the theme is "Try Something New", so please join in and give it a go. There is something for everyone including Wild Geese Theatre, storytelling, foraging, music at the Clock Tower Plaza, Creative Writing, Baytastic in the Memorial Park, Herne Bay Carnival, Beach finds Artwork, Painty Things, Jazz and Swing on the Pier, Cartoonist weekend, Workshops, Exhibitions, Wrestling, Markets, seashore safari, etc., and of course the Grand Fireworks Finale.



[Click to learn more](#)



Reconnect Festival

20 August, 7pm | Quarterhouse, Folkestone

A free live music festival for 14 to 17 year olds in Kent. There will be 5 bands from across Kent, free popcorn, a free photobooth, a free festival wristband a DJ and much more.



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Summer Events

at Brockhill Country Park

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

25 July

**NOISY
NATURE**

26 July

**NOISY
NATURE**

27 July

28 July

29 July

1 Aug

2 Aug

Poo**Pioneers**

3 Aug

Poo**Pioneers**

4 Aug

5 Aug

8 Aug

**Bugs
At Brockhill**

9 Aug

**Bugs
At Brockhill**

10 Aug

11 Aug

12 Aug

15 Aug

**NOISY
NATURE**

16 Aug

**NOISY
NATURE**

17 Aug

18 Aug

19 Aug

22 Aug

**Bugs
At Brockhill**

23 Aug

**Bugs
At Brockhill**

24 Aug

25 Aug

26 Aug

29 Aug

30 Aug

Poo**Pioneers**

31 Aug

Poo**Pioneers****£7
PER CHILD****TICKETS MUST
BE BOOKED IN
ADVANCE****NOISY NATURE****Poo Pioneers****Bugs At Brockhill**



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Kent Country Parks

BUSHCRAFT SUMMER COOK UP

30th August

LEARN HOW TO LIGHT
A FIRE USING FLINT AND
STEEL AND LEARN HOW
TO COOK FOOD
IN A NATURAL WAY IN
THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING
OF LULLINGSTONE
COUNTRY PARK

Children must be accompanied
by an adult

Sessions last 1 hour

CHILD £10 ADULT £2
INCLUDES A HOT DRINK

AGES
3+

for bookings visit: kent.gov.uk/countryparks

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SUMMER TRAIL

Pre-book online or drop in between 10am - 4pm
Running daily from 22nd July - 4th September

Pick up one of our summer holiday trail sheets from
the Visitor Centre

Follow the clues to find out what animals, birds,
insects and plants you can find at
Lullingstone Country Park on our self-led activity
trail. All trails will receive a small Prize

£3 Per Trail

book at: kent.gov.uk/countryparks



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FOREST FRIDAYS

JOIN US FOR A SHORT WALK THROUGH OUR
ANCIENT WOODLAND WHERE WE WILL DO SOME
BARK RUBBINGS FOLLOWED BY A
NATURE BASED CRAFT ACTIVITY

**5TH AUGUST &
26TH AUGUST**

£6 PER CHILD £1 PER ADULT

All craft materials will be supplied
Suitable for children aged 4-10 years. Children
must be accompanied by an adult.

Book online at kent.gov.uk/countryparks



RIVER RANGERS

17 August

Join our experienced Ranger to gather materials to make a
model raft. A series of toy woodland creatures need to make
their way down the river and they are hoping that your raft can
carry them! Will your raft float, sink or capsize?
1 hour Sessions. Children must be accompanied by an adult

**£8 per child
£2 per adult**

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MEDITATION IN LULLINGSTONE COUNTRY PARK

10TH JULY & 14TH AUGUST

We invite you to experience meditation at
Lullingstone Country Park
We aim to improve your mental, physical and spiritual
health through mindfulness practise in the beautiful and
natural setting of Lullingstone Country Park.

1400pm - 1530pm

£8 PER PERSON

use phone to scan QR code

book at: kent.gov.uk/countryparks

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Pond Dipping

Join our experienced Ranger and discover the
exciting aquatic wildlife found at Lullingstone
Country Park. Sessions last 1 hour

Tuesday 2nd August

Time Slots available:
10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am
13:20pm, 13:50pm, 14:20pm and 14.50pm

£5 per child

Children must be accompanied at all times
For more information and booking please see:
kent.gov.uk/countryparks

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Dartford Family Festival

Saturday 16 July 10am – 4pm

Location: Dartford Park (beside library)

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Playground sessions: 11am, 12.30pm, 2.15pm FREE
No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times.

Ebbfleet Family Festival

Saturday 30 July 11am-5pm

Location: Platinum Jubilee Park

Playground sessions: 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.15pm FREE
No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times.

