



# FIVE ACRE WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019

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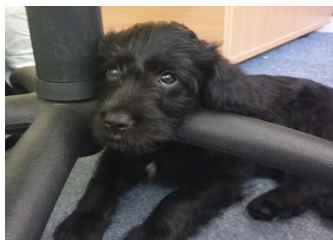
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Mon 2nd September	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tues 3rd September	First day of term 1 for pupils
Mon 9th September	KS2 coffee morning
Weds 11th September	KS 3/4 & sixth form coffee morning
Fri 13th September	KS1 coffee morning
Sat 28th September	FAW Summer Fair 1-3pm
Tues 1st October	Harvest Festival

## A MESSAGE FROM PEGGY...

Welcome to the Summer 2019 newsletter. It has been a busy and successful academic year during which we have maintained our 'outstanding' Ofsted rating. In addition to this we achieved Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship School status, which only around 100 UK schools have achieved. This award recognises the unique schools who have held IQM Centre of Excellence status for at least 3 years; and played a strong leadership role in developing inclusion best practice across a network of schools. We have been awarded the Investors In People Gold Award which is the highest status of the esteemed programme. We also recently achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools.



Following the success of Sandy and Snowy, we have a new addition to the Snodland site! She is a black labradoodle and is being looked after by Donna. The pupils at Snodland will name her and hopefully, she will become as big a part of the

Snodland satellite as Sandy and Snowy are at Boughton Lane!

This term we welcomed the following new staff who have joined us as TAs: Rebekah, Chelsey, Ellie, Angela, Ashleigh, Tiffany, Kirsty, Daniel, Sophie, Amber, Helen, Hayley and Michelle. Simon has joined us as Assistant Site Manager and Abby has joined us as an Occupational Therapist.

We will be welcoming a number of new staff in September. Dave, Michelle, Lauren, Jo, Rebekah, Katie, Joseph, Michael, Nicole and Will will be joining us as Teachers. Athaliah, Lorraine, Rosie, Chelsea, Danielle, Emmeline, Jessica, Sheereen, Hester, Hayley, Lisa, Daisy, Stephanie, Kaz, Kathryn, Alice, Comfort, Sarah, Terri, Abbie, Jayde, Desiree, Jack, Elizabeth, Hollie, Michelle, Beth will be starting with us as Teaching Assistants. Juliette will be joining us as TEAM Manager/ Horticultural Specialist and Lisa, Caroline and Donna will be joining as Lunchtime Supervisors. We hope they enjoy their new roles and that they will be very happy at the school.



At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to some of our pupils. We wish James, Mikey, Ryan, Luey, Charlie, Connor, Joseph, Evie, Casey, Alex, Paddy, Oscar Catherine and Frankie the very best of luck for their adventures ahead.

I would like to remind parents/carers to inform us of any changes of address, mobile numbers etc. and 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.

Thank you all for your valued support during this academic year. Working together makes a difference to the lives of our youngsters and helps us to achieve the best outcomes for them. I wish you all a great summer and I look forward to seeing the pupils when they return to school on Tuesday 3rd September.

*Peggy*





## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### SUPPORT



One of the things that makes the fundraising world spin fast is when people get behind a challenge and support it every step of the way. This year's Woodstock was one such example.

The tireless Tim Williams led a group of 14 staff on a seriously tough physical challenge in the Welsh Mountains which ended up raising over £12,000.00 in sponsorship! Every

member of staff raised way above their minimum expectation. They trained endlessly after long days and weeks in school. They looked fantastic in their team kit sponsored by new local company **3 Scaffolding Ltd.**

Our grateful thanks to Tony and Paula Powell and Mark Love for their generosity and support – (go to them for all your scaffolding needs!).



### FOFAWS – CHARITY NUMBER 1153151

This is our Charity – set up in July 2013. We have 7 volunteers who are currently active Trustees of the charity. Three are from within our school staff and four are parents of pupils. We meet at least four times each year.

The main purpose of being a Trustee is to ensure that the charity is being run in line with the objectives as set out in the constitution and to oversee the financial activities of the Charity. Besides the Trustees, we have several other members of the committee who attend meetings and help out at various events.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee at our next AGM in March 2020 or would like to get involved on the committee – our next meeting is on Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 9.30am in the Staff Room – please join us!

### WHAT IS TO COME?



LOTS..... (and lots and lots!).....

Project Pony should be up and running daily at the start of the new term – we can't wait to share stories and pictures of the benefits that these two ponies will bring to our pupils.

The new school year sees our Summer Fair on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm.

Make sure you have the date in your diary! Raffle tickets with a first prize of £100.00 CASH will be coming home with pupils during the first week of term. If you have a suitable raffle prize you can give us – please be in touch! [ameaders@five-acre.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ameaders@five-acre.kent.sch.uk)

With the growth in pupil numbers at FAW Snodland – we will have a fundraising presence there one day a week and of course we look forward to working closely with our new friends at Palace Wood School and seeing what we can achieve.

There will be lots of new projects and campaigns to support – so never cease in your own challenges and fundraisers for our fabulous school and pupils.

You can keep up with all our news on our dedicated fundraising website [www.FoFAWS.co.uk](http://www.FoFAWS.co.uk) Remember to support us via Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising. Follow us on Facebook @Fiveacre and Twitter @five\_acre – the more you like and share and retweet, the higher our profile becomes and the greater impact we can have. And just in case there was ever a danger of being distracted from the absolute and fundamental reason for ALL of this – we have our new hashtag [#itsallaboutthekids](https://twitter.com/itsallaboutthekids) which you will see on our social media platforms!

Wishing you all a great summer!  
Alex



## RUGBY AND BRANDS HATCH EVENTS



As mentioned in the May updates letter, some of our pupils have attended some high profile sporting events this year.

On Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> April we were incredibly fortunate to be invited to the incredible London Irish vs. Ealing Trailfinders rugby match at the Madjeski Stadium in Reading; London Irish had just won the Championship and had therefore been promoted back into the Premiership league.

The rugby was quickly followed up by a

visit to the fantastic Brands Hatch Ferrari Challenge Event, on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May, where we were treated to a feast of all things Ferrari!

Both events were absolutely phenomenal and ‘out of this world’ opportunities which had a significant impact on all of the pupils, staff and families involved, with respect to a whole host of hugely important outcomes e.g. communication, self-esteem, confidence and inclusion. In addition to being entirely new experiences for everyone, and the opportunity to learn totally new skills and concepts, we also all absolutely revelled in the unique ‘executive box’ VIP treatment we received!

Meeting some of the players at half time during the rugby, and having access to the pits at Brands Hatch,



completely bowled everyone over. Pupils came away from these events absolutely ‘buzzing’ – and ever since, they have been immersing themselves in a series of pupil led learning projects which were completely inspired by their unique experiences.

We are now working on developing partnerships between the School, London Irish and Brands Hatch, based around a regular pattern of similar high quality experiences. Watch this space!

