



Friday 11th March 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Friday is here again! These weeks seem to be whipping by. I am writing with the usual round up of news and information.

### Covid Cases within Aspire

We have got a number of Covid cases across Aspire at the moment, with Ulcombe closed due to the number of staff who have been affected. Leeds and Broomfield have been working with a skeleton staff, due to a number of positive cases. Both Platts Heath and Kingswood have groups of pupils who have tested positive with two members of staff also being affected at Platts Heath.

The advice and Aspire policy remains the same, if your child displays any symptoms please test them if possible. If they test positive they will need to stay at home for 5 days. They can return following two negative tests on day 5 and 6. They may return on day 6 if you time the test for the mornings so the two negative tests are 24 hours apart.

As long as your child is not testing positive they can attend school as normal. Thanks to the staff who have covered each other or worked from home to provide learning opportunities. Thank you also to the parents who found inventive ways to bring their children in when siblings were poorly or they themselves were testing positive.

### Forest Schools

We received a message last night from the company that runs the forest schools days for us to say that high winds and rain were predicted for today so the year 4 forest schools day had to be postponed. For health and safety reasons it would not be sensible to have a large group of children in the woods during a possible period of high winds. The day will be rearranged for year 4 later in the academic year.

### KCC school improvement visit

The Aspire schools have regular visits from our KCC school improvement partner, this week he visited Platts Heath and looked at Art and PE. He was particularly impressed with PE, and the work that we have done to ensure that the children are active throughout the week. Art is a work in progress, ensuring that the children are being taught a progression of Art skills, but it is on its way.

Next week he is visiting Kingswood to look at Geography and RE.



### Comic Relief 2022

Comic Relief is next Friday 18th March. Please see your school's newsletter as to what they are doing to mark this occasion. Non uniform days and the wearing of red noses is usually the spirit of the day!

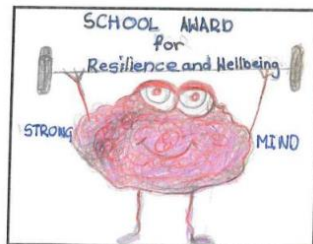
### School Websites

Our Aspire IT support Mr Picot, has been working with myself and the Heads of School to update the school websites. They are not complete but slowly the information on each tab is being updated.

### Award Winning!

On Monday at a special assembly at Kingswood, it was announced that two pupils had won a competition to draw the design for the new wellbeing and resilience award. You will remember that in the autumn term the Aspire schools gained the wellbeing award and as a result of that the children were invited to submit a design for the new trophy.

Two pupils from Kingswood Bethany and K'hamari's designs were chosen. They are below, and also how they will look in print. Well done to both of them for gaining this recognition of their design.



Wishing you all happy family weekends, take care and keep safe.

Kind regards

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