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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of term 6 and the end of a very different academic year for us all. Firstly, I would like to thank you for your valued support and co-operation throughout these uncertain and unprecedented times. As a school, we are aware of the difficulties that families have encountered during the COVID-19 pandemic and we have worked hard to ensure that pupils have had the opportunity to maintain contact with their peers and class staff whilst also continuing to learn. I would like to thank the staff for their continued support to our pupils, both those at school and those who have remained at home. I would like to express my particular thanks to the Senior Leadership Team for their incredible commitment to the pupils and staff over the last few months. They have worked tirelessly to produce a complex and robust risk assessment and planning document for the school, which will be shared on the school website today under the 'Policies' tab. This has been a mammoth task, as I am sure you can imagine. I wish them all a well earned rest over the summer holidays.

We take the health and wellbeing of our school community very seriously and will therefore continue to have a hub structure in place when the school fully reopens in September. Pupils will access the school building via different entrances and whilst we appreciate this may be difficult for some of them, it is imperative that we do our utmost to keep everyone safe. By working together, all of the children will settle back into school and will adapt to the different environment; children are very resilient.

Staff

In September we will be welcoming some new staff to Five Acre Wood. Alison, Sarah, Elise, Chloe, Abbie, Emily, Kirsty, Laura, Sam, Fiona, Lauren, Lara, Robyn, Joanna, Tammy and Joanne will be joining us as Teachers. Emily, Talia, Daphne, Sarah-Jane, Lucy, Zainab, Charley-Ann, Jamie-Louise, Laci, Leah, Charlotte, Sarah, Melanie, Lucy, Cassie, Sarah and Sonya will be joining us as Teaching Assistants. Ashley will be joining us as an Occupational Therapist. Alison will be joining us as an Administrator. We look forward to working with them.

Earlier this year I shared with you the news that Karen Robinson-Jones, Matthew Jones and Emma Russell had been appointed in new roles within the school. We wish them luck in their new roles as Assistant Head Teachers from September 2020.

At the end of this term we say 'goodbye' to Tim, Alison and Steph (Teachers), Rosie (SALT and Therapy Lead), Maxine (TEAM), Beth, Lesley and Jessica (TAs). We wish them all the very best of luck for the future.



Pupils

Carl, Summer, Corey, Polly, Shakina, Scott, Lucy, Cain, Lucy, William, Harry, William, Catherine, Thomas, Lasyashree, Jessica, Anais, Abigail and Lewis are leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to wish them all the very best of luck for their future adventures ahead.

We are sorry to say that that due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and to keep our family and friends safe, we are cancelling the prom this year, which had been rescheduled for 3rd October. To enable our leavers to have the opportunity to celebrate their time spent at Five Acre Wood School, we will be inviting them back as honorary guests at next year's prom.

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.

Contact details

Please let the school office know if any of your contact details have changed (emails, telephone numbers, addresses etc) so that you can continue to access key information which is sent out.

Diary dates

Provisional diary dates for the next academic year are attached. Due to COVID-19, these may be subject to change/cancellation and we will send out information regarding individual events closer to the time.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer and I look forward to welcoming the pupils when they return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

Kind regards,



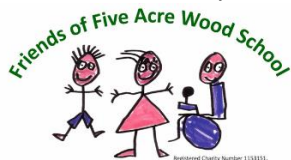
Peggy Murphy
Principal

Updates from Alex, our fundraiser:

Friends of Five Acre Wood School

We had our first online charity meeting which went very well and with very few technical hiccups! Although we have had to cancel our summer fair, the committee and trustees are looking forward to being able to plan something – MAYBE at Christmas – that can bring our fabulous Five Acre Wood community together. One of the things we are really keen to do is get in a clothing bank at our site, but as you know, we are currently keeping site movements to a minimum. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will organise this which

will be beneficial to both our community for recycling AND to the charity as it will raise funds. We are also keen to do a boot fair. One of the “benefits” of lockdown has been the opportunity for many people to have a huge clear out and if stuff hasn’t already been disposed of, a boot fair will be a great platform for this! Again, we must be patient and be absolutely sure it is safe to go ahead with this. Our new Chairman is Anthony Diprose. Anthony – or Ant, as he prefers to be known, who initially came to our school as a volunteer from Lloyds Bank, is now responsible for the grounds’ maintenance at our Loose site.



Covid 19 Funding

We have been so pleased to receive funding from various sources during this lockdown period. Kent Community Foundation, the Tonbridge Lions and Tesco, Bags of Help have given us some really useful sums of money. Purchases of food for parcels has taken place, as well as individual financial aid for a few families who have been in great need.

Snodland House

Although no major funding applications have born fruit for this project as yet, we have plenty of things in the pipe line waiting to fall into place as we start the new academic term. We are looking to raise £250,000.00 in total. We anticipate £200,000.00 will come from charitable trusts and foundations with the balancing £50,000.00 raised by our community through “Buy-a-Brick”. Much in the same way we raised £100,000.00 through Create a ripple...MAKE A SPLASH! for the hydrotherapy pool. Anything YOU can do to help raise funds for this brilliant learning resource in Snodland would be welcomed! We have already raised £12,292.00 towards “B-a-B”. What can you do to help move us ever closer to the target?

Co-op

Our charity partnership with the Co-op has already brought in over £1,100.00 for charity funds! Lockdown hasn’t prevented seven co-op shops and funeral directors from raising this incredible sum for us, with more to come soon! If you do use a local co-op – look out for their local charity partner newsboards and let them know you belong to our FAW community!

Proctor & Gamble

We are so grateful to Louise Brass and P&G for raising £1,200.00 for our charity. We will be liaising with Louise in September to decide exactly where these funds are to be focussed.

Hydrotherapy pool

We are all systems GO (again!)? Work resumed on site the moment the government were able to safely lift restrictions. Our contractors – BEC - are beavering away and will try and make up any of the 8 weeks they lost if they possibly can. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for photo updates! YOU helped get the funding for this project – it is a real community success and will be a fabulous resource.



Thank you for your support during this academic year. Fundraising for the amazing students at our school will not be stopped by a global pandemic! Maybe the brakes were applied a little, but as restrictions start to lift, please know that we are ready to go FULL STEAM AHEAD! Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer break!

Please view our "That was 2019 to 2020" video by clicking the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y73EhNITwSk>

Term Dates with Diary Dates 2020/21

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS, ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND ANY EVENT SCHEDULED MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

Date	Time	Event
Term 1		
Tuesday 1 st September 2020	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Wednesday 2 nd September 2020	N/A	First day of term 1 for pupils
Monday 7 th September 2020	TBC	Class coffee morning (Practical)
Wednesday 9 th September 2020	TBC	Class coffee morning (Structured)
Friday 11 th September 2020	TBC	Class coffee morning (Sensory & Formal (Loose & Palace Wood))
Tuesday 15 th September 2020	All day	School photos (individual) – FAW Snodland
Wednesday 16 th September 2020	All day	School photos (individual) – Loose site
Thursday 17 th September 2020	All day	School photos (individual) – Loose site
Friday 18 th September 2020	All day	School photos (individual) – FAW Palace Wood
Wednesday 21 st October 2020	TBC	Harvest Festival (primary pupils)
Friday 23 rd October 2020	N/A	Last day of term
Term 2		
Monday 2 nd November 2020	N/A	First day of term 2
Monday 7 th December 2020	3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Tuesday 8 th December 2020	TBC	Nativity performance
Wednesday 9 th December 2020	TBC	Nativity performance
Tuesday 15 th December 2020	10.00-11.30am	Christmas Fair - Secondary
	1.30-3.00pm	Christmas Fair - Primary
Wednesday 16 th December 2020	Lunchtime	Christmas dinner
Thursday 17 th December 2020	Various	Class Christmas parties and Christmas clothes day
Friday 18 th December 2020	N/A	Last day of term
Term 3		
Monday 4 th January 2021	N/A	First day of term 3
Friday 12 th February 2021	N/A	Last day of term

Term 4		
Monday 22 nd February 2021	N/A	First day of term 4
Monday 8 th March 2021	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 9 th March 2021	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Wednesday 10 th March 2021	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)

Wednesday 31 st March 2021	TBC	Easter Fair
Thursday 1 st April 2021	N/A	Last day of term

Term 5

Monday 19 th April 2021	N/A	First day of term 5
Monday 3 rd May 2021	N/A	Bank holiday (pupils and staff not in school)
Friday 28 th May 2021	N/A	Last day of term

Term 6

Monday 7 th June 2021	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 8 th June 2021	N/A	First day of term 6 for pupils
June 2021	TBC	Sports day
June 2021	TBC	Sports day
June 2021	TBC	Sports day – FAW Snodland
Friday 2 nd July 2021	All day	Transition day
Monday 5 th July 2021	3.45-6.45pm	'Meet the new teacher' parents evening
July 2021	TBC	Secondary summer performance
July 2021	TBC	Secondary prize giving
Wednesday 21 st July 2021	All day	Woodstock and 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.