



Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good week.

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

### **Social Media and its Impact on Children-**

Dr Jodie Allen, Clinical Psychologist, Emotional Wellbeing Team & Cristiane Ferraz-Oliveira, Children's Wellbeing Practitioner will be giving talk and providing an opportunity to meet & chat to other parents who will undoubtedly convince you that you are not alone in the ever challenging role of parenting.

This talk is the second in a series looking at common issues affecting the mental health & behaviour of our children in our current society.

**This will take place on Monday 27th January at St Luke's Church Foley St, ME14 5BE**

To book follow the link: [Social Media & Its Impact On Our Children \(27-Jan-2025\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

### **Singalong-**

Aspire Schools have signed up to take part in a Worldwide Singalong to celebrate Bob Marley's 80th Birthday on **Thursday 6th February at 3pm** and we would love for parents to join us as well.

There is just one song; it is a medley of Bob Marley songs which you are probably already familiar with. A link to the song and information about the singalong is here: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/young-voices-worldwide-singalong-resources>.

**Individual schools will send out their own information about where this will be in their schools.**

## **Maths Competition-**

Mr Waters (as Aspire Maths Subject Leader) would like to invite your child to take part in this year's **Young Mathematical Story Authors (YMSA) competition**.

YMSA is the world's first annual international competition set up to encourage students globally to embed their maths learning in a meaningful and engaging context through creating short maths story picture books.

Thanks to three major international publishers (Oxford University Press, Harper Collins and Charlesbridge), the winner of each of our three age categories (4-7, 8-11 and 12-16 years old) will receive a cash prize of £100, and their school will also receive £100.

You can find more information on the competition here:

<https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/competitions.html>

There is also a poster attached for further information

## **Charlton Athletic Women's Football Match-**

This **Sunday 26th January** Charlton Athletic Women take on Sheffield United at The Valley Stadium and again you are able to book tickets for FREE to watch the match.

To claim your free tickets just use the code **(Schools-12967)** when booking and use the QR code to take you to the website.



## **Lenham Dental Surgery-**

Lenham Dental Surgery (4 High Street, Lenham, ME17 2QD) are offering FREE dental checks for under 18's during the February half term (17th-21st February 2025).

Call 01622 858204 to book an appointment.

## **Thank you!**

Following the Fremlin Walk Carolathon last year, I am pleased to say that the Aspire Federation raised £510.51 for the Demelza House Charity.

Thank you to all that participated and supported this special event!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling

Executive Headteacher