



Friday 29th 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 [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.

### **Neurodivergent Parent Support Group-**

This new parent support group is specifically for neurodivergent parents and carers, to talk about the challenges of parenting, meeting their own needs and to make connections with other people.

There is no need to have a diagnosis, all are welcome to join if you are just starting to explore the idea of being neurodivergent yourself.

This next group will be held at **Maidstone Community Support Centre, Marsham Street, ME14 1HH on Wednesday 11th December.**

### **Christmas Fayre-**

If you and your child/children are in full Christmas mode, the YMCA in Maidstone is holding a Christmas Fayre **this Saturday 30th November.**

This Family Christmas Fayre is packed with festive fun for everyone, offering something special for all ages!

This is from **12-5pm at YMCA, Melrose Close, Cripple Street, Maidstone ME15 6BD.**

### **A note on Dangerous Gifts-**

It is of course that time of year that we are all beginning to put up our Christmas trees and lights are starting to shine in our high streets.

Whilst this is great fun and festive, not all presents are created equally. More than ever in recent years online shopping takes place with a varied list of providers. Leaving us to trust that we are receiving high quality goods, unfortunately this is not guaranteed.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year, which is well worth taking a look at.

It's always important to remember that prevention is always better than repairing.

<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>

### **Sports News-**

Over the past two weeks, Aspire has entered several football tournaments. The tournaments were hosted by PASS PE support and were part of the Kent School Games set up.

Teams entered were as follow:

Thursday 14th - KS1 boys and girls tournament

Friday 15th - LKS2 boys and girls tournament

Thursday 21st - UKS2 boys tournament

Friday 22nd - UKS2 girls tournament

As always, all 4 schools displayed exemplary behaviour and showcased the talent we have at Aspire!

All teams did exceptionally well, with the UKS2 girls progressing to the quarter finals, losing to the team who ended up winning the whole tournament.

A special thanks to EMC Academy for coaching the teams on the day, and to parents for helping transport the players to and from the event



### **THANK YOU-**

I would like to thank Mr Waters and Miss Liddicoat for leading the residential trip this week. I know great fun was had by all.

I would also like to thank Mrs Steer, Mrs Golding and Mrs Syred for their support with the leadership of Kingswood this week following Mrs Sanchez's unfortunate absence. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery!

Wishing you all a restful weekend, I am sure some of you will be putting the Christmas tree up and have excited children eager for their Advent Calendars.

Kind regards

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