



Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear parents

I am writing to you at the end of term 1, I know the staff and children are all looking forward to a break next week. It has felt like an incredibly busy term. My letter this week provides the usual information and news.

Leeds and Broomfield OFSTED

OFSTED inspectors came to Leeds and Broomfield on Tuesday this week. This was a one day section 8 inspection as Leeds previous report was graded good. It was a very full day and I would like to extend my thanks to all those who contributed to the day, staff, pupils and parents. We should have the report in about four weeks so I will share the outcome with you then.

Platts Heath are also expecting OFSTED in the very near future.

Annual report from the ASPIRE federation governors

Please find attached to this letter a report from Mrs Annie Allum, Chair of the Aspire Governing Body. The report is an annual review of the last academic year and is a summary of their monitoring of the schools and other activities.

The governors can be contacted via the Clerk, Mrs Jacqui Wapshott who can be written to via the school offices.

Halloween Celebrations in Memory of Miss Killick

Yesterday all the pupils and staff at Platts Heath came to school in Halloween themed fancy dress and then attended a disco after school. Miss Killick, who we sadly lost a few weeks ago, was a huge fan of all things Halloween, so we decided to hold the day in her honour. The children had a lovely day and it was a nice way to remember their teacher. We shall be holding more events and dedications as the year progresses.

Supermarket Vouchers

As explained in an earlier letter Kent County Council have granted schools funding to issue a £15 supermarket voucher to every pupil who receives income/benefits related free school meals. This does not apply to children who receive universal free school meals in years R/1/2. School offices should have issued these vouchers, please contact the school if you have not received a voucher.

Half Term Activities

If you are hoping to get the children out and about next week, to burn off some of that never-ending energy children have, the KM have provided a few ideas of free and cheap days out. The link to the article is here:

<https://www.mykentfamily.co.uk/things-to-do/half-term-in-kent-159528/>

Forest Schools

Mrs Steer, Mrs Masters, Mrs Snachez and I have been busy planning some Forest Schools experience days. Each year the group will get a chance to spend the day in Bearsted Woods with the Forest Schools Leader completing various outdoor activities. More details of these days will follow in a letter, however, for your diaries here are the first two dates:

Year 2 from all Aspire schools - Friday 26th November 2021

Year R and 1 from all Aspire schools - Friday 3rd December 2021

Covid Cases over Half term

If your child tests positive for Covid over half term, please contact me either via text on 07599 801236 or via email at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk . We can then inform other parents who can then make decisions about whether they would like their child to isolate. The government guidance states that children and adults who have had both vaccinations do not need to isolate but we understand that parents will make their own decisions so we do our best to keep you informed.

Wishing you all restful family half terms.

Kind regards,

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