



Friday 5th September 2025

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 my PA can be contacted at lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Sporting Update-

I am pleased to announce that all 4 schools at Aspire Federation, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

Our sporting achievements this year include (but are not limited to) football, cricket, athletics, dance, boxing and rock climbing! With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

A special thanks to Miss Liddicoat and all the children and staff at Aspire.

Letter to parents from Prime Minister-

Please see the link below a letter from the Prime Minister detailing how the Government are making changes to help improve family life.

To read this, visit-

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/?es_c=ACCFA704EC1C12D7D16F68E1ED497DE3&es_cl=71C9A2D5AD3C3E8AE36E2D78BB80601B&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

Neurodiversity Day-

Please find attached an updated flyer regarding the Neurodiversity day which has been moved to the **new date of October 16**. The decision to change the date was made by the PINS project management leads and not Kent PACT.

This is still a really valuable event to attend, if you are still able to.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and thank you for coming back to the New Academic Year ready to learn.

Aspire Annual Conference-

This year we continued the Aspire tradition of having our Annual Staff Conference to celebrate the successes of the year and thank all for their hard work. This was held off site and the theme this year was “Adapting to Thrive: Enhancing Learning for Every Child”.

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 Heads Award- Mrs Russell
Continuing Professional Development- Miss Tapsell,
Pupil Choice- Miss Butler
Aspire to Inspire- Mrs Hollamby
Face of the School- Mrs Malton
Pride in the School- Mrs Rumsey
Community Impact- Mrs Sanders
Curriculum Contribution- Mrs Butterfield
Significant Impact to Individual Pupil- Mrs McClaren
Aspire Innovator of the Year- Miss O'Donovan

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. This year the badges were awarded to-

Mrs Steer- 5yrs

Mr Waters- 10yrs

Mr Moore 5yrs

Mrs Stott- 5yrs

Mrs Potts- 10yrs

Mrs Golding- 5yrs

Mrs Nugent - 10 yrs

Miss McLaurin - 5 years

With a special thank to our long standing Governor, Mr K Alexander for 40+ years of dedication to Aspire.

I am very thankful that we have such devoted members of staff that remain committed to Aspire.
Thank you to all.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher