



Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good first full week back to school, and hopefully back to some normality.

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.

### **Good News-**

I am pleased to inform you that Kingswood received their Nurture UK Accreditation! This award is evidence of the school's success in implementing and embedding a nurturing culture that responds to the social, emotional and mental health needs of its pupils, alongside their academic studies.

Well done to both staff and pupils for making this possible. What a wonderful Accreditation to receive within the Federation.

### **Fostering-**

Could this be the year you become a foster carer or host for Kent County Council?

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join the outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

Being part of the process you'll receive excellent support, fantastic training opportunities and could really make a positive difference to a child's life.

To find out more please visit [kentfostering.co.uk](http://kentfostering.co.uk) or call 03000 420002. There are also further information leaflets attached.

## Half-term Soccer School-

Pro Soccer Academy is hosting a soccer school in the February half term (12th-16th February). These will be held in Gillingham, Wrotham and Lenham.

Throughout each day PSA will provide the platform for players to train & improve their game whilst participating in daily games and challenges where players will have the chance to win daily prizes.

The Soccer School programme is not only focused on the players ability but also the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship & to develop their leadership skills through our unique PSA challenges & matches.

You are able to book using the link- <https://form.jotform.com/240012638449353>

## Mega Camps-

Mega Camps are back this February Half-Term providing school holiday childcare and activities for the local children of Maidstone and surrounding areas. The Maidstone location is based at the **New Line Learning Academy** and will be running from the **12th - 16th February 2024**.

There are also multiple locations running across the South East. All Mega Camps locations are Ofsted registered and accept children ages 4 - 14 every school holiday. These days include an action packed timetable in store for the children, including Animal Workshops, Wall Climbing, Dance Workshops, Nerf Wars, Inflatable Fun, Sports, Themed Arts and Crafts plus much more.

Please visit the website <https://www.megacamps.net/> for more information and how to book. There is also a leaflet attached for more details.

## Dental Care-

As you are probably aware there is a nationwide shortage of NHS dental appointments, especially in the Southeast. This has led to a large number of children without access to dental treatment.



Orchards House Dental Practice in Headcorn is offering extended opening hours for a limited period to improve access of vulnerable groups to NHS treatment.

These extra 'out of hours' sessions will be on a Thursday from 18<sup>th</sup> January until 21<sup>st</sup> March 17.00 to 20.00 for children below the age of 18 only.

Appointments are required, so if this is of interest to you please call **01622 890574**.

## Cold Weather-

As you are all unfortunately aware, the weather is turbulent and very bitter at times recently. Please be careful on the roads and paths in icy conditions.



Please could I also remind you to ensure that your child/children have their winter coats, hats and gloves in school every day.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling  
Executive Headteacher