

27 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of term 5 already. I hope everyone is looking forward to the half term break and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Pupils and Staff

We have welcomed some new pupils to the school this term. Daniel, Matvey and Shamgah have all settled in well.

We have also welcomed some new members of staff this term. Welcome to Karine, Katie, Glenn and Sally who have joined as Teachers and to Albie, Sherry, Rebecca, Kim, Jodie and Lisa who have joined us as Teaching Assistants. We hope they have enjoyed their first term with us.

Our piglets have arrived...

This week 4 Kunekune male piglets joined all the other animals at the yard. Kunekune pigs are the smallest domesticated breed of pig in the world and are known for their friendly nature and love of human company. Welcome to Wilba, Charlie, Chester and Pumbaa!



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This afternoon pupils will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a red white and blue Jubilee themed picnic and plenty of patriotic music. Photos will be shared in the summer newsletter.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to Katie, Joshua, Kenzie, Abi, Nathan, Cody, Isabel, Nathaniel, Emily, Izzac, Jacob, Harley and Moses on achieving their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. They camped overnight at Buckmore Park; they put up tents, hiked around the county and cooked their own dinner on a trangia. Well done to all! Thank you to the members of staff who gave up their time to stay overnight with them.

Support for Ukraine crisis



Some of our pupils have been growing 'Little Leo' sunflowers. Seeds were sown into tin cans sprayed by one of our pupils in the colours of the Ukraine flag. These were sold to staff for a minimum donation of £2 each, with all money raised going to the Ukraine crisis appeal. Thank you to all who supported this project which raised £75.

Mural at Snodland Railway Station

Our 6th form pupils visit the Snodland Railway garden every week to weed and refresh the area with bedding plants. Pictures of sunflowers were drawn by pupils from across the years and a few were chosen to create the mural to 'celebrate differences'. It looks amazing and has brightened up the station bike area.



Hazlitt Institute for Performing Arts Launch

This month, Harley and Amy from FAW Snodland went to the Hazlitt Theatre for the launch of the Hazlitt Institute for Performing Arts. They have been working with the Hazlitt Theatre over the last few weeks to produce an original piece of dance work to be performed with numerous Kent schools at the Stag Theatre. It will be part of the 'Love 2 Dance' performance project. Hopefully this will be the start of an ongoing relationship with the theatre.

During the launch, a film was shown about the work the theatre are doing, including their outreach work featuring some dance work pupils are doing. There was also an interview with Harley and one of the FAW Teachers, Hugh. The launch was attended by many, including the Lady Mayor of Maidstone. Both pupils had a great afternoon out. They enjoyed getting involved and were well behaved.



Team Coffee Morning – Snodland site

This month, Willow class hosted a Team coffee morning for parents and carers. Space 2 Be Me attended and Grow 19 had a stand to talk about the college and meet the Mid Kent College pupils. It was a huge success with over 60 people attending. Willow class ensured that everybody was catered for, from welcoming visitors at reception and guiding them to the tea stand, to making sure each person had a drink and a piece of cake. They followed this up with asking if people would like a second drink. They set the hall up with vases of flowers on each table and tidied away at the end. They all worked very hard, well done Willow class.

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 and you should therefore notify us of any changes as they arise.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable half term. Please be reminded that Monday 6 June is an inset day, so pupils will not be in school. I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 7 June.

Kind regards,

Peggy

Peggy Murphy
Principal

Updates from our Fundraising Team:

We have had a great term of fundraising here at Five Acre Wood School, kick-started with our Easter Fayre. The event was a great success and it was good to see so many of our families back together again and enjoying the sunshine. The farmyard visits went down a treat and of course the Easter egg hunt too! Thank you to all who came along.

We have had some more parents join our committee to support our Friends of Five Acre Wood charity. Thank you to all our new members. We are very grateful to each and every one of you for your help and support to our school community. It really does make such a big difference to our children and their families.

We have been fortunate with generous donations received this term. Congratulations and thanks to one of our parents, Stacy Hahnefeld, who completed the Brighton Marathon and raised £1700 for the school. The Twelve Electric have kindly donated £9000 and Kimberly-Clark have supported us again with a donation of £7360. A huge thanks to all for their amazing generosity. The funds will be used towards our soft play bus, which we hope to have on site and open to our pupils later in the year.



There are many other exciting events taking place in the final term of the academic year, including our Father's Day shop, a Quiz night, the end of term family picnic and of course our amazing Woodstock event which comes back bigger and better than ever this year, so watch this space!!

Friends of Five Acre Wood and Grow 19
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Term Dates with Diary Dates 2021/22

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

Date	Time	Event
<u>Term 6</u>		
Monday 6 th June 2022	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	N/A	First day of term 6 for pupils
June 2022	TBC	Sports day
June 2022	TBC	Sports day
June 2022	TBC	Sports day – FAW Snodland
Friday 1 st July 2022	All day	Transition day
Monday 4 th July 2022	3.45-6.45pm	'Meet the new teacher' parents evening
July 2022	TBC	Secondary summer performance
July 2022	TBC	Secondary prize giving
Friday 22 nd July 2022	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.