



Friday 2nd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to share information and news from Aspire this week. It is now the beginning of March, the weather remains cold, but I am hoping soon that spring will have sprung!

Earrings and PE

Just a reminder that earrings are not to be worn for PE, they cannot be taped, so need to be removed by the child at the beginning of the lesson or at home before your child comes to school.

Here is the wording from the 'Safe Practice in PE - 2020 document'

"Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."

Please discuss any issues you have with this policy with your child's teacher or head of school.

If your child has had recent piercings which cannot be removed they will be unable to fully take part in PE until they can be. You may want to consider timings of new earrings for this reason.

Girls Football Tournament

On Monday 27th February, Maidstone United hosted a Girl's Mini World Cup football tournament. Aspire entered two teams with Leeds and Broomfield and Kingswood representing Zambia, and Platts Heath and Ulcombe representing Germany.

This was a wonderful platform to showcase the girl's ability and to raise the profile of women's football. After the success of the England Women's team, we were ready and raring to go, and hungry for success! 38 teams entered the tournament and our two Aspire teams didn't disappoint!

Platts Heath and Ulcombe lost 2-0 in their final game in the last 16 knockout stages and Leeds and Broomfield lost on penalties in the last 16 of the knockout stages. A tremendous effort from every player!

The player of the match for team Zambia goes to Moriah from Leeds and Broomfield. Moriah dazzled with her goal keeping skills and then went on to score multiple goals when brought on to the pitch as an outfield player!

The player of the match for team Germany goes to Louisa from Platts Heath. Louisa's presence on the pitch was an integral part of their success, swapping in and out of position with ease.

A special thanks to Jake and Duncan from EMC academy who coached our teams on the day, and to Mrs Woodcock from Platts Heath who attended as our supporting adult.

Next in the calendar is a KS1 infant agility festival being held at Harrietsham Primary School. Good luck to all those attending.

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The Kingswood and Leeds and Broomfield Team



The Ulcombe and Platts Heath team

Well done girls - Brilliant effort!

Trips

Two letters have been sent out this week regarding trips

December 2023 - residential - this is a three day trip for next year's Year 5 and 6 pupils - this is a brilliant way for children to experience their first trip away from home, staying with friends and experiencing all that Bowles Rocks residential centre has to offer. Last year the children did everything from dry slope skiing to a night walk to a leap of faith! All Aspire children have two opportunities to take part in this residential trip, in Years 5 and 6

Year 6 - trip to a Mosque - as part of RE we are taking the children to visit a Mosque - other year groups will be visiting other places of worship throughout the year.

If you would like your child to take part in either of these trips please ensure you complete the appropriate forms.

Wishing you all lovely family weekends, I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk during the hours of 8am - 5pm

Kind regards,

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