



Friday 26th June 2025

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 exechead@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 that school is closed to all pupils tomorrow (Friday 27th June) as this is an Inset Day.

KCC Communities Meeting - New School Funding-

The Kent local area is working towards a new framework, including the introduction of school-based communities. The theory behind this is that it will help more children receive the support they need within their local mainstream schools. This system will replace the current high needs funding system.

To keep parents informed, they are hosting a webinar with us to explain what these changes mean for your children.

Session dates/times:

Monday 14th July 15:00-16:00

Wednesday 16th July 18:30-19:30

Friday 18th July 11:00-12:00

To register your interest, either scan the QR codes directly on the leaflet attached or email us at info@kentpact.org.uk with the subject 'KCC Webinar'

Brick Festival -

Medway Park Sports Centre (ME7 1HF) is holding a Brick Festival on **Saturday 26th July**. This will include amazing lego displays, build challenges, activities for all ages and much more!

The Gillingham Brick Festival is an exciting celebration of all things LEGO, but it isn't just about fun – although it is absolutely packed full of that too! Brick Festival events also invite visitors to explore a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). LEGO is the perfect tool for developing new skills, exploring new ideas and having new adventures.

Please see attached leaflet for more information.

Girls Football Club-

Girls Only Football Coaching sessions are held **at Cornwallis Academy on Fridays 7-8pm.**

This is a welcoming group with DBS checked coaches who are either UEFA or FA qualified.

See Leaflet attached or register at www.bigbearfs.com.

Go Fund Me- Asking for Support -

On Monday Fiona, TA at Platts Heath informed Mr Waters that she had suffered a house fire. She has no house insurance and so has to try and repair the house using her own funds.

Her daughter has set up a Go fund me.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-restoration-appeal>

If you are able to donate now matter how small I'm sure Fiona would be grateful.

Fiona has been a TA at Platts Heath since November 2024 but prior to a job in another field for a few years had been a TA at Ulcombe.

Free School Meal update reminder-

ALL families on universal credit will be eligible for their children to have a free school meal from September **2026**. This is now not linked to certain means tested benefits.

If this is something that you have not previously been eligible to access and are on Universal Credits visit the below link for more information.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-half-a-million-more-children-to-get-free-school-meals?es_c=ACCFA704EC1C12D7D16F68E1ED497DE3&es_cl=74685E4CBD61264EFCDFABC073DADC4D&es_id=ph7

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
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