



Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents

I am writing to you as usual on a Friday, and am wondering where the sunshine has got to?! I have been wanting to stain the bench in my garden for the past three weeks and it keeps raining! Anyway below is the usual round up of information and news.

Swimming

Thank you for all your Google forms regarding swimming. We are currently investigating options more local to the schools than Mote Park. Mrs Steer and Mrs Cannell, both at Leeds and Broomfield, are qualified swimming teachers, so we are hoping that we can organise the lessons with our own staff. Lessons will commence in September and we will write to you as soon as we have confirmed details.

Wrap around care

Again, thank you to those parents who have completed the google form about breakfast club and after school club. There is definitely a need for both provisions at both Kingswood and Leeds and Broomfield. Mrs Sanchez and Mrs Steer are working together on the planning. I will be able to write to you with details, including a pricing structure and how to book a place after half term. If families at Ulcombe or Platts Heath need wrap-around care, we may be able to arrange transport for the children to attend the clubs at Leeds or Kingswood.

Day trips

We are in the process of arranging two local visits for all of the children now that we are able to take the children on trips again. One will be to Bearsted for a forest school experience and the other to Otterden for some outdoor learning. More details will follow as soon as we have firm details.

Current guidance for schools - Covid

The guidance for schools has not changed aside from face coverings that don't have to be worn in secondary school classrooms and we can now take children on trips. Therefore all the routines we have in place i.e. temperature checks, one way systems and staggered drop offs will remain until the guidance is changed by the DFE.

This does mean that sports days and summer fairs cannot take place this year, together with end of year performances and assemblies. Each school will be arranging some special events to wish their year 6 pupils well though, parents will be contacted after half term.

Tesco Fareshare food donations

This week was Kingswood, but neither supermarket had a donation for us this week. So we will try again for Kingswood next week, with Platts Heath following the week before half term.

Parent consultations

Parent evenings will take place for all four aspire schools in the week beginning Monday 5th July 2021. These will take place virtually using google meet. A letter with details of how to book an appointment will follow nearer the time.

Wishing you all pleasant family weekends,

Kind regards,

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