



Friday 30th April 2021

Dear parents,

Another week has flashed by, is it really two weeks already since we came back to school?! I am like most people looking forward to the long weekend though, let's hope the sunshine holds so we can meet friends and family outside. In this week's letter I will be providing you with the usual round up of information and asking all key stage 2 parents to complete a google form regarding swimming.

Maidstone young people's survey

Maidstone Borough Council is carrying out research into how safe young people feel living in Maidstone and are asking all 11 to 18 year olds, years six to 12, to complete a survey. I have been asked to inform parents about this survey so they can encourage their children to take part. It is just for pupils in year 6.

The survey closes on Monday 10 May 2021

As a thank you for completing the survey 20 young people across Maidstone will each win a £50 shopping voucher and the draw for this will be held on 14 May.

One Primary and one Secondary school with the highest percentage of surveys received in each category will receive £300 and the second highest will receive £200 of vouchers.

The survey is anonymous and can be found through this link here:

<https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=158151708858>. Anyone under 18 will need a parent or guardian's permission to take the survey.

Swimming

The national curriculum states that all schools must offer swimming instruction.

Swimming and water safety

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.

In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

We obviously haven't been able to go swimming for over a year now, but will need to reintroduce this for next academic year. We usually aim to take the lower years in key stage 2 - years 3 and 4 and the children can attend until they achieve their 25metre badge. Please complete the survey for your child's school if your child is in year 2-5. Year 6 will be in secondary school in September so don't need to complete the form. Thanks

If your child is in years 2,3,4, and 5 - Please complete the survey below for your child's school. Please complete the survey by Friday 14th May

Kingswood - <https://forms.gle/aBGAm9EXqx74Zwni6>

Leeds and Broomfield - <https://forms.gle/iC1RL4syPSeffvaE7>

Platts Heath - <https://forms.gle/Fq3asGTCDV9kifZE9>

Ulcombe - <https://forms.gle/Pzz5spiyvqpaUHh16>

Friends of Kingswood - PTA

The friends of Kingswood have contacted me this week to let me know that through their fundraising they have managed to purchase 12 samsung tablets and cases for the children to use in school - an excellent addition to the chrome books for Kingswood. Thanks very much to all that have donated and to the PTA for organising the tablets.

Fair share - Tesco Donation

Next week the donations of produce from Tescos will be at ulcombe for families to collect and make use of. Due to the bank holiday both donations will be available on Tuesday at the school.

Wishing you all lovely bank holiday weekends. I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk with any queries or concerns, during working hours. Thank you

Kind regards,

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