Thanks again to Bill Sangster (our Vice



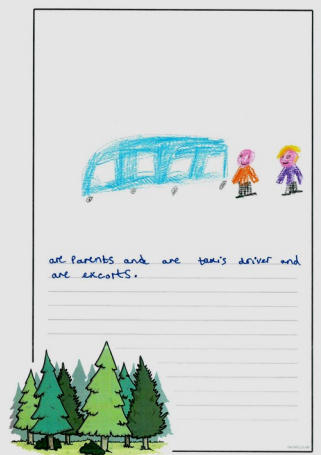
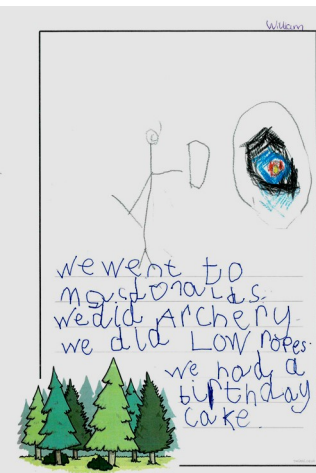
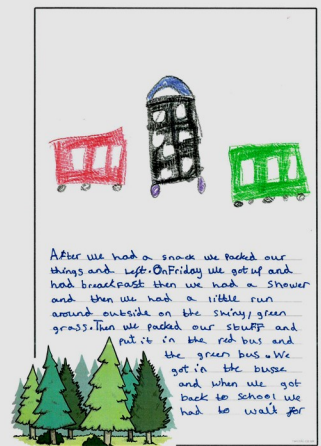
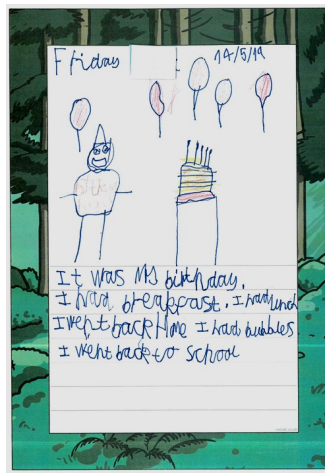
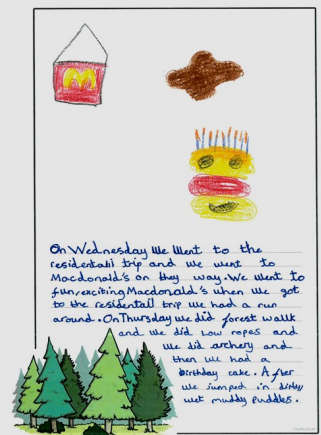
Chair Of Governors) and Northern Commercial for their incredible support and generosity in creating these exceptional opportunities. The phrase ‘above and beyond’ does not even come close!



# BROADSTONE WARREN

Maple class experienced an amazing residential trip to Broadstone Warren in May, where they had the opportunity to learn new outdoor adventure opportunities. For many it was the first time they were away from home and it provided an important opportunity to build upon their life and social driven skills.

A great time was had by all, as you can see from the photographs and some of the children's writing about the trip.



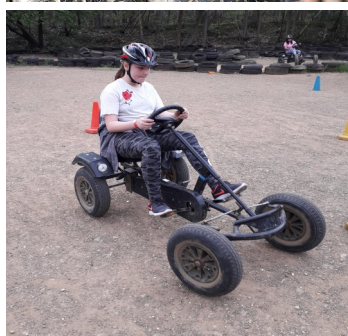


## CARROTY WOOD RESIDENTIAL

At the start of our Wednesday morning, we got prepared with our suitcases and food on to the school bus. Everyone was relaxed and talking to each other as we went to Carroty Wood. Once we got there we got to our rooms, unpacked our suitcases and set our bed together. For our first activity we did high ropes for the older group and the younger people did archery. After doing high ropes and archery, we got the campfire up and ready with some marshmallows and everyone was sleepy and relax. After our relaxing campfire, we had our dinner and went to sleep. On Thursday morning we woke up, had a shower and eat breakfast and got ready for swimming. While everyone was having a good time at swimming, people started playing dodge ball with soft plastic balls. After people got changed, the older group did abseiling, and the younger group did high ropes. After doing abseiling and high ropes, we changed our clothes for low rope. Most people got muddy and dirty,

but everyone had fun. We headed back to our rooms, got changed and eat our dinner and went to sleep. On our last day we had a shower got dressed and packed our stuff in our suitcases. After packing our stuff up, the older group went to archery and the younger group went to abseiling. After doing our last activity we got on our school bus, returned to school and went home in our taxis.

