



Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you on the hottest day of the year, hopefully the sunshine will continue over the weekend. My letter contains the usual round up of news and information and an offer from one of our Aspire parents.

Hot Weather

The hot weather looks set to continue into next week - please ensure your child has a hat and a water bottle in school. You may also be wise to apply sun cream to your child before school. If your child suffers from hayfever please make sure they have had their medication as pollen levels are high at the moment.

Kent Test

This week I sent a reminder letter home, for Year 5 parents, regarding registering for the Kent Test (11plus). Children need to be registered by the 1st July using this link-

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

If you have not received the letter, please contact your child's school office. If you have any questions about the test, please see your child's class teacher. The test will take place on Thursday 8th September, during your child's first week of year 6.

Maths Tuition

One of our Kingswood parents, Mr Ross, has started a new business as a Maths Tutor and has asked me to share his flyer. Please see the flyer attached to this letter.

Cricket Tournament

Ms Liddicoat is taking teams from Kingswood, Leeds and Broomfield and Platts Heath to a cricket tournament on Tuesday. She is just making the final transport arrangements so if your child has been invited to take part please look out for further details or contact your child's school office. It is great that we can start to take part in sporting competitions again.

Active Learning Day

Next Thursday is Active Learning day, a celebration of active maths and English, programmes we have really embraced within Aspire. Therefore we will be taking part in the day, and the children will need to come to school in their active uniform.

Please see the link and information below for more details.

<https://www.teachactive.org/2021/06/teach-active-to-launch-the-uks-largest-active-learning-day/>

As part of the Youth Sport Trust's National School Sport Week (19-25th June 2021), Teach Active is set to host the largest active learning day for schools.

On this day, English and maths lessons in primary schools around the country will be transformed into active lessons where children move around the classroom and have fun while they learn. Activities include setting up multiplication stations, and pupils must run to each station to pick up a multiplication problem card to solve, aiming to complete the whole course in less than 30 minutes. In another lesson, children play at being punctuation police. They march around, noting down punctuation errors written out on cards around the class or playground.

Geography Fieldwork

This week, Aspire schools have visited a local playground/ park to complete some geography fieldwork based on the users of the park and the type of equipment. Fieldwork is an important element of Geography and next year will become linked to the topics the children are studying. Thanks to Mrs Syred, our Geography subject leader, for launching fieldwork at Aspire with this enjoyable study!

Wishing you all lovely sunshine filled weekends. As ever I can be reached at exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk if you have any queries. Please contact me during working hours, unless it is an emergency.

Kind regards,

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