



FIVE ACRE WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 25th May—10.30	Secondary summer performance
Friday 8th July	Transition day for pupils
Monday 11th July	'Meet the new Teacher' parents evening
Wednesday 13th July	Primary Sports Day
Thursday 14th July	Secondary Sports Day
Mon 18th July-10.30am	Secondary Prize Giving

A MESSAGE FROM PEGGY...

Welcome to the Spring 2017 newsletter. I hope that you are looking forward to the Easter holiday. Hopefully we will enjoy some sunny spring weather!

In this newsletter you can read about some of the events that have taken place this term, including Red Nose Day, Tug of War and the Easter Fair, as well as the usual updates from Holmesdale and Fundraising.

There have been some staff changes and we are very sad to say goodbye to Michael Garcia this week, who is leaving us after 11 years at Five Acre Wood. We will all miss him and you can read our tribute to Michael on page 8 and 9.

I am pleased to announce that Sarah Costain (pictured below) will be joining us as an Assistant Head. Sarah is moving from a Primary School in Canterbury and has extensive experience of special needs. Sarah is very



excited to be joining us and we are looking forward to welcoming her. Please say hello if you see her!

Once Sarah has started with us, the structure of the Senior Leadership will change. The new structure will be as follows:

- Peggy Murphy—Principal
- Tim Williams—Head of Primary
- Sarah Costain—Assistant Head of Primary
- Richard Dalton—Head of Secondary
- Kirstie Hemingway—Assistant Head of Secondary
- Janine Hercocok—Assistant Head responsible for Teaching and Learning across the whole school
- Emma Athwal—Assistant Head at Holmesdale

We will finally be moving into the new build over Easter. This is very exciting time for all and our pupils will really benefit from the new facilities. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding while the works have been taking place. I am sure you will agree that it has all been worth it! I would also like to say a big thank you to Victoria Wood, without whom it would not have happened! You can find out more about the new build on page 5.

SPRING 2017



Our term dates (including inset days have now been finalised for next year). Unfortunately, there was a change from the original dates that were sent out. The final term dates for next year are attached to the back of this newsletter, along with some attendance information.

The summer term is always a busy (and fun!) one. This year, an additional date has been added for the summer secondary performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. This will be held on 25th May at 10.30am. Pupils are already rehearsing so I am sure it will be a great show! The secondary prize giving will still go ahead on 18th July.

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to seeing you soon at some of our many events!

Peggy

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 24th March was Red Nose Day for Comic Relief.

The School Council decided that to raise money for Comic Relief pupils could participate in a 'dodgy dancing' session for a £1 donation. They all voted on the song choices and had to dance to a total of 10 cheesy party songs, which included the Conga, Superman, Macarena, YMCA, Hokey Cokey, Cha Cha Slide, Fast Food Song, and Gangnam Style.

Thanks to Beech, Cedar and Hazel class for their help and also to anyone else involved in organising this. A total of £140 was raised.



TUG OF WAR

Our students enjoyed battling against BAM the builders in our recent fundraising event. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming along to support the event too – thank you!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of BAM and our fabulous students, we have raised a staggering £1,641.74!



HOLI

Squirrel class celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi. Holi is a Hindu spring festival in India and Nepal, also known as the *festival of colours* or the *festival of sharing love*.

The festival signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter, and for many a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships, and is also celebrated as a thanksgiving for a good harvest.

For us this meant we got very messy! Enjoying a colour run, sensory play and some Indian foods. It was a great experience for the pupils and an opportunity to learn about other cultures.



BOCCIA

On 22nd March, some of our pupils went to Ifield to represent Five Acre Wood School at a PSCN Boccia and curling tournament against 3 other schools.

From Key Stage 2 we had Kaden, Jake, Brandon and Rueben and from Key Stage 3 was Frank, Alin, Jamie and Yasmina.

All pupils participated and played so well.

In the Boccia tournament

we came 3rd with each team winning one game out of 3.

