



Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of week six of Term 1, the weeks seem to be flying by and we are almost at half term! The weather is definitely getting colder and the days shorter. This time of year has lots to celebrate with fireworks and Christmas and it is great we can once again join in large groups of friends and family. This week I have included a sports round up and some reminders.

Mini World Cup

On Wednesday, players from all 4 Aspire schools joined forces to attend the Mini World Cup at Maidstone United F.C.

Leeds and Broomfield and Ulcombe represented Serbia, whilst Kingswood and Platts Heath represented Belgium. Our teams were led by Jake and Duncan, football coaches from EMC Academy.

The morning was full of goals and some fantastic saves! Every player showed wonderful sportsmanship and team spirit was high. Although neither team progressed through to the knockout stages, there was some excellent display of football on show in all our games.

A huge thank you to Miss May and Mrs Grove for supporting the coaches and team, and to all the parents who stayed to cheer us on!

Players of the tournament were selected by the coach of each team. A SUPER well done to Serbia's player of the tournament, Moriah (Leeds and Broomfield) and Belgium's player of the tournament, Louisa (Platts Heath).

Miss Liddicoat

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Virtual cross country

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have all been asked to take part in a virtual cross country event at their school. The event will be led by Miss Liddicoat and times recorded and registered on a central database against other schools in Kent.

We would like as many children to take part as possible. If your child hasn't signed up to take part and wishes to do so, please get them to speak to their class teacher. Deadline for entering is 3pm on Monday 17th October.

Thank you to Miss Liddicoat

It is great to have children involved in sports competitions again, thanks to Miss Liddicoat for organising these events, and getting the children excited about sport again.

Swimming

After October half term, Year 4 children from Kingswood and Platts Heath will be going swimming, plus a few Year 3 who need a few more lessons to continue their progress. Please look out for a letter from your child's school with the details of the lessons. Each child will need a swimming bag with towel and costume. Goggles are optional if your child would like to use them. All children will need a packed lunch on a Thursday when they are having a swimming lesson.

Lessons will be at Sutton Valence Independent School and will be taught by our own staff - Mrs Steer, Miss Liddicoat and sometimes Mrs Cannell.

Poppy Project A reminder

As mentioned in a previous letter the children will be making poppies from empty plastic bottles as part of a display in Kingswood. Each child will need a plastic water/ coke/ squash bottle - please send in with your child, one bottle, by MONDAY (17th October) so that they can make a poppy.

If your child attends Leeds and Broomfield or Ulcombe please send your child with two bottles, as they will be making one for the display in Kingswood and one for a display in school.

Please do not send your child with extra bottles unless requested as we have nowhere to store them. Thank you. Any bottle similar to the one below will be great - thank you. Larger bottles will also work.



National Trust - Free visit - Reminder

The National Trust are offering a free visit this autumn - please see the link below:
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn>

There are several lovely properties you can visit in Kent please see the link below.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out/regionlondonsoutheast/kent>

Thank you for your ongoing support, wishing you all happy family weekends. I can be contacted during office hours at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk if needed.

Kind regards,

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