

Friday 17th 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 <a href="mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk">exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk</a> between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at <a href="mailto:lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk">lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk</a>. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

## **Fully Funded School Support Course -**

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses are available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for 3 level - starting on 27th January. The deadline to enrol is Wednesday 22nd January!

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

Please see more details about our eligibility via their website. www.studysmartuk.online

#### Oral Health-

KCHFT Oral Health team will be available online for a live Q&A session where you can bring any concerns or gain advice around Oral Health for 0-19 Year olds in your care.

This will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 3pm via Microsoft teams, please use the following link:

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 353 959 337 515

Passcode: hy2EW98Z

# Neuro Navigators, ages 8-11-

This is a group for Neurodivergent children to learn skills that teach independence and support them to be ready for transition to secondary school. Including building confidence, self esteem and encouraging out of school friendships.

The first session is on Wednesday 29th Jan (and are only in Term Time) 3.30pm-5pm
Parkwood Family Hub, Furfield Close, ME15 9JR

Please email- parkwood@kent.gov.uk to book on to this.

## Friends of the Honey Bee-

Did you know all 4 of our schools are official 'Friends of the Honey Bee' schools? Throughout the school year, we try our best to help the bees by sharing updates with you all and to encourage the survival of the bees by planting flowers that attract bees within our garden areas.

Take a look at the first 'Friends of the Honey Bee' newsletter for 2025 for more information! This has been sent as a separate attachment.

Miss Liddicoat and the Eco Warrior Teams

#### Year 3 Health Contact-

Kent School Health have created a fun and informative booklet for all year three pupils in Kent, offering tips and activities on staying safe and healthy. Developed with input from year three pupils themselves, it covers topics such as:

- staying active
- keeping safe
- dental hygiene
- managing feelings
- talking to a trusted adult

Please find attached some more information regarding this booklet. Year 3 pupils at all Aspire Schools will receive their own printed booklet from school in due course.

# Leeds Amateur Dramatics Pantomime-

Leeds Amateur Dramatics Society are presenting a pantomime of Robinson Crusoe at Leeds Village Hall on Friday 7th February (7.30pm) and Saturday 8th February (2.30pm AND 7.30pm).

Tickets can be purchased via the QR code.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher

