



Friday 21st June 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.

Tag Rugby Event!

Children from all 4 Aspire schools took part in a tag rugby event at Aylesford Rugby Club last week. This was a girl's only event.

As always, the team we took showcased amazing perseverance and sportsmanship. None of the girls had any prior rugby knowledge but that didn't stop them from taking part and having fun!

Kent Test-

Please be aware that applications for the Kent Test for Secondary School entry 2025 opened on 3rd June and will **close on Monday 3rd July at Midnight**. The test will take place on Thursday 12th September 2024.

You can make your application online here- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

E-Safety-



Online safety is a large part of our curriculum and with children online more and more we would like to signpost you to advice and guidance on how to keep your child safe at home whilst accessing the internet.

We understand that most parents and carers will have security settings or time limiters, but we are noticing and addressing, in our Life Skills discussions around internet safety, that some children are unaware of the risks they may face online when accessing it at home and/or with friends.

We have included the following links which offer guidance and information for keeping your child/ren safe at home whilst online, which you may find useful and wish to access.

Childnet:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

Thank you for supporting us with this very important issue.

Family Fun Day in Ulcombe-

This **Saturday, 22nd June**, there is a family fun day in Ulcombe from 12noon to 8pm - music and fun events for all ages all day long.

There's a Children's Fancy Dress Competition, Junior Welly Wanging and a big Treasure Hunt for all! Take your own chairs, picnic and drinks. **It's all FREE!** just take along a couple of pounds for the raffle and to buy an ice-cream.

Reminder-

Please note that **next Friday 28th June** is a whole ASPIRE Inset day and therefore children are not to come into School on that day.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher