



Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of the fourth week of term, with the usual update and information regarding upcoming events and things happening within our schools.

Admissions for Year R - September 2023

The application window for new Year R pupils for next academic year for any of the Aspire schools opens on the 4th November. Please look out for our schools advertising open mornings and tours if you have a younger child or know someone who will be looking for a year R place.

Year 6 Transition

Applications for September 2023 secondary school places are open now. I presented some information at a meeting on Wednesday of this week, if you were unable to join us, and would like the presentation slides please contact your school office who will be able to send them out to you via email. If you have any questions regarding your child's secondary school choices please talk to their class teacher, Head of School or I can be contacted at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk

Macmillan Coffee morning

I have been at Platts Heath today and the PTA have been holding a coffee morning at the village hall in aid of Macmillan. Thank you to the PTA and all the families that contributed very delicious cakes.

Guide Dog Visit

On Tuesday 4th October a Guide dog is visiting Owlets class at Ulcombe so the children can learn about how they support people who are partially sighted or blind. Ash class from Platts Heath will also be joining them.

At Aspire we are always looking for ways to support the children in their understanding of difference and diversity. This is one visit that will go some way to help our youngest children understand that people have different challenges. If you have any suggestions for further visits of this nature please do contact your child's school.

Mini World Cup – Wednesday 12th October YEARS 5 AND 6

Aspire Federation is taking part in a Mini World Cup at The Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone, for **Years 5 and 6** pupils, on **Wednesday 12th October 2022**. This will be hosted by Maidstone Football Club. The event will run as a tournament and is a competitive event. This is an exciting opportunity for the children and we hope that parents will support us in getting children to experience it.

We are taking 20 children from across the Aspire schools. If your child is interested in attending, they need to return their permission slip by Wednesday 5th October. Thank you to Miss Liddicoat, our active learning and PE lead for organising this event.

Visit to Canterbury Cathedral

The Year 6 pupils from our two church schools Leeds and Broomfield and Ulcombe have been invited to a day at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday 8th November where they will take part in the service and lead prayers and other activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 Aspire pupils and we look forward to hearing all about their experience.

Wishing you all, happy family weekends,

Kind regards,

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