



Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term and a good first week back to school.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at 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. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Admission to Primary/Junior Schools 2025

Applications are now open for school entry September 2025 entry.

Applications are open between **Tuesday 5 November 2024 - Wednesday 15 January 2025** and can be made at www.kent.gov.uk/ola.

If parents are unable to access the online site, an alternative format can be requested by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Please also see two posters attached for further information and additional support if required.

Remembrance Sunday-

The Annual Remembrance Sunday commemorations in Maidstone will take place on **Sunday 10 November**. As in previous years the day will be marked by a parade and a service of remembrance, including the two-minute silence at 11am at the Memorial in The Broadway, followed by the laying of wreaths.

The Parade will start at 10.30am at the junction of Week Street and the High Street into Lower High Street and will return to Week street at 11.30am.

For all details please visit- <https://www.visitmaidstone.com/whats-on/remembrance-sunday-parade-2024-p268571#:~:text=The%20annual%20Remembrance%20Sunday%20commemorations,by%20the%20laying%20of%20wreaths.>

All ASPIRE School's will also observe the 2 minute silence on Monday 11th November at 11am to mark this very important event.



Children in Need 2024-



ASPIRE Schools will be supporting Children in Need this year, which is **Friday 15th November**. Please look at your School's letter to find out how this will be celebrated in your school.

Anti-Bullying Week-

Next week from Monday 11th-Friday 15th November also, all Schools will be carrying out various activities and lessons in reference to this important event.

The theme this year is 'Choose Respect' and therefore various activities throughout the week will be aimed to help aid children in learning how to actively choose respect and what can be done to stop bullying!

D&S Swim School Ltd-

D&S Swim School offers a 6 week swimming course at Boughton Monchelsea Primary School.

These take place on Mondays and Wednesdays between 4-7pm. This 6 week course is £25 per month over 2 monthly installments and is available for children aged 3 years and upwards.

For more information and how to book, please see leaflet attached or contact via email- dandsswimschool@gmail.com.

SEND Roadshow-

Maidstone Family Hubs are hosting a SEND Roadshow on **Wednesday 20th 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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