



Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good week.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@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.

### **SIAMS inspection on Thursday 21st November-**

Next Thursday Ulcombe have an inspector coming to school to complete a Statutory Inspection of a Church School.

These happen about once every five years. It will look at worship, the teaching of RE, Spirituality and how the school fulfills its Christian vision.

I am sure you will join me in wishing everyone at Ulcombe a successful day.

### **Thank you-**

It has been a busy week across all ASPIRE Schools, where all have learnt about 'choosing respect' with anti-bullying week 2024, observing Armistice Day and celebrating all that it means and why it is important, as well as supporting Children in Need.

Thank you to all those who donated to support both of those causes this week and also to the children for engaging positively and enthusiastically in the activities surrounding these events.

### **MegaCamps -**

The nearest MegaCamps for childcare over the Christmas Holidays will be held at **St Marks C of E Primary School** in Tunbridge Wells.

This camp offers a fun day of activities for children between 8am and 6pm for ages 4-14 years. You are able to book by visiting their website- <https://www.megacamps.net/>

## **Kent Fostering -**

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join their outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

Being part of the team you will receive excellent support, fantastic training opportunities and could really make a positive difference to a child's life.

For more information please give us a call on 03000 420 002, fill in their **online enquiry form** or sign up to their **mailing list**

## **Admission to Primary/Junior Schools 2025**

As mentioned last week the application process is now open for Primary/Junior School starters for September 2025 and can be made via [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola).

## **Reminder for SEND Roadshow-**

Maidstone Family Hubs are hosting a SEND Roadshow on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 10am-2pm** at The Vine, Boughton Lane, Maidstone, ME15 9QF. This offers a chance for Maidstone families whose child or young person has SEN needs or disabilities to meet with services available in your area.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards

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