HOWEVER we participated in a new age curling tournament too and we came 1st!!!!

Considering some of our students have never played this game they were fantastic.

All students were great ambassadors of our school so congratulations to all!

MESSAGE FROM CONTRACT DINING



When children eat better they do better, that's how we see it. All our menus are checked and approved by The Children's Food Trust.

A balanced diet consists of starchy foods, fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, eggs, beans and non-dairy sources of protein, milk and dairy. With the emphasis on limited foods high in fat and sugar.

We are the first caterer in Kent

to provide this to all our schools by serving products that are organic, free range, ethically sourced, seasonal fruit and vegetables locally sourced from the South East of England, supporting our local suppliers and farmers.

We are trying very hard to encourage the children to eat their vegetables, we have two hot vegetables to choose from daily, if they wish they can choose salad instead but often this results in them taking cucumber only which is not as satisfying or filling so we do ask they choose 2 salad items.

Here is a quick guide to how

the week looks much healthier for your child:

- Fried potatoes' only twice a week, so this means your roast on Wednesday and chips on a Friday.
- Pastry dishes limited to twice a week.
- Fruit based deserts of at least 50% fresh fruit to be provided twice a week along with fresh fruit as a daily choice.
- Wholegrain rice and pasta, along with the addition of 50% in our homemade bread and cakes is used to get the children taking in more fibre.

- WE DO NOT USE SALT in any of our homemade dishes.

PACKED LUNCH children, if you think you might like school lunches but are unsure, check with your school to see if you can come to lunch for one day as a taster, that way you can pick the day you like the most and hopefully try something different.

To view the summer term menu, please visit www.fiveacrewood.co.uk/ dinner-menu or pick up a menu from the school reception.

RECIPE: CHOCOLATE BROWNIE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 100gm Margarine
- 150gm Sugar
- 150gm SR Flour
- 40gm Cocoa Powder
- 2 Eggs
- 2 Small Cooked Beetroot
- 75gm Natural Yoghurt
- 1tsp Bicarbonate of Soda

METHOD

- Cream the margarine and sugar together
- Grate the beetroot
- Mix all ingredients, combine and add the beetroot
- Spoon into a cake tin
- Bake 160-180 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

INCREDIBLE EGGS IN OWL CLASS

On Monday 20th March, the children in Snowy Owl and Tawny Owl class had a very special delivery. 6 eggs! The children all had some very interesting ideas about what might be inside – one of the children even suggested there might be a caterpillar.



At 4.30pm on Tuesday 21st, after the children had spent the day slowly watching more and more cracks appear, the first egg hatched. When the adults arrived the next day, they found that ALL of the eggs had hatched and that 6 very happy and healthy ducklings were waiting for everyone to enjoy. The children in both classes have had so much fun watching and playing with the ducklings. They have particularly liked seeing them in the water and having cuddles at the same

time. We have been very proud of how gentle the children have been with the ducklings and have loved seeing how much more confident they now are when handling them. Happily, the ducklings are now off to live with one of the children from Snowy Owl class. We are so excited to be able to stay in touch and to continue to watch them change and grow.

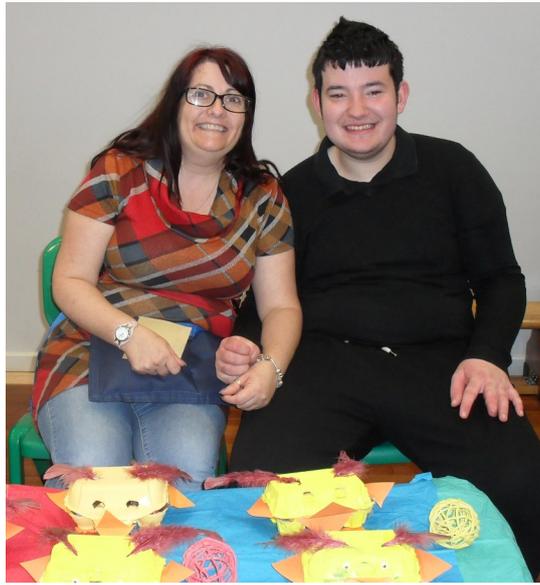


EASTER FAIR

The annual Five Acre Wood Easter Fair was held on Thursday 30th March. It was great to see staff, pupils and their families come together for this event.

