



Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing at the end of the second week of term with information, news and reminders. I hope you all have had a successful week.

Kingswood - OFSTED inspection report

Earlier this week, Kingswood's inspection report was published to parents, following the visit in July. I am very pleased to share that the judgment was that Kingswood remains a good school and indeed has many strengths. Here are some extracts from the letter sent to parents on Monday.

### **Outcome**

**Kingswood Primary School continues to be a good school**

**Pupils are well cared for at Kingswood Primary School. They appreciate how staff greet them every day and check in with them to make sure that they are ok. Relationships throughout the school are typically good humoured and mutually respectful.**

**Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum which is well structured to meet the needs of all pupils at the school. Subject leaders drawn from across the federation help to ensure that the curriculum is implemented well. They provide staff with the training and support they need to build pupils' knowledge effectively**

**Reading sits at the heart of provision. Children learn to read quickly and well. The teaching of phonics is systematic and effective**

**Mathematics is a popular subject with pupils. They are confident and competent mathematicians. The curriculum is well structured to build their knowledge of facts and methods. This helps them to solve problems of increasing complexity.**

We have some particular thank yous we would like to make, as without the following groups of people none of the above would have been possible.

To the staff of Kingswood - Thank you for working so hard, for putting the children first and going above and beyond what you are paid to do - every day. Thank you

To the leaders from across ASPIRE - Thank you for your leadership, your subject specialism, your advice and support - we at Kingswood could not have done this without you - Thank you

To the governors - Thank you for your support and challenge and for constantly ensuring that we were on the right track. Thank you

To the pupils of Kingswood - Thank you for being amazing, for trying your best, for growing and developing and finding your voices to express your opinions. The school is good because of you all - Thank you

To the parents and carers of Kingswood - Thank you for your support and for always wanting the best for your children, for finding the time to thank, praise and challenge us as leaders.

We do of course have one action point to work on - this is something we had already identified and the curriculum in Art, Music and DT have moved forward since the inspection, with a new curriculum in place this term. These are being ably led by Mr Waters who is relatively new to the team, and simply needs more time.

### **What does the school need to do to improve?**

**The implementation of the curriculum in the creative arts is still at an early stage. This means that subject leaders cannot yet have a clear understanding of these subjects and evaluate how effectively they build knowledge for pupils over time. Subject leaders in these subjects should continue to monitor and refine the curriculum as it embeds, so that pupils are supported to achieve the very best outcomes.**

You will notice that the one point of improvement is very similar to the one that was identified for Platts Heath, that's because we as leaders had identified this area of development and have been working on it with a new curriculum in place this term.

### **Bank Holiday**

Just a reminder that this Monday 19th September is a bank holiday, to mark the Queen being laid to rest. All Aspire schools will therefore be closed and will reopen on Tuesday 20th September. We hope that you have the opportunity to pay your respects in the way that you would like to with your family.

## Governors

Mrs Allum, the Aspire Federation chair of governors is looking for volunteers to join the governing body. Please see the advert sent out with this letter and use the contact details if you would like more information.

## Swimming

Just a reminder that Kingswood and Platts Heath year 3 children are swimming on Thursdays. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in a suitable bag on a Thursday. Swimming is part of the national curriculum, and we are lucky to have free use of a pool. Please ensure you have completed the permission slips to enable your child to attend.

## Clubs

All four Aspire clubs are offering a range of clubs, thanks to the staff giving up their own time to offer these extra-curricular activities to the children. Each office should have sent out a letter or timetable that your child can choose from. Please return these so your child can take part. If you haven't received one - please contact the school office.

Wishing you all restful family weekends. I as ever can be contacted via [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk) should the need arise.

Kind regards,

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