



Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good week.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at [exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exehead@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.

### **World Book Day-**

A further reminder that ASPIRE WBD will be **next 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.

There are 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.

### **Friend of the Honey Bee-**

Our 4 Aspire schools, have all become 'Friends of the Honey Bee' thanks to our Eco Warriors and Mrs Motley.

Bees face threats from climate change to loss of forage to the use of pesticides as well as pests and diseases. They now also face an additional threat from the Asian 'Yellow-Legged' Hornet. We need your help to stop Asian Hornets becoming established in the UK.

Over the coming weeks, the Eco-warriors from each school along with Miss Liddicoat and Mrs Motley, will look at ways in which we can help raise awareness of the Honey Bee and help protect their existence.



The Friends of the Honey Bee campaign has a wonderful website full of ideas and learning opportunities. To find out more visit: <https://www.bbka.org.uk/>

There is also a termly newsletter that is provided, which is attached with this letter.

### **Winter Energy Support Scheme-**

The Winter Energy Support Scheme which was due to close on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, however this has now been extended **until midday 21<sup>st</sup> March 24**, or until funds have been spent.

This scheme offers additional support of £100 to be used to help with energy funds for those who qualify.

Any scheme specific queries can be sent direct to the team at [householdsupportfund@kent.gov.uk](mailto:householdsupportfund@kent.gov.uk)

More information and how to apply and eligibility can be found here [Household Support Fund - Kent County Council](#)

### **Charlton Athletics Woman's Football Match-**

Miss Liddicoat has kindly managed to secure FREE football tickets for Charlton Athletics Women's match on **Sunday 24th March 2024**, at the Valley Stadium.

Please use QR code to book tickets, and poster attached for additional information.



### **Maidstone Grammar School for Girls– open days**

MGGS are offering Year 5 Taster Lessons in March 2024-

- **Mini Website Design** on 20th March 2024 4.15pm-5.15pm
- **Musical Magic** on 27th March 2024 4.15pm-5.15pm



For more information on how to book please use QR code. There is also additional information on the poster attached.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling  
Executive Headteacher