



Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a great week and are looking forward to the weekend. I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk) between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at [lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk). Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

### **Sporting News!**



#### **Football-**

Boys from all 4 Aspire schools took part in a football tournament at Greenfields on a very wet and muddy Friday last week!

Despite the downpour, the boys battled on with only one loss and the rest of their games a draw. A very positive result seeing as these boys don't play together on a regular basis!

MOM - Seth (For an incredible last minute save!)

### Multi-Skills games-

Platts Heath, Leeds and Broomfield and Kingswood took part in a KS1 multi-skills festival at The Lenham School.

This was part of the Kent School Games calendar, where schools from all over the Maidstone and Ashford area took part.

It was a delight to see some of our younger pupils taking part and having fun! Well done to all who attended. You were amazing!



### Cross Country-

On Wednesday, children from years 1-6 across all Aspire schools, took part in a cross country event at Mote Park. This event was hosted by the School Games Partnership.

Children had to run a very wet and muddy course of varying distances. Distances for each age category were as follows;



KS1- 1KM  
LKS2- 1.5KM  
UKS2- 2KM



A massive well done to all who took part! It was a real test of character to run that distance and showed tremendous perseverance!



### **Holiday and Food (HAF) Programme for Christmas-**

Families that are eligible for Free-School meals will be able to access 16 hours of free holiday provision, for up to one week during the Christmas holidays.

Parents will be issued these vouchers via email on **22nd November 2023**. At this point you will be able to access this voucher and explore the opportunities and book should you wish.

### **Winter Reading Challenge-**

There is a mini Winter Reading Challenge that will run from **1st December 2023 until 19th February 2024**.

You are able to create an account and assign your own reading goal and read anything that you would like. You can even unlock rewards for your reading, including online badges, and receive a certificate when you reach your goal!

**Link below (don't be confused that it says summer!). Happy Reading everyone.**

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

### **Grafty Green Fair-**

The PTA at Platts Heath are running a stall at the Grafty Green Christmas Fair this weekend, both Saturday and Sunday.

Please see attached flyer for further information. If you are looking for something to do, have a browse this weekend and maybe find some unique Christmas gift for your loved ones.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling  
Executive Headteacher