

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of week five of term 1, the weeks seem to be flying by and we are almost at half term! I have included the usual round up of news and information for your perusal.

Poppy Project

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, next week 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.



Inclusion Project

All four aspire schools are part of an inclusion project which is being run by LLSE - Leadership Learning South East. This focuses on schools working in teams to review the level of inclusion in each school. Aspire is leading a partnership and will carry out peer reviews and also take part in them in our own schools. Leaders and SENCOs have so far attended training and have been considering the use of teaching assistants within our schools.

The climate within the DFE for SEND is that in the future there will be less funding and more children will be placed in mainstream schools without support, so we thought it was a good opportunity to review our practice, ahead of the changes.

Aspire Events

As you will recall the Aspire leaders set up a training offer to other small schools from September, and this has been part of my role this term. We have already had several bookings and have delivered training mainly after school. This is generating a small income for Aspire and we have already managed to buy RE resources and book training for staff that we wouldn't have otherwise been able to fund.

National Trust - Free visit

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/regionlondonse/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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