



Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good week, I am sure the children are ready for a week off.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted during the half term, however my responses may be intermittent. You can contact me at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk. 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.

World Book Day-

Next term all Aspire Schools will be celebrating World Book Day.

Officially it's on Thursday 7th March 2024, but due to ASPIRE children swimming on Thursdays, we will be holding our ASPIRE WBD - like last year - the following day: **Friday 8th March**.

We have £1 Book Tokens to give out, so please look out for those from your offices and in your children's bags.

With the cost of living being so high at the moment, we are offering two options for dressing up on the day - their favourite character dress-up OR pyjamas and their favourite book. We appreciate that some children will already have costumes, but others may not and we understand how expensive WBD costumes can be.

We have included some official World Book Day links to items like resources, how the vouchers work and where to use them, as well as fun reading activities you may like to do at home with your child/ren.

They are as follows:

WBD family resources - share a story corner with free video books, World of Story audiobooks and MC Grammar World Book Day songs

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Also how to redeem your World Book Day token which your children will have brought home,
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/>

as well as participating retailers with an interactive map on the link below
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>

And some fun reading activities
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There isn't a donation attached to WBD, so all we're asking is for children to dress up like their favourite book character or pyjamas to celebrate the day.

We will be sending reminders in next term's newsletter before the event.

Free Dental Care-

Another reminder that Lenham Dental Surgery (ME17 2QD) are offering free NHS Dental checks for under 18 year olds in the February half term (12th-16th February).

Simply call- 01622 858204 to book your appointment.

Days out in the half term-

Go Ape-

If you fancy an outdoors adventure, Go Ape at Leeds Castle is fun for ALL the family. There is currently a 15% discount offer for Families, available from Sunday-Friday.

There are various different courses for various age groups.

For more information, visit their website: <https://goape.co.uk/go-ape-discounts-offers/treetop-challenge-family-discount-code>

Free Places to Visit-

Trip Advisor has some great suggestions for free days out for all-
https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g186310-Activities-zft11292-Kent_England.html

Equally the Kent Attractions website offers some suggestions-
<https://kentattractions.co.uk/outing-ideas/free-outings/>

Vaccination Clinic-

Reminder of the pop up vaccination clinic, run by the school nursing team of the NHS on **Monday 12th February from 9am-1pm**, in Ulcombe School. Although it is too late to order more vaccines the NHS team are bringing plenty of spares. So do please go along between 9am and 1pm if you are interested.

Wishing you all a fabulous and relaxing half-term. Looking forward to seeing everyone back in School on **Tuesday 20th February**.

Kind regards,
Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher