



Friday 24th September 2021

Dear parents/carers

I am writing at the end of week three to share information and news from Aspire, I hope you have all had good weeks.

Updated Aspire Federation Mission statement, Vision and Values

The staff and governors have revised the Aspire mission statement and vision in line with the improvements that have been made and the areas of focus in the school improvement plans. Here are the updated statements:

Mission statement for ASPIRE

The ASPIRE federation will nurture curiosity and creativity through an inspiring, active, broad and engaging curriculum, where learning is at the heart of all that we do. Our children become resilient and self-assured in environments where pastoral care is excellent and wellbeing and mental health underpin each daily aspect of our community. Everyone is challenged and encouraged to thrive and achieve as individuals, preparing them for their role as caring citizens in modern Britain.

Vision

We aim to be an outstanding federation at the heart of our culturally diverse communities, striving for excellence, enabling our children to achieve their highest potential in all areas of the curriculum in line with each school's values and beliefs.

Motto: 'We Aspire to Inspire'

Values – using the initials of the names of the schools.

K – Kindness

U – Understanding

P – Patience

H – Honesty

L – Love (of God)

B – Boldness

Parent Council

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have nominated themselves for the parent council. Here are the elected representatives so far:

- Kingswood: (Chestnut) Sarah-Jane Humpreys, (Birch/Oak) Kat Harris
- Leeds and Broomfield: (Badgers) Katie Kent, (Hedgehogs) Claire Ayres, (Squirrels) Alexandra Kershaw
- Platts heath - no representatives
- Ulcombe – (Tawny Owls) Jamie Rana, (Barn Owls) Sam May, (Owlets) Rachel Flynn

The first meeting is on Monday 4th October at 2pm at Kingswood.

As you can see we are still short some representatives especially from Platts Heath. The other vacancies are for Maple class at Kingswood and either Birch or Oak class.

Please contact me directly if you are interested in the parent council at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk

The Big Ask- Outcomes

You may remember a while ago I posted a link about a nationwide survey for children from the children's commissioner. The survey has now closed and the results analysed.

If you are interested in the outcomes - you can read about them here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-answer/>

Federation Parliament

All of our Aspire schools have school councils which are made up of pupil representatives from each year group and they help school leaders make decisions about their school. In addition to this we have also formed a Federation Parliament which will consist of representatives from the school councils of all four schools. The representatives from years 3-6 will automatically be part of the parliament. They will meet once a term virtually with me as Executive Headteacher to discuss Federation issues and improvement focuses.

Homework

Just a reminder that your child will be receiving their homework menu next week from their teacher, aside from the classes mentioned in my previous letter. The expectation is that your child will pick three tasks from the menu and work on those for the rest of the term at home. Homework books will be due to the teacher by Monday 18th October 2021.

I can be contacted at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk with any questions. Hoping you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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