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Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had a good week, as we approach the last week of the first term of this Academic Year.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren (Aspire Administrator) can be contacted at **lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk.** Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Admission to Primary and Junior schools in 2027-

This is the time of year that parents/carers are advised to think about how to apply to Primary Schools for September 2027. This is for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Applications are open between **Friday 6th November 2026 - Friday 15th January 2027** and can be made at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. If parents are unable to access the online site, an alternative format can be requested by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Offers of schools, however, will not be confirmed until 30th April 2027.

Most local schools are holding open days and events throughout October and November, so do look on websites or contact schools directly.

Brigade School Clothing-

Brigade has a new promotion for parents ordering online over Halloween. Brigade stock the Aspire schools uniform

They are offering an incredible 15% discount.

This promotion runs from **30th October – 2nd November to receive 15% off use the code HALLOWEEN26 at checkout.**

Orders can be made visiting **-** www.brigade.uk.com **and selecting your child's school.**

Holiday Club- YMCA Maidstone-

Their carefully crafted programme ensures that children, from Reception through to Year 6, have a memorable and engaging time filled with various activities. From roller skating to arts and crafts, football, and more….

This provides a safe and inclusive environment where new friendships can be made and lots of fun can be had.

Parents have the option to provide lunch and snacks for their child, but they also offer an onsite café available for purchase.

This club offers all day sessions (9am-4pm) from (£27.00) or half day sessions (9am-1pm or 12pm-4pm) from £17.00).

They are OFSTED Register and accept Government Childcare Vouchers.

They are located **at Melrose Close, Cripple Street, ME15 6BD and you can book a place visiting Holiday Club - Maidstone YMCA or calling 01622 749404**

Sporting Event-



The girls took part in their first tournament as Aspire on Monday at the Gallagher Stadium. This was the first time that they had played as a team and were up against some strong opposition. With each match their confidence grew and eventually paid off with both the first goal scored and the first point earned in a 1-1 draw.

Mr Waters and Mrs Malton were incredibly proud of the team and the day was summed up by the quote ' We don't really know each other but we are developing a strong bond already'.

Please be reminded that the last day of term is Friday 23rd October, with children returning to school on Monday 2nd November.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Kind regards, Emma Woods, Executive Headteacher