



Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of another week, they seem to be speeding by at the moment! I am writing to you with my usual round up of news and information.

Supermarket vouchers

Just a reminder that a £10 supermarket voucher will be issued to all those children who receive benefits related to free school meals. These vouchers are intended to be used to help you to provide the children with lunch whilst they are at home over half term. We have also had confirmation that families will continue to receive these vouchers for the next school year too.

INSET days

Just a reminder that next year's INSET days are on the following dates. I did put them in my letter a while ago but have had some queries.

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 15th December 2023

Monday 19th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Also just to remind you we do have one INSET day next term - Friday 30th June. On this date all four Aspire schools will be closed for staff training.

Autism Advice Clinics

Our SENCOs- Mrs Coleman and Mrs LeMar have received the following information regarding Autism Advice clinics.

We currently have appointments available for w/c 22nd May for our autism advice clinics for families in Faversham, Whitstable and Maidstone.

All staff have lived experience and can help with most processes, offer strategies and understanding.

The most popular topics are:

Anxiety

Diagnosis – both post and pre diagnosis

Behavior

Communication

Education

Emotional support for parents

Food/diet difficulties

Sensory processing

Sleep

Appointments last approximately 30-45 minutes and are carried out by Zoom or Teams. Where these are not available, we can carry out the appointment by phone.

If this is something that would be useful for you and your family please contact either Mrs LeMar for Kingswood and Platts Heath or Mrs Coleman for Ulcombe and Leeds and Broomfield via the school office.

Hot Weather

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the warmer weather. Our uniform does include black shorts or skorts for the active uniform and black shorts, skirts, skorts or summer dresses for the formal uniform.

All children will need a water bottle to make sure they stay hydrated.

If you wish to apply sun cream to your child, this will need to be done by you before school, as this is not something that is appropriate for staff to carry out. There are sun creams available that are longer lasting so these may be best.

Please provide your child with a hat that can be worn outside. Some of our playgrounds have little shade. There are school colour baseball caps available from Brigade - but we are happy for children to wear a hat of their choice. No hats will be worn inside school buildings.

Last summer had some particularly hot days - so it is good to be prepared! Thank you.

Wishing you all lovely sunny weekends,

I can be contacted at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk during normal school hours with questions or queries.

Kind regards,

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