



Friday 18th June 2021

Dear parents

I am writing to you on a very rainy Friday, when earlier in the week we were all commenting on the heat - The English weather certainly always gives us something to talk about! This week's letter contains information about sports week, race for life, year 6 transition week and a reminder about places for the wrap around care provision.

School uniform - waterproof fleece lined coat

Following some requests from parents for a waterproof fleece jacket. I have contacted Brigade our uniform suppliers. They are able to supply these in the four Aspire colours with the Aspire and school logos. They should be available on the parent pages on their website to buy in the next few days. Please use this link to purchase items, and type in your child's school:

http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents

Kingswood Wrap Around Care

At the moment the after school club for Kingswood is not viable as we have only had two forms returned from parents who wish to book places for their children. I have had several queries emailed to me however. If you wish to book a place please ensure that you return your form by Friday 2nd July 2021. We will need a minimum of 10 children to make the provision viable. If you need a copy of the letter and form please ask when you drop off or pick up your children. Thank you.

Lenham School - Year 6

Following the emails from the DFE and my letters this week you will be aware that we have been advised that transition events should not happen. We have been informed, therefore, that Lenham school's transition week that was due to take place in the week beginning Monday 28th June has been cancelled. You should receive some information about online virtual sessions that your child can take part in after school. Please contact Lenham if you have any queries.

Race for Life

All Aspire pupils and some of the staff will be taking part in a race for life to raise money for cancer research. We have registered our event and received medals to give out to all the children that take part. If you would like to support our fundraising efforts we have an online donation page. Here is the link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/aspire-federation-schools-race-for-life>

The race will take place in across the week (see the weekly Ulcombe newsletter).

Sports Week

Next week is sports week for all the Aspire schools. Every pupil will need to come to school in their PE kit. This should compromise a white t shirt/polo shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers or plimsolls. Please can pupils also wear their school jumper or cardigan. Pupils will need a hat, and a water bottle. Sun cream should be applied at home and any jewelry including earrings removed.



The children will be taking part in the following activities across the week:

- 60 second physical challenge
- Water safety activities/learning
- Radio Taiso exercise routine from the Tokyo Olympics
- Wonder Woman quests
- Race for life

Year R taster sessions

As stated in my letter earlier in the week these will still be taking place as we consider them very important to support the children in their transition to school. However, I will need to risk assess the sessions to ensure staff and children are kept safe. This may mean some changes to the arrangements for your child's visits. Please look out for any updates from the school. Changes may include different timings or a need to hold the sessions outside. You will be informed of any adjustments before your child is due to come into the school. Thank you.

Forest schools

We have several forest school taster sessions planned over the next few weeks. These sessions are free of charge, and will enable the children to visit a woodland in Bearsted to take part in forest school activities. Please look out for a letter from your head of school.

Wishing you all pleasant weekends, whatever the weather, and a win for England tonight!

I can be contacted at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk with any questions within working hours.

Kind regards

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