

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear parents

I am writing to you this week at the end of another busy week, this one has been filled with budget setting meetings. When all the figures are finalised I will write and let you know if there are any changes to staffing or leadership structures.

### **Swimming Gala**

On the 18th May we will be running our first Aspire Swimming Gala at Sutton Valence School. All year 3 and 4 pupils that have taken part in swimming lessons this academic year from all four Aspire schools will be invited to take part. More details will follow before the event.

### **Reconnect Leisure Centre Offer**

Kent County Council's Reconnect Programme is working with community groups and organisations to provide a fantastic array of different opportunities for children and young people.

During the next five months almost 40 leisure centres across Kent are making a range of offers available to children and young people, including many at discounted prices, or even free in certain circumstances. To find a participating centre near you and what they have on offer - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/reconnect/reconnect-leisure-centre-passes>

The Reconnect Team – 03000 423423 or [reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk)

You should have received a letter from your child's school office and you will be entitled to a reconnect card if your child is eligible for income related free school meals.

### **Platts Heath OFSTED**

I have now received the draft report, so hopefully within the next few weeks I will be able to share the outcome and report with you.

### **Online safety award**

Aspire are working towards the schools online safety award. Mrs Steer has completed an assessment which shows that we are eligible for the award. Next we need to have a visit to the schools to make a judgment on whether our evidence shows that we can gain the award. We will keep you posted!

### **Jubilee Celebrations**

As mentioned in one of my previous letters, we will be closing all four Aspire schools early on the last day of this term- Friday 27th May 2022. All children and parents will be invited to attend our Jubilee celebrations at Ulcombe for the afternoon. More information will follow later in the term



### **Long Weekend**

Just a reminder that Monday is a bank holiday so school will be closed until Tuesday. Please follow this link for activities in Kent over the long weekend.

<https://www.mykentfamily.co.uk/things-to-do/all-the-magic-of-a-may-bank-holiday-203716/>

Wishing you all a very pleasant family long weekend. I can be contacted at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk) during office hours if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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