



Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope all had a wonderful and restful holiday and are now ready to continue with the next steps in our learning journey.

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.

Aspire Update-

We welcome Mr Westlake as Head of School at Kingswood. Thank you to all staff and children at Kingswood and across Aspire for welcoming Mr Westlake.

On a personal note, I got married over the summer and am now Mrs Woods. Staff and children are aware but I will happily answer to both names!

There are also a few new staff across the Federation - please join me in making them feel welcome in their first few weeks with us.

Aspire Annual Conference-

This year we continued the Aspire tradition of having our Annual Staff Conference to celebrate the successes of the year and look forward to the new year. This was held off site and focussed around the priorities for this Academic Year. This included curriculum focussed changes and monitoring adaptations to help support all children to make progress within their learning journey. We also completed statutory training on safeguarding and allergy awareness.

At the conference members of staff were nominated for our annual awards for various contributions made to school or attributes that they have brought to school throughout the last academic year categories ranged from - Curriculum Contribution to Innovator of the Year. There are ten awards in total. Although it was a tough decision to pick a member of staff for each award, due to having dedicated members of staff throughout, I would like to congratulate those

that were chosen this year and thank them for their continued dedication to inspire all the children within our schools.

I would like to congratulate, and thank again, those that were awarded a trophy this year-

Executive Head's Award- Mrs Syred
Continuing Professional Development- Mrs Saunders
Pupil Choice- Mrs Malton
Aspire to Inspire- Mrs Brooks
Face of the School- Mrs Rumsey
Pride in the School- Mrs Orchard
Community Impact- Mrs Foad
Curriculum Contribution- Mrs Cannell
Significant Impact to Individual Pupil- Mrs Phillips
Aspire Innovator of the Year- Mr Morris



Alongside this, we also celebrated staff members that have been part of the Aspire family for multiple years with a badge that you may see on their lanyard.

I am thankful that we have devoted members of staff that remain committed to Aspire. Thank you to all and a welcome to new members that have joined the Aspire Team.

Sporting Update-

I am happy to announce that for another year all 4 Schools achieved the Gold Award for School Games, this is awarded for participation and sportsmanship.

Well done to all that have taken part to help achieve this. Mr Waters will send the certificates and badges next week to all Schools.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Wood
Executive Headteacher