



Friday 1st December 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 exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at Iriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Winter Fayre at Platts Heath Primary School-

We would love to see lots of our families from all Aspire Schools at the Annual Christmas Fayre this **Saturday 2nd December, 10am-2pm, Platts Heath Primary School, Headcorn Road.**

Come along and find gifts, crafts, games and food and drink.

Peter Pan's Festive Trail-

Maidstone have set up a FREE Festive Trail around Maidstone town centre. A great way to entertain your children if you need to do some Christmas shopping!



Follow the trail posters located in shop windows around the town centre. Find and scan all 24 QR codes to be in with a chance of winning a prize:

£150 shopping voucher (kindly donated by Maidstone Borough Council)
A VIP Family Panto Ticket for 2024 (with thanks to the Hazlitt Theatre)

Trail maps can be picked up from various locations around town including The Mall, Maidstone Museum, Hazlitt Theatre, Frederic's, etc.

Keep your eyes peeled for the 6 Peter's.

For further info- <https://www.visitmaidstone.com/whats-on/peter-pans-festive-trail-p303281>

Magical Christmas LEGO Fundraiser Day-

Space 2 Be Me, a charity for children and young adults with additional needs, is hosting a Magical Christmas LEGO Fundraiser in **Hadlow Village Hall this Sunday 3rd December, 12-4pm**. There is also an outside children's play area next to the hall and free parking on-site.

There are wonderful LEGO displays, including a Christmas train, Disney Characters and lots more!

Tickets cost £5 per person and include free tea, coffee or squash.

You can book your tickets here and find out further information-

<https://space2beme.org.uk/2023/10/27/magical-christmas-lego-event/>

Polite Reminder-

As of Monday 27th November 2023, we cannot now permit any child to wear earrings during P.E., or any sporting event, this is to keep in line with the School Policy. If your child cannot take their earring/s out by themselves before the lesson, please ensure you are removing them on their PE day before school. If your child/ren does arrive to the lesson with earrings, saying they cannot remove them, they will be asked to participate in the lesson in a non-interactive way.

For Swimming, if your child/ren turns up to swimming with earrings, and cannot remove them independently, they will not be able to take part in any aspect of the lesson.

We would also ask, if your child does wear earrings on a non-PE/Swimming day, that they wear **one small single stud in each ear only**.

We know you will understand that ensuring the safety of your child and someone else's child has to be paramount.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter, which supports us to avoid having to implement a possible whole school blanket ban on earrings (which was a suggestion), but something we certainly do not want to do.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I am sure some of you will be hounded to put the Christmas tree up!

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher

