



Thursday 27th 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.

Reminder-

Please be reminded that tomorrow **Friday 28th June is an Inset Day** and the school will NOT be open for children. School will resume as normal on Monday 1st July.

Family First-

Please use the link below to access the free Family First Magazine.

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_summer2024_digital240624

This Magazine is full of useful advice, information on various 'hot' topics of current concern (ie climate change), interesting articles to read including- top tips to keep Hayfever at bay and advice on family skin health and even some useful recipes for different meals to try over the Summer.

Porchlight Adolescent Wellbeing Service Survey-

Porchlight's Adolescent Wellbeing Service (PAWS) is seeking your support to find out more about the experiences of parents, carers, children and young people regarding accessing mental health and wellbeing services.

PAWS provides help for young people (10-18) to overcome mental health and wellbeing-related issues that are affecting their education, home life or relationships with family and friends.

PAWS is currently available in Ashford, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe and Thanet If you want to know more contact: paws@porchlight.org.uk

By completing this survey, you can help support the future of the PAWS Service and help to develop and extend the service in more areas of Kent.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Z9yCtwUG9b>

The surveys are anonymous, and any views held within them are only used to inform the development of the PAWS service.

The survey will close on the 19th July 2024.

Uniform Orders for September 2024-

Brigade Clothing have confirmed that the last date for ordering Uniforms for delivering in time for September is **26th July 2024**.

Orders can be made at - <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>

Summer Events at Maidstone Library-

Shaun the Sheep in the Heart of Kent-

This summer, Maidstone Libraries once more are working with the Heart of Kent Hospice, and the Wild in Art trail that is coming to Maidstone from the **29th June to the 30th August**.

This year, there will be 100 uniquely decorated Shaun the Sheep sculptures, which will appear in and around Maidstone, Kent. The Kent History and Library Centre, also has various activities, free of charge, going on during this time for children to take part in during this period.

Summer Reading Challenge – Marvellous Makers

This summer, once again, children aged 4-11 can visit any of our Kent libraries to join the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge, firing up their imaginations through the power of reading and creative expression.

This year's Challenge celebrates kids' creativity and storytelling abilities. Children will be encouraged to explore new books and stories while taking part in free activities, arts and crafts, and much more.

Age UK-

Age UK are looking for volunteers to deliver hot meals to clients in the local areas. This can include flexible hours, with mileage expenses covered.

They are also looking for assistants at Dairy Court, Linton Road, Maidstone (ME15 0AL).

If any of these interest you, **please see the posters attached or call 01622 753618.**

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher