



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear parents/carers

I am writing at the end of the second week of term, with an update and some reminders, and a very big thank you!

Thank you for your Donations

Thank you for all your donations for the people of Ukraine, we were overwhelmed by your generosity and we have certainly added to the supplies being sent out to Poland to help the refugees from Ukraine.

The biggest thank you has to go to Tina Ferreria and the other mums from Kingswood who coordinated the collection, picking up from all the Aspire schools, sorting the donations and dropping them to the designated point.

World Book Day

It has been great to see all the children dressed as book characters. Thank you to Miss Brignall, Aspire English lead for organising the day. A large number of staff also dressed up which was great to see. The children will be taking part in an activity linked to World Book day today.

Year 6 Transition Project

If you are a year 6 parent you will remember that I sent a letter regarding the secondary transition project in January. This week I have sent the first tip/idea for things you could do to support your child in the run up to their transfer to secondary school. Please contact their class teacher if you have any questions.

Invicta Academy - Online Lessons for Years 5 and 6

Last week I wrote to parents of pupils in year 5 and 6 about the online lessons being offered by Invicta Academy. Aspire was part of the pilot of this project last term and now we have the chance to be part of it again. I know some children really found the lessons useful. Here are the details for anyone interested.

Please register your child using the following link: <https://www.invictaacademy.com/homestudysupport>

Free, live, online support for children doing maths and English homework.

Invicta National Academy and Kent County Council are pleased to offer Key Stage 2 pupils access to a live, interactive, online home study support session every Tuesday and Thursday.

Your child can pop in at any time between 5 pm - 6 pm for maths support or between 6 pm - 7 pm for English. A qualified teacher and experienced teaching assistant will be on hand to help with their homework queries.

The Virtual Homework Club is entirely voluntary and your child can attend as many sessions as they wish using the Zoom link provided. They can join and leave and then rejoin on the same link as many times as they wish.



Covid Guidance

There are a number of cases within Ulcombe at the moment. Just a reminder that although the legal obligation to isolate has now been removed it is still advisory and, therefore, our school policy.

If your child tests positive, they will need to stay at home for at least 5 days. They can take a test again on the morning of day 5 and if this is negative another one on the morning of day 6. If that is also negative they can return to school on day 6 (following their positive test). If they are still testing positive they cannot return to school until they have either tested negative twice 24 hours apart or following 10 days at home. This is now a policy similar to the 48 hours following sickness.

Please contact your school office if your child tests positive or if you have any queries. Thank you

Fuel Vouchers

A letter went out this week about fuel vouchers which families may be eligible for. In order to prove your eligibility you will need to bring the following in to your school office to be copied.

- Proof of age and ID - passport/ birth certificate
- Proof of address - utility bill or other letter with your home address
- Proof of your families income- wage slips/ benefit statement
- Proof that your families income was affected by covid - comparative wage slips, proof of furlough

Once this has been received I can then apply for the voucher for your family. Thank you

Alternatively I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk during normal working hours.

Wishing you all enjoyable family weekends,

Kind regards,

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