



Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good week.

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.

Eco Ambassador Training-

A team of children from all 4 Aspire schools attended the 2024 Eco Ambassador training. With some of our current team leaving in year 6, it was a chance to train a new group to help carry on the legacy we have started!



Each school has chosen an area they feel needs work on to improve aspects of the environment at their school. Over the next year, the Eco Ambassadors will work through their plans and continue to inspire others in their school to be more eco-friendly.

Watch this space for further information!

A special thank you to Miss Liddicoat for supporting this and also to Mrs Gaffney from Ulcombe C of E school, who worked with the children and supported them through their training.

Dandelion Time-

The Local Children's Charity Dandelion Time are holding their Annual May Fayre on **Saturday 11th May**. This event includes Games, Craft Activities, a chance to meet their animals, live music and refreshments!

This is only £2 entry with under 2's going in free. (leaflet attached).



Neurodivergent Support Group-

Please see flyer attached regarding a neurodivergent support group specifically designed for parents and carers who are neurodivergent or think they may be.

This provides a calm environment to talk about the challenges of parenting and a chance to make connections with others.

This is to take place on **Wednesday 22nd May - 10.30-12pm, at the Howard De walden Centre, Maidstone ME14 2UG.**

Email ndparent@space2beme.org.uk for more information or to register interest for this session.

Speech and Language Talk walk-in's-

Please find attached the new flyer/poster for the Speech and Language Talking Walk-ins.

These sessions are **every OTHER Friday starting 10th May at Greenfields Family Hub and every other Thursday from 13th June at Sunshine Family Hub.**

BOTH sessions now start at 9.30am and the therapists only allow **15** families per session.

It is anticipated that these sessions will continue after June with this structure as there is such high demand for the service.

Equality and Diversity at Aspire Schools-

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the document recently added to all ASPIRE School's websites (under the curriculum tab). The document, 'ASPIRE Equality and Diversity-teaching through the curriculum', outlines how these aspects are taught in each year group and within each term for your information.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

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Executive Headteacher

