

Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you at the end of term, what a strange term it has been! I am so pleased we have managed to spend the last few weeks back in school with the children and that things are slowly returning to normal. I am writing to you with some information and updates and to wish you all a happy Easter!

Aspire Uniform

Thank you for all your feedback regarding the proposed active uniform. The leaders, staff and I will be meeting and discussing this. I have also had the meeting with the suppliers, so will be able to update you after Easter. I will be aiming to write to you during the first week back.

Pocket Hugs

Lacey Daley, a pupil from Leeds and Broomfield has been making pocket hugs to raise money for the charity Dandelion Time which supports vulnerable children and their families.

Here is some information from Lacey and her mum Natalie. They would be thrilled if anyone would like to support them by purchasing a hug to send to someone. Thank you.



Lacey Daley from Leeds and Broomfield Primary School has been busy these last few weeks making Pocket Hugs to help raise funds for Dandelion Time. Over lockdown she has seen how much people have suffered and she has been wanting to raise money for a charity for some time. So with some help from her TA she came across Dandelion Time and because they help vulnerable children Lacey decided that they were the perfect place to help through this pandemic as they need funds to stay open to be able to help these children. She is selling them for £4 each and all profits will go to Dandelion Time. If you would like to make a purchase you can place an order by emailing lacelouscreativecrafts@gmail.com or alternatively you can head over to her page that I have set up for her on Facebook [@LaceyLousCreativeCrafts](https://www.facebook.com/LaceyLousCreativeCrafts) and you can pop us a message. Lacey is also in the process of making some other craft items so they will all be announced on her page.

Thank you for your support
Natalie and Lacey Daley
Stay Safe

Tesco Donations and Hampers

Platts Heath were the recipients of this week's Tesco Donations - there were a lot of brussel sprouts!

Hampers have been organised and delivered to families who need them using the last of the monies from the local churches - thanks to them for helping us to support our families

Easter eggs for the staff - a thank you

St Nicholas' Church in Grafty Green very kindly donated some Easter eggs as a thank you to all of the staff at Aspire for all of their hard work over the last year. Thank you to all involved for their generosity, particularly to Mrs Sally Alexander for organising.

Miss Hickling on Call

I will be on call until Thursday 8th April regarding any positive covid cases. Please contact me between 9am and 5pm at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk or on 07599 80236 if your child develops symptoms and/or tests positive. This is so that I can inform others in the bubble that they will need to self isolate.

Staff will be continuing to test twice a week and so will be keeping in touch regarding their test results throughout. I will contact parents of children who need to self isolate should we have a positive case in the staff.

Return to school

All Aspire schools return to school on Monday 19th April. The same routines and restrictions will apply at least for the first few weeks. I will write to parents once these are able to change. Thank you for your support.

Lastly

I would like to wish you all happy family Easters, but ask that you continue to keep to the national restrictions. It is great we can mix with another household in our gardens or with up to 6 people outside. I am sure you like me are looking forward to seeing family friends you haven't seen for months, but we do need to keep abiding by the rules so that we continue on the road to normal life and most importantly keep everyone safe.

Wishing you sunshine and chocolate filled Easters !

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
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Aspire Federation