



Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you with the usual round up of news and information, we are still waiting for the Platts Heath OFSTED report. I will be sure to share it as soon as it arrives.

Jubilee Celebrations - Friday 27th May 2022

There have been some queries about this event so I will attempt to answer some of these below.

Platts Heath site will close at 12pm, as children have been invited to attend a picnic at Ulcombe. Kingswood and Leeds and Broomfield sites will close at 1.15pm after the children have eaten lunch.

Parents have three options

- 1) Pick your child up from school at either 12 / 1.15pm and transport them to the celebrations for the Jubilee at Ulcombe, where you can stay with your child and leave together at the end of the afternoon.
- 2) Pick up your child at the allotted time and take them home if you do not wish them to join the celebrations.
- 3) Request your child be transported to the event by Aspire staff as you are working / do not have access to transport - you will need to contact your child's school office to arrange this.

We do encourage as many children as possible to attend the celebrations at Ulcombe so that they can enjoy the crafts, games and cake! The children will also be all joining together to sing a Jubilee song.

If you are able to transport other children as well as your own, please do let your school office know as this would really help us out.

Swimming Gala - Wednesday 18th May 2022

Again there have been a few queries about this event which I will try and address below. The swimming gala is for all pupils in Years 3 and 4 from all four Aspire schools who have attended swimming lessons this year.

The swimming gala will take place at Sutton Valance Independent School in their swimming pool. The gala will start at 2pm. Therefore you are asked to pick up your child from their school

at 1.40pm, to allow time for travel and changing. Parents are invited to stay and watch the gala. Staff will be present to supervise children changing and whilst waiting for their events.

Again, please let the school office know if you are unable to transport your child so that we can make other arrangements. Equally if you are able to transport additional children please do let us know.

All children participating will need a swimming kit.

All children participating in the gala will receive a medal for their efforts.

Forest Schools - Year R/1 - Friday 20th May 2022

Just a reminder, as you have already received a letter that the Forest Schools trip for Year R/1 is next Friday 20th May. All children will need to be dressed in school uniform and wear wellies. Please ensure your child has a lunch and a water bottle with them for this event. Transport arrangements are slightly different for each school, please contact the school office if you are unsure or await reminders and updates.

Budgets and staffing changes

The governors and I are currently working on the budgets for 2022- 2025, and therefore are making relevant decisions around staffing changes where necessary. Any changes for your school to the staff structure will be communicated with you during Term 6. This will include the class structure for September 2022

INSET days 2022-23

The INSET days have to be agreed by governors. The next meeting is on the 24th May. The following Friday I will write to you regarding the agreed INSET days.

SATS tests

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils this week for working so hard and doing the best in their assessments. Next week year 2 will be starting to complete their assessments. We wish them the best of luck and just simply ask them to try their best. We are proud of you all!

Wishing you all happy sunshine filled family weekends.

Kind regards,
Emma Hickling
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