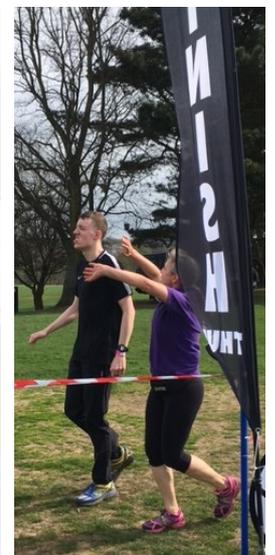
As always, pupils had put lots of time and effort in to making items to sell at the Easter Fair and there were a variety of Easter gifts, including decorations, cards, cakes, bird feeders, edible Easter goodies and games including 'Name the Easter Bunny', 'How many eggs in the jar?' and 'Pin the Tail on the Bunny!'

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the fair and also to all those who came along. Pupils, staff and parents/carers had a great morning buying Easter gifts and we raised an amazing £316!



KENT SCHOOL GAMES CROSS COUNTRY

Some of our pupils took part in the Kent School Games cross country on 29th March. They wore chips to time and place them in the race. It was a tough hill course but all from the Loose site completed the race and one pupil came first! Holmesdale students also competed with Jessica coming 2nd and Oliver coming 3rd. Sixth form student Sam said 'I did some running, I did 2 laps and jogging. I ran with Matt and Rachel. I saw trees and grass. I liked running with my friends.' Well done to everyone involved!



NEW BUILD UPDATES

CEDAR CLASS SITE VISIT

On 24th February, Cedar class went out to walk around the new site layout. We discovered a zebra crossing and went across in a line. We then saw the builders and asked them to pose for a photo with us.



We are excited to have a walk around the new building when it opens. Courtney explored the pathways whilst in her pacer and we stayed wrapped up warm under our blankets.



TIME CAPSULE

On 2nd February, having filled the time capsule, the school council presented it back to BAM, and had a tour of the new build with an opportunity to see where the time capsule will be located in the wall between the existing and new building.



The school council have filled the time capsule with some of their favourite things reminiscent of current times and memorable occasions including:



- Now 95 CD
- Mobile phone
- Pictures of the classes
- School uniform polo shirt
- Woodstock mug and lanyard
- Video tour of the school



MOVING IN!

At last, the moving dates are set, boxes have been packed and the big move takes place during the Easter holidays.

Both floors have big communal spaces that can be equipped to meet the needs of our pupils.

Internally, walls will be knocked down to create larger PMLD classrooms; specialist rooms will be created on the first floor— Science and DT, Art, ICT and Sensory Integration; an Early Years block with their own outside learning area and soft play room; a new nurses room; some more meeting rooms,

offices and training rooms.

The excitement is mounting, as pupils have been into the new building to see their new classroom. Doors have been opened, cupboards investigated and rooms surveyed! Pupils have found classrooms with group rooms attached; two food tech rooms; a designated music room; rooms for soft play and sensory activities; orange toilets for the girls, khaki for the boys and dinosaur for KS1; offices for Tim and Richard; a new lift (that works!!!); and outdoor spaces for all the ground floor classrooms.

This is not the end of the work at the school though! BAM will be with us until the end of April, as they still have the outside areas to complete. We then have the beginning of phase 5, which will involve the completion of the refurbishment of the old build.

Phase 5 involves the removal of the four huts which will create even more play space for the pupils. We have also secured funding for a sunken trampoline that can accommodate our pupils on their wheelchairs.