By Leon S—Blackthorn



In May we went to Carroty Wood. Our first activity was the great escape and we had to go along the tyres. When I fell in it was very sluggy and murky.

On Thursday morning we went to the forest to do bridge building and I was the first one to test it and we called ours bluebell bridge. I was nervous and it did not break. After that we did peaddle carting and I did not win but it was fun.

We did the maze in the afternoon it was stressful and exciting but the yellow team won.

On Friday we did orienteering and it was frustrating. But I learn a lot. I learnt about living independently and cooking, cleaning, washing up, drying up and overall had a good time and I want to go again.

By Emily M—Alder

## KENT SCHOOL GAMES

On 5 June, small groups of pupils were taken to The Kent School Games. They competed against 9 other schools.

The pupils represented our school amazingly and gave their best in every event! They competed against some mainstream schools and finished in 3rd place. Well done!

## WELL DONE SNOWY



We are very proud of our school dog, Snowy, who has now completed the Happy Tails Dog Training Intermediate Puppy

Foundation Course. He has been working really hard to achieve this. He has been learning to sit when told, learning to wait and also giving his paw. Snowy is very sociable with other dogs and everyone loves him!

## THANK YOU

Huge thanks one of our parents, Gemma Atkins, who kindly gave us hours of her time and has worked diligently to plant up numerous pots to create a vibrant and welcoming entrance to the school.





## CLASS UPDATES

### ASH CLASS

On Wednesday morning the netball team played against Bradfields and Meadowfields schools in a tournament. We won 6-0 against Meadowfields and 1-0 against Bradfields. We came 1<sup>st</sup> place out of all the teams.

Rubymay—Ash Class.

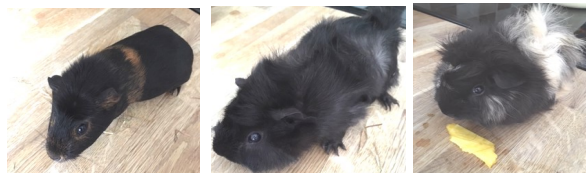
### HOLLY CLASS



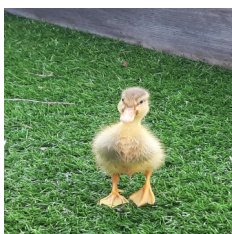
Holly class had a brilliant morning at Domino's. Pupils had the opportunity to create their own pizzas, and thoroughly enjoyed picking their own toppings and using the pizza ovens. Thank you Dominos for a fantastic morning!

### BUMBLE BEE CLASS

Bumble Bee class have 3 pet guinea pigs - Bee, Bumble and Tilly. Pupils (and staff!) love having them in class and helping to look after them.



