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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of another busy term.

Pupils and Staff

We have welcomed some new staff this term. Scot has joined as an Assistant Head Teacher. Jamie has joined us as a teacher. Sam, Zane, Claire, Kirsty, Julie, Fiona, Stacey and Ciana have joined us as Teaching Assistants. Leanne and Jamie have joined us as lunchtime supervisors. Lee and Rob have joined our site team.

Some new pupils have also joined us this term. Welcome to Heval, James and Samyog. We hope that they have all enjoyed their first term and we would like to wish them all the best at Five Acre Wood School.

School Dogs

Our school dogs, Snowy and Sandy, now have their own page on our school website. It can be found under the 'About' tab and will feature regular 'pupdates'. Both dogs are proving to be very popular around the school and have helped to support the wellbeing of many of our pupils on numerous occasions.

Ofsted

We were delighted to be able to inform you last month that Five Acre Wood continues to be 'outstanding' following our Ofsted inspection at the end of March. You should have received a copy of the report via ParentMail. It is also available to view on the school website.

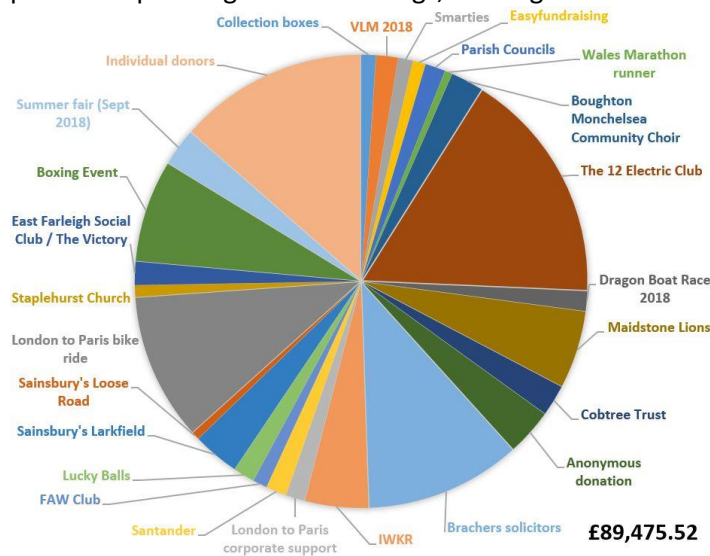
Fundraising news from Alex, our fundraiser:

Hydrotherapy pool news!

We were so excited to be able to announce that we have received sufficient funding to start the build of this incredible resource. The Cullum Family Trust – headed by Peter Cullum have made a substantial donation to the project. This has now encouraged other funders to come on board and we can move forward and start bringing our dreams to life!



The campaign “Create a ripple...MAKE A SPLASH!” which the community has supported so brilliantly sits at just under £90,000.00. We will keep this campaign running until we hit the magic £100,000.00 raised, so please keep having coffee mornings, running marathons and holding events for us.



Running around London and Brighton

Three fabulous ladies took to the streets of London on April 28th to run the 2019 Virgin London Marathon – Louise Brass, Lisa Freeman and Jenny “Tree” Duggan. They raised well over £3,000.00 between them. Jenny (dressed as a tree) was interviewed on the television a couple of times on the route – these interviews inspired several random people to send donations in to us! These people had no connection to Jenny or to our school – they were just moved to donate! Our huge thanks to Louise, Lisa and Jenny of them and all the people who supported their brilliant efforts!



Meanwhile....two weeks earlier in Brighton, Paul Kent was doing his bit for fundraising, enjoying a day at the beach – with the little matter of a 26.2 mile run thrown in for good measure! Thank you so much to Paul (and the man dressed in a green tutu and wig who clearly chased him round the course!)

Five Acre Wood Snodland

Our pupils have competed in various sporting events this term. Oliver won gold in the under 19s race at the Kent School Games Cross Country Finals at Mote Park. Eight pupils represented the Malling and Sevenoaks district with pupils from Valence and The Malling Schools at The Panathlon Challenge. Matthew achieved gold in Standing Long Jump and Carl achieved gold in Precision Throw. The Team finished in second place, missing out on the County Finals by just two points. Some of our pupils also participated in the Kent FA Disability tournament. Well done and congratulations to everyone who took part in each of these events. We are very proud of them and their achievements.

Pupils from our Sixth Form have completed 5 days of work experience this term and some year 11 pupils have attended 2 day placements. The feedback received from these placements has been really positive.

Events

A sponsored Danceathon was held last week to help raise funds for our Woodstock event in July. Dance sessions were run by Flair School of Dance and some of our talented staff. We were very grateful for their time and effort. Pupils had the opportunity to join in with ballet, modern, Zumba, street and cheerleading sessions held throughout the day. Due to the fortunate weather, some of the sessions were able to be held outside. The day was great fun and a huge success. I would like to thank those of you who sponsored your children for the event which has so far raised over £1400.

Well done to all of the pupils who took part in the secondary summer performance of 'School of Rock' this week. Both pupils and staff have worked really hard to ensure it was a superb and entertaining production. There will be photographs of the performance in the summer newsletter. I would like to thank everyone involved. I would also like to thank the parents and carers who attended.

This term there have been residential visits to Broadstone Warren and Carroty Wood. Details and photographs of these visits will feature in the summer newsletter.

Pupils from Cherry and Badger classes excelled themselves when putting on an art exhibition for their peers in the school hall last week. They were extremely proud to be able to showcase their artwork. Well done and thank you to everyone who arranged and participated in this impressive event.

Groups of students have enjoyed some truly amazing visits to high profile sporting events this term. This included the London Irish vs. Ealing Trailfinders rugby match at the Madjeski Stadium in Reading and a visit to the fantastic Brands Hatch Ferrari Challenge Event. Huge thanks to Bill Sangster (our Vice Chair Of Governors) and everyone at 'Northern Commercials' for their incredible support and generosity in creating these exceptional opportunities, as well as their spectacular hosting skills on both days. Photographs and more detail of these events will feature in the summer newsletter at the end of next term.

We invited pupils to wear something orange to school today, in an effort to raise awareness for Prader Willi Syndrome. This is a rare genetic disease affecting 1500-2000 people in the UK, including some of our pupils at Five Acre Wood School.

Please see the attached list of diary dates for details of events taking place next term, including our primary and secondary sports days, Meet the New Teacher parents evening, secondary prize giving and our fabulous Woodstock music festival.

Healthcare Plans

Please can I remind all parents/carers that in the interest of your child's health and safety, it is your responsibility to ensure all information on Healthcare Plans is kept up to date.

Please be reminded that Monday 3rd June is a staff development day. Pupils are therefore due to return to school on Tuesday 4th June. I would like to wish you all an enjoyable half term and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy".

Peggy Murphy
Principal

Term Dates with Diary Dates 2018/19

Date	Time	Event
Term 6		
Monday 3 rd June 2019	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 4 th June 2019	N/A	First day of term 6 for pupils
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	TBC	Primary sports day
Thursday 27 th June 2019	TBC	Secondary sports day
Friday 5 th July 2019	All day	Transition day
Monday 8 th July 2019	3.45-6.45pm	'Meet the new teacher' parents evening
Thursday 11 th July 2019	9.30-11.00am	Parent Support Group – Online safety
Wednesday 17 th July 2019	9.30am-3.15pm	Woodstock
Thursday 18 th July 2019	10.30-11.30am	Secondary prize giving
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	N/A	Last day of term

NOTE TO PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING MEDICATION

To ensure that your child is given the most current prescribed medication of the correct dose and at the right time, please read these guidelines:

1. Please ensure that all medicines sent into school are in the ORIGINAL pharmacy containers/packaging clearly labelled with:

- Your child's name
- Name of prescribed medication
- The dosage and frequency of administration
- How medicine should be given, e.g. by mouth, via feeding tube
- Date medicine was dispensed
- Expiry Date

Any nurse will have the right to refuse the administration of medication to your child if this information is not clearly shown on the label.

2. Please inform the school nurse of any change to your child's regular medication, including alterations to dose, frequency or medication being stopped as advised by a doctor. These alterations need to be confirmed in writing by the prescriber. **We cannot accept verbal alterations and will be unable to give an amended dose unless we have the medication in its original**

contained with the correct information printed on the label or receive the changes in writing from the prescriber.

3. If your child is prescribed emergency medication (Diazepam/Midazolam for epilepsy or Anapen/Epipen for allergy) please inform the school nurse immediately. Further information from your child's doctor will be needed regarding when the emergency medication should be given and this will be kept in school so all staff are aware of what care your child needs in an emergency.

4. Please ensure there is a sufficient supply of all the medicines your child needs whilst in school. We will contact you to advise when we are running low.

5. When sending in medication, it must not be put in your child's bag. Instead, it should be handed directly to a member of the class staff. If your child comes into school by taxi, the medication should be given to the escort who will then hand it to a member of the class staff when they arrive at school.