



#TogetherStronger

Each week we want to celebrate some of the people who are making Five Acre Wood such a special community. Thank you to everyone who is making sure that we are all keeping safe, healthy, busy and connected.

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The Senior Leadership Team 

This week in numbers

1st



On 1st July, new class letters will be sent out



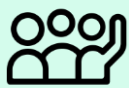
3rd

On 3rd July, you can meet your new class teacher

10th



On 10th July, you can say goodbye to your current class team



13th

On 13th July, you can say hello to your new class team

Massive thanks to...

Thank you to **Michael Garcia** for your support in working with teachers and families. Parents have been really positive about the advice and suggested strategies you have given.

Thank you to all of the **parents** who have been chatting with us on Facebook about how we might make moving class easier for families this year!

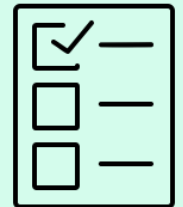
Do you want to thank someone who has given the 'extra acre'?!
Let us know... email mmclaughlin@five-acre.kent.sch.uk

In case you missed it

Moving class is going to be different for everyone this year.

We've been working hard to develop a transition programme that will be supportive of everyone.

Look out for the email and your 'moving class checklist'.



SPOTLIGHT

Each week we find out how members of our Five Acre Wood Community are getting on.



This week the spotlight shines on the HR: recruiting remotely!

Nicola, Hayley and Lisa

What are your new challenges? Recruiting remotely - summer term is our busiest term for recruitment and as a growing school we have to continue to recruit Teachers and TAs. Trying to get enough potential recruits that are FAW standard to apply when the world is going through a pandemic is a bit tricky!

How are you addressing these challenges? We've had to adjust quickly to the recruitment pressures so we have designed home based written exercises for candidates to complete and we then interview them remotely. This means that IT support has become part of our role and we've seen a lot of people's bedrooms and kitchens! Interviews take much longer than they normally would as it's harder to get a sense of a person on a screen. It has also been a challenge to give candidates a sense of what Five Acre Wood is like when they haven't even been in the building!

Do you have a lockdown top tip? Make the most of technology to connect with people and download the Unmind App when your mind is very busy - it has some really calming tools on there.

FAMILIES: Please remember to keep in touch with your class team. Talk to them about any challenges you're having in any of our four important areas



Keeping safe



Keeping healthy



Keeping busy



Keeping connected