Gravesham Pride

Saturday 13 August

11am-5pm

Location: Fort Gardens

[Click to learn more](#)

Playground sessions: 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.15pm FREE
No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times

bOing! International

Family Festival

Sunday 28 August 9am – 5pm

Location: University of Kent, Canterbury

[Click to learn more](#)

Baby Playground (Age 0-24 months)

Playground Bell tent

Sessions: 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm

Family Playground (All ages)

Outdoors Sessions: 11am, 4pm FREE

Booking recommended: Due to limited capacity at bOing! we strongly recommend booking in advance and we may have to restrict the number of adults to one per baby. **To book online visit:**

[Click to learn more](#)

Maidstone Mela Sunday

11 September

Location: Mote Park

[Click to learn more](#)

Playground sessions: 12pm, 1.30pm, 3.15pm FREE
No booking required, just turn up at one of the above times.

Playground Summer Activities

Playground will be attending several local festivals in Kent this Summer. So come along with your little ones (under 5s) and join the Playground artists on a gentle sensory journey creating a magical experience for you to share with your children.



FAMILY FUN DAYS

Free family fun for all including garden games, sports, craft and music.

Rosherville Open Space

Northfleet, DA11 9JU

29th July, 5th, 12th & 19th August
10am-1pm

Stangrove Park

Edenbridge, TN8 5LU

4th, 11th & 18th August
2pm-5pm

King Georges Field

Westerham, TN16 1BL

4th, 11th & 18th August
10.30am-1.30pm

The Vine Gardens

Sevenoaks, TN16 3UH

27th July, 10th & 17th August
2pm-5pm

Woodlands Park

Gravesend, DA11 7LY

26th July, 2nd, 9th & 16th August
12pm-3pm

Dartford Central Park

Dartford, DA1 1EU

29th July, 5th, 12th & 19th August
2pm-5pm

Pitt Park

Temple Hill, Dartford, DA1 5EU

28th July, 4th, 11th & 18th August
12pm-3pm

Longfield Community Park

Dartford, DA3 7QP

25th July, 1st, 8th & 15th August
12pm-3pm

Vigo Village

Gravesham, DA13 0TD

27th July, 10th & 17th August
12pm-3pm

7th August
10am-1pm

t: 01689 867366
e: info@playplace.org
w: www.playplace.org



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Connecting families and businesses with capable young people

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Academic subjects and Music coaching

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EXCITE AND ENGAGE YOUR CHILDREN



Lyfta's online holiday club package invites children to experience and connect with powerful human stories from 8 different countries, through beautifully crafted interactive scenes and videos. Created by award-winning filmmakers, educators and technologists, Lyfta helps children develop key 21st Century skills in a fun and engaging way.



WORKS ON COMPUTERS, IPADS AND CHROMEBOOKS

All your child needs to access the Lyfta holiday club package is a computer, chromebook or iPad and an internet connection.



YOUR KENT RECONNECT DISCOUNT

Lyfta's holiday package is on a special offer of £9.99 for two months' access, for up to 3 children per family.

Kent families in receipt of benefits related free school meals can access Lyfta's Holiday Club package for **just £3.99** by typing in the **16-digit code on their Holiday Activities and Food e-voucher**.

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Please visit www.lyfta.com/holiday-club for a free trial

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local library

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This summer Invicta are once again offering four weeks of FREE live, online catch-up maths & English classes.

August 1st - 26th every morning 10am.

There are classes for all key stages each led by our excellent fully qualified teachers and teaching assistants.

Last summer our students showed an average improvement of 6.8% (that's the difference of a whole grade at GCSE!)

Classes are free so all you need to do is sign up here:

invictaacademy.com



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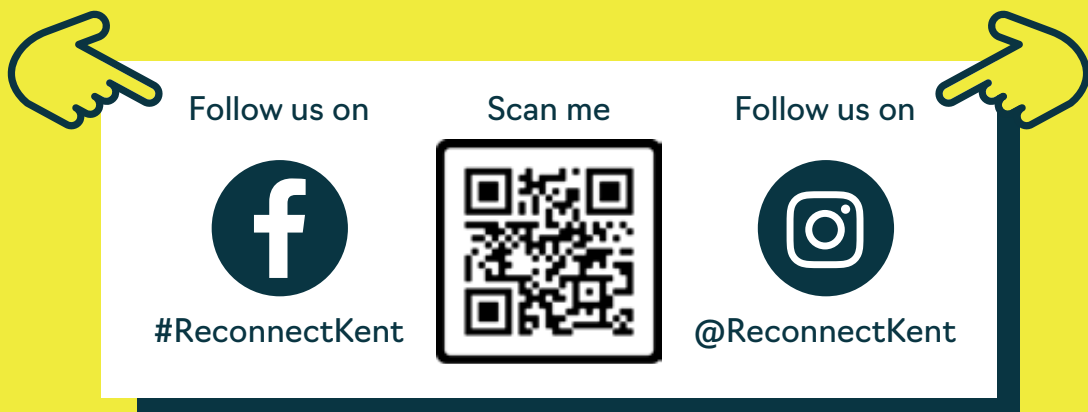
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