



Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information.

Please be aware that whilst I can be contacted at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk for any **urgent queries** during the half term week, please be aware that I will not be as responsive as during term time. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

BOWLES Meeting-

Please be reminded that there is an online BOWLES parent meeting taking place on **Thursday 7th November- 6-7pm.**

This will allow you all the opportunity to hear more details about the trip and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The link for the meeting is below-

meet.google.com/pmh-pmjs-rpm

SPORTING NEWS-

Hockey

Last Friday, saw children from LKS2 and UKS2 take part in a hockey tournament at Maidstone Hockey club. Despite not making the finals, our teams got better and better as the day progressed! Our attacking skills strengthened resulting in all teams experiencing a loss, a draw and a win!

Well done to all involved!

Sport Leader Training

All schools have now appointed new sports leaders for the 24/25 academic year. As part of their role, the leaders will support Miss Liddicoat in PE and Sport events at their school and help to run activities at lunchtime. To prepare them for this responsibly, Miss Liddicoat organised a training session where all 4 schools were able to meet together and share their ideas for the role and to learn some key skills needed to be a sports leader.

Miss Liddicoat said 'It was a great afternoon. The children had fantastic ideas of how to improve and support PE in their school. I'm excited to work with them all this year!'



This Girl Can Festival

Yesterday, a selection of year 5 girls from across Aspire took part in a 'This Girl Can' festival at Aylesford Secondary School. Activities included:

- Baseball
- Lacrosse
- Kin Ball
- Tag Rugby
- Pickle Ball

The girls has a great day even though some activities were very muddy!! I am sure you can all agree that we are super proud of them all for having a go, but most of all, having fun!

Cross Country

Cross Country results from the event we attended a few weeks back are in!!

We are super proud of every runner that took part. Cross Country isn't easy, and the technical and mental strategies needed to complete a long distance race are hard!

However, a special mention has to be given to our KS1 girls who shone at this event with our runners coming in:

6th, 7th, 15th, 17th and 22nd position,

As a result, **Aspire have been crowned 2nd Overall Winners for the entire KS1 Girls competition on the day!**

Well done, girls!

Harry Potter Event- Maidstone Library

The Kent and History and Library Centre are holding a Harry Potter Day on Wednesday 30th October.

This is between 9.30-10.30am, 11am-Midday and 2-3pm.

There are limited spaces so booking is required. To book you can email historyandlibrarycentre@kent.gov.uk. Or call 03000 41 31 41.

Lenham Dental Surgery-

Lenham Dental Surgery are offering free check-ups for under 18's this half term.

Appointments are available between 28th October and 1st November and can be made by calling 01622 858204.

Parent Courses-

The Education and Skills Funding Agency are offering courses in levels 1, 2 & 3 that take no more than 6 weeks to complete.

They also have employment engagement officers to assist learners in finding employment in your area, after completing the course. The online webinars are run with full tutor support, within term times only and within school hours, making the courses more accessible to learners who have children.

Please see leaflets attached for more information and ways as to how to access these courses.

Maidstone Youth Safety Survey-

Safer Maidstone Partnership are extending their survey as a chance for young people to give a view from their perspective as to what growing up in Maidstone feels like. What are the things that make them feel safe and what things threaten that safety.

This can be completed by 11-18 year olds to have their comments be made and heard. This closes on the 8th December and only takes 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this via- <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/d5828fed-3f46-4d74-8af2-7a68a6a04ea7>

Wishing you all a great and restful week and we look forward to the children returning on **Monday 4th November**.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher