



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good and successful first full week back.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at [exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk) between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at [lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk). Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

### **ASPIRE SPORTING STARS-**

It is evident that a lot of our pupils attend sports clubs and events outside of school hours, and having spoken with many children about their summer breaks, August was no exception!

In order to celebrate these successes we would love to hear about what you get up to and have achieved from a sporting point of view. This could be anything from horse riding lessons to golf lessons, or activities you did during your summer break - I've heard a mention of climbing a mountain and Jet Ski watersports!

Whatever it is you have been up to, or continue to do on a regular basis, we would love to know about it.

Please send a photo with a small write up to your school office FTAO of Miss Liddicoat, Sporting Stars.

I look forward to hearing all about it!

#### *My Summer Sporting Achievement:*

During the summer, I travelled to Scotland with my U18 team to play Ayr United; A Scottish Championship Club. This was a great sporting achievement for us to experience playing against a professional club. It was a great day topped with a win... Miss Liddicoat.



## **GOLD PE Award-**

I am very pleased to announce that ASPIRE schools have achieved the School Games Gold Mark award for 2023-2024, for the second year in a row!



Please see the press release attachment, which provides more detail regarding this award.

Well done to all children and staff for enabling ASPIRE to achieve this award.

## **Specialist Teaching and Learning Services-**

It is important that you are aware that KCC has decided to go forward with a public consultation for STLS. SLTS provide support and advice for schools for those children with SEND. Can I urge you to complete the consultation questionnaire as a matter of high importance.

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The results of the consultation will decide the future of STLS, so it is extremely important that you have the chance to say how this service supports our schools and your children. The results of the consultation will go to the cabinet committee in February 2025 and a final decision will be made on this service.

Thank you for your support with this.

## **Lenham School Opening Days-**

Lenham School are offering the opportunity for year 5 and 6 children to explore their school.

They have an open evening on Thursday 3rd October open to all and also open mornings on various dates from Tuesday 8th October (from 9.30am).

Please see the attached leaflet for all dates available and how to book a space.

## **Hockey Club-**

Sutton Valence Hockey Club is a small local club based in Sutton Valence at the Preparatory School. This club is held on a Sunday morning starting from 15th September. and is for children of all abilities and skills.

They have 5 age groups from Year R to Year 9.

Mini's YR-Y1: 9:30-10:30

U8's & U10's: 9:30-11:00

U12's & U14's: 10:30-12:00

Please see attached flyer for contact details if you are interested in this club.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling  
Executive Headteacher