



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

You should have received a letter from your child's school office and you will be entitled to a reconne 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 during office hours if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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