



Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with my usual update and information about forthcoming events.

King's Coronation

As I am sure you are all aware it is King Charles' coronation day tomorrow, so Monday is a Bank Holiday. We return to school on Tuesday 9th May 2023. The children will have celebrated the coronation today within their classrooms and within assembly/ worship

ECO- Ambassador training

Aspire Federation were selected to represent the Ashford area in the first ever, Kent School Games, Eco-Friendly Ambassador Training. Over 200 children took part at the Polo Farm Sports Centre at Canterbury Christchurch University.

2 children from each Aspire school were chosen to attend, to gain their award in becoming their school representative. The aim of the day was to raise awareness about the small steps we can take to make our world as eco-friendly as possible. All it takes is 'one small change'.

The ambassadors now have a very busy few months ahead, planning and implementing various initiatives and activities across our schools. Keep your eye on our school newsletters for further information!

For now, we have our first eco-friendly challenge for you all...

'One small change' - What small change can you start doing today that will make a big difference?

Here are a few ideas:

- Turn the tap off whilst you brush your teeth
- Turn your TV off at the mains. Don't leave it on standby
- Turn lights off when you are not in a room
- Stop using plastic bottles and invest in a reusable water bottle
- Use reusable containers for your packed lunch instead of cling film
- If you live within walking distance to the shops or school, leave your car at home! Don't drive the few minutes there, walk it!

We would love to know what small change you make. Let your teachers know what you decide to do!

Miss Liddicoat, Mrs Motley and the Eco-Friendly Ambassadors;
Deanna, Josephine, Patience, Sydney, Henry, Charlie, Betsy and Lara



Please find some photos of our ambassadors below - well done to them and Thank you to Miss Liddicoat and Mrs Motley for their support.





DFE minimum requirement for school hours

The Department of Education has stated that from September all pupils need to be in school for a total of at least 32.5 hours. This will mean that at some of our schools we may need to adjust start and finish times of the school day. This will be discussed by governors at their meeting this term and then parents will be informed next term, ensuring that you have plenty of notice of the change ahead of September. If you have any queries please do contact me at excehead@aspire-kent.org.uk Thank you

Wishing you all a pleasant family weekend celebrating the coronation.

Kind regards,

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