



Thursday 15th December 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to you on the last day of term before Christmas, with a short update and information.

### **Next term**

Next term begins on Tuesday 3rd January, for all staff and children. Please ensure your children arrive at the usual time and in uniform.

### **Cold Weather**

The weather is forecasted to continue to be cold into January. Please make sure your children have coats, hats and gloves and that these are labeled.

### **Thank you**

Thank you for your support this term, particularly over this week with issues with snow, and kitchens meaning that there have been delays to Christmas celebrations.

### **Christmas gifts**

The Aspire heads of schools nominated some families to receive an extra gift which has been funded by some local generous people. If your family is a recipient please make sure you collect your gifts - thank you.

### **Well done**

A huge well done to children and staff alike for their hard work and enthusiasm this term. It has been a hugely busy but enjoyable term.

### **A Christmas Wish**

For most of us, this year has been much tougher than most and perhaps we are unable to spoil the children as much as we would like. However, as an adult my memories are about good food, silly games and staying up late. Christmas is surely about the people we share it with and the bonus is the gifts. I thought the below poem summed it up well.....

## **What Do We Love About Christmas?**

What do we love about Christmas;

Does our delight reside in things?

Or are the feelings in our hearts

The real gift Christmas brings.

It's seeing those we love,

And sending Christmas cards, too,

Appreciating people who bring us joy

Special people just like you.

Wishing you all a lovely family time from all of us at Aspire. I can be contacted via email over the holidays at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk)

Kind regards,

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