We are hopeful that by the beginning of 2018, the building works will be completed and our 'new, improved' building will be being put to excellent use!!



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

DOMINOS PIZZA MAKING

Lots of our pupils from Five Acre Wood have been visiting Domino's Dine In Restaurant in Loose to try their hand at pizza making this term.

They have all enjoyed getting stuck in to every aspect of the pizza making process, and some have even been allowed to do all of this in the actual restaurant kitchen itself. Staff at Domino's have been



consistently impressed, not only by how well-behaved our pupils are, but also by the sense of fun that they bring with them and how enthusiastic and engaged they are in the workshops.

All pupils take their own hand-made pizza away to eat, and are awarded with a special personalised certificate.

The photos here are of Wren class' visit. One of our Trainee

Pizza Chefs from Wren class has now said that he would like to own his own pizza restaurant when he grows up, as he now has the experience. Great idea Nathaniel; aim high, we like your thinking! Domino's Loose are running a promotion this Easter where if anyone brings in an Easter egg, they can exchange it for a personal pizza. This is great for those of us who are fans of bargain pizza deals, but more importantly they will be donating all of the Easter eggs received to pupils at Five Acre Wood School! They will be visiting us here at school on the first day back after the Easter term to bring all of the eggs with them and we hope that there will be enough for one for every pupil.



NEW VARIETY SUNSHINE COACH



We are delighted that Variety, the Children's Charity, have decided to continue their support of our students here at Five Acre Wood School by donating another bespoke Sunshine Coach to us.

The specially designed vehicle, which has been sponsored by S.C. Farley Electrical Ltd., a local Maidstone company, will be used to transport the children on educational and social outings.

"When my wife and I met the children from Five Acre Wood, the immediate interaction which we could achieve was apparent. We are both delighted that we are able to support the wonderful work the staff offers on a day to day basis. It fills the heart and soul to help in any small way and to see the look on the children's faces.

I'm very happy to have played a small part and look forward to continuing to support Variety, which we have for over 15 years."

Steve Farley, Managing Director, S.C. Farley.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

MORRISONS FOUNDATION

We have been very fortunate to have been given a £14,704 donation from the Morrisons Foundation in order to install a wheelchair trampoline, giving all of our pupils more opportunity to access fully inclusive outdoor play.

Sharon Sidebottom, Community Champion of the Morrisons store in Maidstone, enjoyed meeting some of our pupils and handing over the cheque.

She said "It's great to see a local charity benefit from money raised by the carrier bag charge. I'm really pleased that the Morrisons Foundation was able to make this donation and hope that children at the school can enjoy the trampoline for many years to come".

A group of our students (pictured here, having their photo taken by the KM photographer) were proud to go along to Morrisons in Sutton Road to receive the cheque on behalf of the school. They posed for photos for the Kent Messenger photographer and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

The Morrisons Foundation, a charity set up by the supermarket, awards grants for charity projects which make a positive difference to people's lives.

We are absolutely delighted to have received the support of the Morrisons Foundation and can't wait to have our new trampoline installed.



OUTDOOR GYM

Awards 4 All have supported us by giving us £9,869 for an outdoor gym at Holmesdale. This is a great way for our students to enjoy being fit and active whilst also having fun with their friends.



BOTTLE TOPS

We have been overwhelmed with your response to our bottle top donation plea.

You have all been amazing, organising local collections and just really getting behind this project – thank you.

We are hoping to start work on the bottle top mural next term and will keep you all updated on the progress.

Particular thanks to one of our parents Gareth Kirkby, who held a cake sale at his work to raise money for the project to

purchase all of the additional material that we need for it. With match funding from DHL, he has raised £328 for us.



SENSORY ROOM

We are very excited to have received a donation for £10,000 from The Henry Smith Foundation towards our new sensory room in the new build extension. This will greatly improve our existing sensory provision for our students.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came to our quiz night. This was very well attended, with 90 parents, carers and staff members coming along to support the event. It was a great night and we are pleased to be able to say that we made a total profit of £533!

