



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of week 1 of term 4, we are already in the second half of the year- it seems to be flying by! This letter contains news and information.

### **Kent Money Advice Hub**

We would like to advise you of a scheme that is operated by Citizen Advice and is supporting people in Kent who are struggling financially or need support to manage the rising cost of living through its new Money Advice Hub. The service is completely free and confidential. People can access the service online by visiting [www.kentmoneyadvicehub.com](http://www.kentmoneyadvicehub.com) (with video call and webchat functions) or by calling the freephone number on 0800 808 5622 by phone from Monday – Friday between 8am – 8pm. It can also be accessed using one of five kiosks installed in community spaces in Gravesham, Cliftonville, Ramsgate, Aylesham and Ashford.

### **Events at Leeds Castle**

With Easter coming up and the signs of spring in the air - there are events coming up at Leeds Castle. <https://leeds-castle.com/events/easter-at-leeds-castle/>

With the castle on our doorstep, I know a lot of you visit regularly and their special events are always well attended.

### **Sports events**

There are a number of sports events coming up that Miss Liddicoat is organising including a girl's football tournament and Key Stage 1 cross country - please look out for letters and contact your child's school office if you don't receive the information.

### **Bowles Residential Trip**

The residential trip has been booked for December 2023 for the current Year 4 and 5 children. You will have received a letter and deposits to secure your child's place are due next week. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or haven't received the letter.

### **World Book Day**

Aspire are celebrating world book day next Friday 3rd March. Children are invited to wear their pajamas or onesies. The day will be about celebrating reading and the enjoyment of books. The details were in my letter last week.

**NEU Strike action**

A reminder that Thursday 2nd March is a designated National Education Union strike day, as yet we are unaware of any teachers within Aspire that are choosing to strike. They do not have to inform us until the day. The classes of any teachers choosing to strike will be closed. We will inform you as soon as we have an information

As ever I can be contacted at [exechead@aspire-kent.sch.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.sch.uk) between the hours of 8am and 5pm if you have any questions or concerns.

Kinds regards,

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