



Friday 7th May 2021

Dear parents

I am writing to you at the end of a very busy week. Perhaps it is because it was only four days long, it is extra busy, I am not sure but I am definitely ready for the weekend. I hope all of your weeks are going well. Today I will be writing with the usual round up of information and news.

#### NSPCC Number day

Today the children have been learning all things number, and have linked maths to other subjects throughout the day. Thank you to those pupils and staff who have come in clothes with some link to numbers or maths, and to those who have donated towards the NSPCC.

#### Kent School Improvement Review

Yesterday and today, the heads and I have had various meetings with our school improvement advisor from KCC. We have discussed the curriculum, attendance, wellbeing, Early Years and the governors have also been involved in discussions. This has all happened virtually but has given us a good idea of our strengths and what our next steps are.

#### Maidstone Climate Day - 11th June

Each of the schools will be celebrating Maidstone climate day in some way on the 11th June, whether it be through a litter pick, some planting or making something from recycled materials

#### Mental Health week - next week- Monday 10th May - Friday 14th May

Next week is Mental Health Week and it has the theme of nature. Each class has been asked to mark the week in some way, whether it be a circle time outside, a nature walk or simply a discussion with the children. As life is slowly beginning to return to normal it is more important than ever this year that staff and pupils are given opportunities to work through any anxieties.

#### Fair Share Donations from Tesco

This week the donations have been used by Ulcombe Families, next week they will be offered to Kingswood. There should be a donation on Monday and Tuesday mornings, although we find the Tuesday one less reliable as it is from a smaller Tesco's.

#### Swimming

Thank you to all those parents of children in years 2-5 who have responded to the questionnaire about swimming. Just a reminder that the deadline for completion is Friday 14th May, if you still need to complete it. Leaders will then make decisions about how swimming will be organised from September and let parents know via letter.

Wishing you all pleasant family weekends, as ever I can be contacted at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk), during working hours.

Kind regards,

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