Do let us know if there are any social fundraising events that you would like us to organise. Feedback was so good from the quiz night that we are keen to arrange something else soon!

GOODBYE MICHAEL!

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Michael Garcia at the end of the term.

Michael has been at Five Acre Wood since September 2006. He came to the school as an ASD lead teacher; he was then promoted to Lower School Manager in September 2007; and then to Assistant Head Teacher in April 2008.

Michael shared a class with Tim in the early days. They, and Sonia (the class STA) have lots of fond memories and stories to tell of their time together. The pupils in that class have now left the school and moved on to bigger and better things!

Michael has seen lots of pupils and staff come and go in his time at FAW. He has worked with two head

teachers; three deputy heads; and five Assistant Head Teachers. He has always welcomed new members of the Senior Leadership Team and made them feel part of the team. Nobody is spared from his wicked sense of humour!!!!

Michael has also been part of the growth of the school. In his time the pupil numbers have increased from 70 to 310! This has come hand in hand with the staff team growing to over 200. Let's not forget all the building works he has lived through and the subsequent impact on the school community!

Michael has also had a number of different responsibilities whilst being Assistant Head. The most recent has been Pupil Wellbeing. This has meant that he has had a lot of contact with you as parents and

carers, and I know that you will all miss his support and guidance.

Michael will leave many legacies with us including Forest Schools; the start of needs led classes and curriculum; initial design of the semi formal curriculum; yoga and massage in schools.

We will all also miss his compering at sports days and assemblies that has highlighted his quick wit and humour.

We will all miss Michael and he will leave a large 'Michael shaped' hole in the school community that will never be filled.

Thank you Michael for everything you have done for FAW!

The staff and pupils have given Michael a really great send off during the last week of term. Every morning the staff have had a celebration of Michael before school and the pupils said good bye to him at his special assembly on Friday.

Amongst other purposefully embarrassing activities, Michael has had his own Person Centred Review.



Thanks to Jacque, photographs of him as he has grown up were part of the review.

Staff talked about what they liked and admired about him and he had his very own therapy assessment!

Michael was also set a sensory circuit that he had to complete in front of the staff team. He had to dress up, crawl under netting and 'kayak' whilst staff squirted him with water guns!!



Finally, we all decided that one Michael wasn't enough!!

GOODBYE MICHAEL!



HOLMESDALE UPDATES

DOMINOS PIZZA TRIP

By Evie Hannah



On Tuesday 10th January the sixth form went to Dominos to make pizzas. When we got to dominos we waited so we did some colouring in and drawing.

The first group went and they wrote their names on the computer and then we washed our hands and lined up and one of the dominos staff helped to kneed the dough and then they put on the sauce and they put some cheese on. Then they put the toppings on and we went round to wait for our pizzas.

and then we wrote our names on the computer and we done our pizzas. One of the dominos staff helped me to kneed the dough.



Then the next group went up

I had BBQ sauce on my pizza and then I put some cheese on and for my toppings I had bacon, pepperoni, peppers and onions. Even the staff made one.

And then we put our coats on and we had a group Photo. Even the dominos staff was in the photo. We all said a big thank you to dominos staff who helped us.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NETWORKING



School Council reps from the Five Acre Wood Primary, Secondary and Holmesdale Councils met with their counterparts from The Holmesdale School for a network Meeting on Thursday 2nd March 2017.

They all had a tour of the Sixth Form, had a buffet lunch and shared examples of how their respective councils worked and what activities they had undertaken. These included interviewing staff (FAW),

meeting with the school dinner company (The Holmesdale School), time capsule (FAW), creating the theme for a float at the town carnival (The Holmesdale), fundraising (all), ICT pupil review and requests (The Holmesdale) and Reward System (FAW Holmesdale).

Lots of ideas were expressed and the students were able to chat amongst themselves and learn more about each other and their respective school settings.

