Dear Principal,

Wicklow County Council Library Service will run the *Summer Stars Reading Adventure* for children in all library branches including the Mobile Library during the summer from 26th June to the end of August. *Summer Stars* is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to children across the country. We would be delighted to welcome all children to join in. We are very happy to work with teachers and families to encourage children to continue reading and also to participate in our range of storytelling and other fun activities during the summer.

Each child is invited to register for the adventure at their local library and enjoy reading many books as part of the adventure during the summer holidays. All participants will be given a Summer Stars Reading Card to record and track their own progress and a library reward stamp will be added to their reading card at the library after each book read. Children will be encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme and there will be rewards and incentives along the way. At the end of the adventure, all children who participate are invited to attend an award event at which they will be presented with their own *Summer Stars* certificate.

Children and families will also have access to fun reading activities on the *Summer Stars* website, www.summerstars.ie. The site has lots of online activities as well as a range of animated ebooks. You will find a children's books discussion board and interviews with well-known people about their favourite books. There are also helpful tips for reading and recommended titles by age group for children to read. The books can then be borrowed from your local library service, and it's all free.

Events for children will also be held in your library service during the summer.
Further information is available from Wicklow County Council library service or on www.librariesireland.ie.

Yours sincerely,

*Mobile Library*