### LADYBIRD CLASS

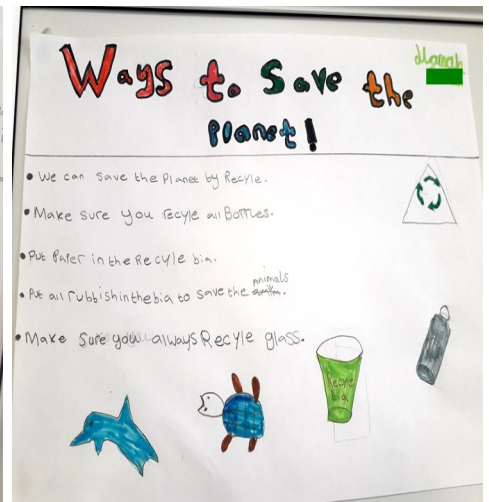
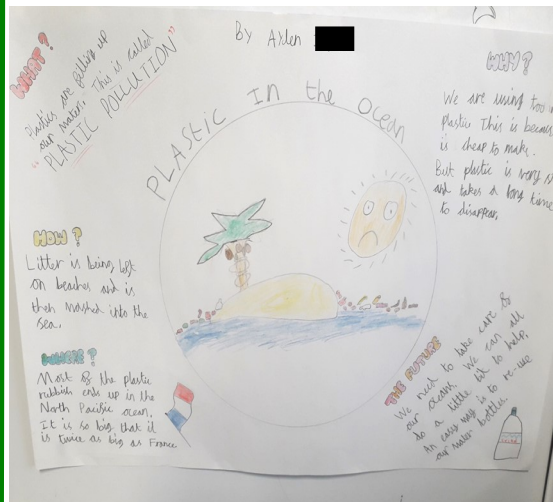
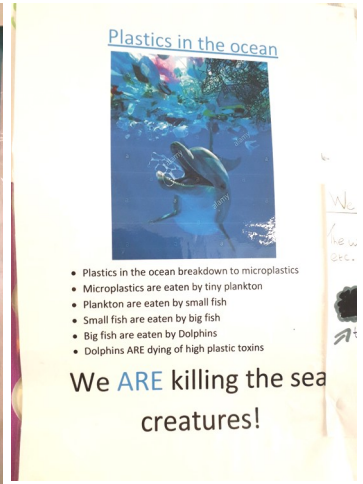
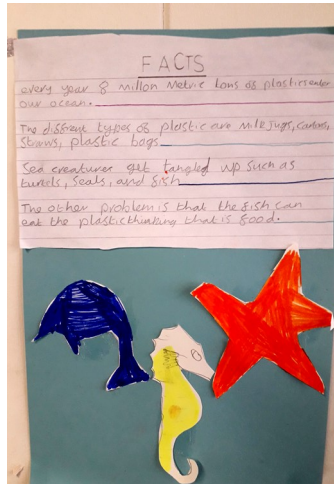


Pupils enjoyed watching their duckling eggs hatch, then watching 2 ducklings grow and change. They have now moved to Kent Life for a happy farm life.

### ALDER CLASS

Alder class have learnt about plastics in the ocean. They have created posters and have begun writing persuasive reports about how we need to stop using plastics.

Alder class have learnt about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling and we are putting what we have learnt into practice.



### CATERPILLAR CLASS

Caterpillar class had their own mini-Woodstock. The bouncy castle, candyfloss, popcorn and slush machine were provided by Ashley's Inflatables and the bouncy castle was from Belly Flop company.





## SPORTS DAYS

Well done to all pupils who participated in our annual sports days which took place in June. We were fortunate that the weather was sunny and both days were a great success.



## FIVE ACRE WOOD SNODLAND – SPORTS DAY

Five Acre Wood Snodland's sports day was held at Medway Park on 11th July 2019. Pupils participated in the following events, earning points for their house; High Jump, Long Jump, Hammer Throwing,

Steeplechase, target throw, Hurdles, middle distance running, sprints and relays. Dover (Green) won the Cup this year, closely followed by Hever (Blue), Leeds (Yellow) and Rochester (Red).

## PANATHLON CHALLENGE

Eight of our sixth form pupils attended the Panathlon Challenge at The Malling School in May. They all participated well and were impeccably behaved. They were great ambassadors for our school. We were really proud of them and told them so too! Our pupils supported each other as well as cheering on other schools. They also met Paralympian Steve Brown (Rugby player & coach).

All of our pupils won a number of medals, including a gold for Carl, for the Precision Bean Bag Throw, and a gold for Matthew, for the Standing Long Jump.

Five Acre Wood School came second overall with only two points between 1st 2nd & 3rd place...so it was a really close competition. They were all understandably very proud of themselves and their fantastic achievements.





## SECONDARY PRIZE GIVING



On Thursday 18th July parents and carers joined us for the annual secondary prize giving event at the Loose site. This was an opportunity to recognise the success and progress of our pupils and view photos and videos from each class from the past year.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and to all pupils who were presented with an award.