INDOOR ROWING AND BOCCIA

On 2nd February we took part in a county final for indoor rowing at Medway Park. We did amazingly and came third overall in the whole county and the four rowers were amazing. Well done to Mark, Georgia, Frankie and Oliver.

On 2nd March we came second at the Under 19 Boccia county finals. A huge well done to Luey, Ngaire, Rory, Kai and Ryan.

We are the second best Boccia team in the county!!!!



HOLMESDALE UPDATES

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE AT HOLMESDALE

The students have worked extremely hard over the last term in preparation for the Showcase. Whether they were in an act or backstage they all worked hard and all efforts of that hard work showed when they performed in front of parents/carers on the 24th March. Well done you were all fabulous!

'In the showcase I was in the choir and dance. We practiced in options on a Friday and enrichment. I really enjoyed being up on the stage singing'.
(Mikey Horton).

'In the showcase there was many acts including Band, Five Acre woods got talent, choir, dance, cheerleading and fashion show. It was the best show we have ever done!' (Luey Sayer).

'I was in the PowerPoint options as I don't like going on stage we made posters, the showcase program, tickets and letters. I enjoyed watching my friends. I liked the Dance the best.'
(Evie Hannah).

'The showcase was good because all the acts were amazing. I enjoyed doing the dance for options and I loved the fashion show.'
(Casey Hudson).

'I was involved with the choir singing reach at the end and it was my favourite bit. I was very proud with my singing as was my mum and the rest of the

audience. There were lots of people in the choir including me. It went very well. The choir and band were very loud but the audience enjoyed it. Everyone tried hard for weeks including students and staff. It was a great success.
(Anais Smith).



TUCK SHOP



The sixth form at Holmesdale run a tuck shop each week.

Well done to the following pupils who have all received Tuck Shop Employee of the Month:

- December – Leon Storer
- January – Luey Sayer
- February – Harry Moore

HOLMESDALE UPDATES

GARDENING

By Evie Hannah



Every Mondays we go over to Five Acre Wood School to do gardening,.

Sometimes we do paper work for our BTEC. We planted our plants in the pots. Angie takes photos of us doing planting and putting our gloves on. Sometimes we take hot chocolate powder with us.

We have to put on our old clothes to change into and old shoes to put on.

We see our friends at Five Acre Wood School. We have lunch with our friends and we sit with our friends.

STAG THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Well done to the sixth form, Ash and Maple students who put on an amazing performance at the Stag Theatre on 29th March.

Also thank you to Elisha Randall for all the time and hard work she put in working with the dance group.



HORTICULTURE UPDATES

GREGGS FOUNDATION GIFT US A POLYTUNNEL

We were successful in our application to the Greggs Foundation for £1,825 to support one of our new horticulture projects. This will provide a 14'x35' polytunnel which will be large enough for us to have half of it turned over to food production and plant husbandry, where tomatoes and peppers can be grown along with a whole range of other vegetables and salad crops. The other half of the polytunnel will become a teaching and learning environment with staging on both sides.

The polytunnel has an automatic watering system

which will be hugely beneficial over weekends and half terms when school isn't open. It also has an extra internal portable plant protection cloche with plastic cover to provide an ideal micro climate to bring on early fruiting strawberries or salad crops.

This project will be fully accessible to our students who use wheelchairs or who have limited mobility as it has two large sliding doors at either end, as well as raised planters within the tunnel making the task of growing crops in the tunnel more accessible. This means

that it will be accessible to all students within the school, regardless of the level of severity of their individual disabilities.

We have also included the purchase of topsoil and compost in this grant application, so that this grant would encompass the whole project without need for additional support from elsewhere. This means that if we are successful in this grant application we will be able to start the project straight away.

This project will completely transform a derelict area

next to the school car park, into a productive outdoor learning environment. This transformation will massively improve the lives of our students as we enhance their learning and exposure to the world of horticulture, growing and food production.

The polytunnel is nearly built and we are excited to start using it with our pupils!





