



Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first week of Term 5. I hope that you all had a great Easter break.

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.

### **Opportunity for Adult Education Course supporting children with ADHD-**

A course is being provided by Adult Education at Leeds and Broomfield. This course will run for 4 consecutive weeks starting on **30th April running until 21st MAY**. This will be from 1pm finishing at 3pm.

This course is supporting children with ADHD in the home, the course is for parents of children who either have an ADHD diagnosis, are undergoing the referral process or there is a possibility your child has ADHD.

If you would be interested in attending this course please contact- [ncoleman@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:ncoleman@aspire-kent.org.uk) by **22nd April** to secure a place.

The minimum number of adults for the course to run is 8 adults and the maximum number is 15. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### **Additional Training opportunity for Families with children with SEND-**

Please also find attached a leaflet regarding additional Training from the Education People for parents and carers of children with SEND.

This is to help build parental confidence in the support offered in mainstream school for SEND children and the chance to ask any questions you may have.

This training can be booked using the QR code on the poster and will take place on **Thursday 9th July 2024, 10am-Midday.**

### **Friends of the Honey Bee-**

As mentioned earlier this year, all four Aspire schools have signed up to become 'friends of the honey bee'.

Please find attached their Termly Newsletter sharing ideas for projects, including some lovely ideas for things that could be done at home.

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

### **Minibus!**

At Aspire we believe that children should be active in their learning and that many of the children learn best when their 'classroom' is moved outside. Alongside our Active Learning sessions - which take place as often as possible in all Aspire Schools.



We are always looking to enhance the experience of our pupils through trips, visits and opportunities to learn outdoors. This could be using other venues such as Horton Kirby, Leeds Castle, Maidstone Museum or as part of our Year 5/6 residential at Bowles. It may also be through visits to other schools in Aspire for experiences such as Forest School, visiting workshops or planned events such as the annual Aspire Music festival.

Our children also visit Sutton Valence throughout the year for their swimming lessons and to participate in our annual swimming gala.



To enable all of this to happen smoothly and as a commitment to provide even more opportunities for children to get out and about in the future - Aspire have purchased a second minibus!

The minibus was purchased as a result of monies paid to Aspire by other schools who received support from our leaders. It has been a great opportunity to be able to put this back into supporting the children directly.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling

Executive Headteacher