What can I do to increase my child's attendance?

Only keep your child at home for genuine illness.
Avoid taking holidays in school time.
Parents and Carers have a responsibility to make sure that their children aged 5 to 16 years attend school regularly, on time and receive a full-time education

Late arrival to school

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson.
Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.
School begins at **9.15 a.m.**
Please help your child to be punctual.

What do I need to do if my child is absent?

You must phone on the first day of Absence leaving your child's name, class, reason for absence and expected date of return. Please provide any medical evidence you receive from the doctor.
If your child is still unable to return to school on the expected date, please let us know.
If you have not done any of the above while your child was absent, then you will need to write a letter on your child's **first day** back to school explaining the reason for absence and you must provide medical evidence.

How to apply for your child to be absent during term

Any request for leave are to be made to the Heads of School in writing. The Heads of School will decide if the absence will be authorised after the reason has been given.



ATTENDANCE
A guide for parents and carers



Why is attendance important?

Children need to attend school on a regular basis because it is the key to them doing well at school and sets them up with good habits from an early age through to adulthood.

It also gives children the opportunity to:

- make lots of friends and feel included;
- boost social skills, confidence and self-esteem;
- develop their skills to learn new things;
- achieve their full potential;
- improve their career prospects.

Small changes can make a big difference

Parents and Carers are advised to:

- show your child that you think school is important;
- not keep your child off school if they are worried or have a problem – you should come and talk to TEAM;
- praise your child's achievements;
- recognise that if your child gets into bad habits from an early age, these are hard to break later in life



It is the Law

A child registered at a school can legally miss school only in very limited circumstances. These are:

- when your child is really too ill to attend;
- when the school have authorised the absence beforehand.

If your child is missing without good reason, schools and local authorities have a number of legal powers that they can use.

Authorised Absences include:

- genuine illness resulting with seeing a doctor;
- religious observances;
- family bereavement.

Unauthorised absences include:

- holidays;
- birthday celebrations;
- oversleeping;
- shopping.



How good is my child's attendance?

All pupils are expected to reach levels of at least 95% attendance to be able to access and achieve their full potential at school.

90% attendance might sound good, but...

90% attendance is the same as:

- 1/2 day missed each week
- 20 days in each school year
- a full month out of school

So, 90% is not as good as it first seems.

97% and above = Excellent

95%-97% = Good

90%-95% = Be aware

80%-90% = Worrying – less chance of achieving full potential

Less than 80% = Serious concerns – referral to Early Help and/or School Liaison Officer

Five Acre Wood School - Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 1

Monday 4th September 2017 – Staff training (pupils not in school)

Tuesday 5th September 2017 – Term starts for pupils/students

Friday 20th October 2017 – Last day of term

Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017 – October break

Term 2

Monday 30th October 2017 – Term starts for pupils/students

Wednesday 20th December 2017 – Last day of term

Thursday 21st December 2017 – Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Christmas break

Term 3

Thursday 4th January 2018 – Term starts for pupils/students

Friday 9th February 2018 – Last day of term

Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018 – February break

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2018 – Term starts for pupils/students

Monday 12th March 2018 – Staff training (pupils not in school)

Tuesday 13th March 2018 – Staff training (pupils not in school)

Wednesday 14th March 2018 – Staff training (pupils not in school)

Thursday 29th March 2018 – Last day of term

Friday 30th March 2018 – Friday 13th April 2018 – Easter break

Term 5

Monday 16th April 2018 – Term starts for pupils/students

Monday 7th May 2018 – Bank holiday (pupils not in school)

Friday 25th May 2018 – Last day of term

Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018 – Spring break

Term 6

Monday 4th June 2018 – Staff training (pupils not in school)

Tuesday 5th June 2018 – Term starts for pupil/students

Tuesday 24th July 2018 – Last day of term

Please note that each school year there will be 5 inset days for staff training. Pupils will NOT be in school on these dates. The dates of these inset days are included in the term dates above.