The following pupils won awards:

**Sporting Achievement Award**  
Amy

**Courtesy Award**  
Martin

**Communication Award**  
Lucy

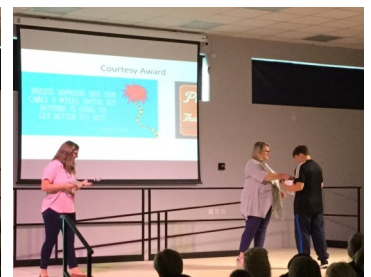
**Contribution Award**  
Anthony

**Sensory Awareness Award**  
James

**Courtesy Award**  
Luke

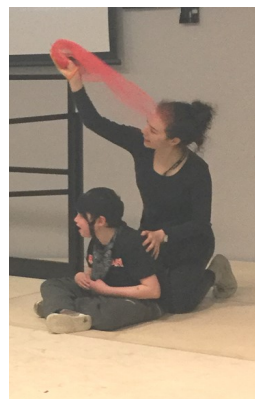
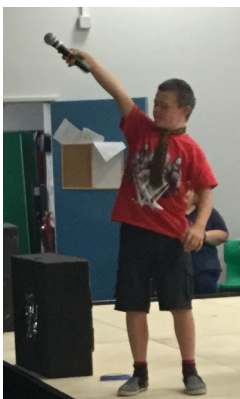
**Personal Progress Award**  
Danny

**Positive Behaviour Award**  
Izzy



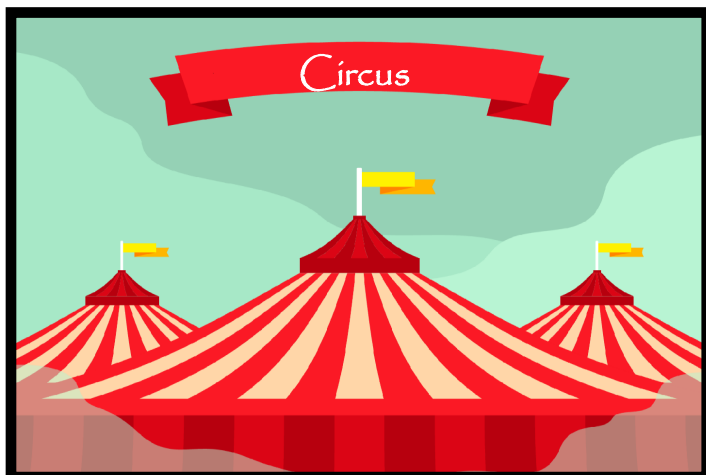
## SECONDARY SUMMER PERFORMANCE

The secondary summer performances of 'School of Rock' were held on 22 May. Pupils worked hard rehearsing for the performances and lots of parents and carers attended. Both performances were entertaining and went well. Thank you to everyone involved.





## FIVE ACRE WOODSTOCK

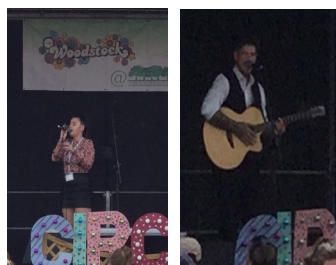


This year's Woodstock music festival took place on Wednesday 17 July. The theme for this year was 'Circus'.

Pupils and staff enjoyed listening to a fabulous line up of artists throughout the day which included **Barny Holmes, Jay Antonio, Jason Allen, Nathan Grisdale, Jack Rose, Ellen Blane, Kezia Povey and Elizmi Haze.**



There was a big top, marquees and a wide range of themed activities for pupils to enjoy alongside pupils from other mainstream and special schools, who joined us to share this special day with us.



There was an abundant supply of delicious food and drink including a visit from the ice cream van which was perfect on such a warm and sunny day.



The festival opened with a whole school procession followed by a performance

from each of our Five Acre Wood's Got Talent finalists.



Well done to David and The Aspen Girls, Lucas, Osprey Boys, Brandon and Blackbird and to Stevie for their fantastic performances!

Following this, some of our pupils and staff performed a flash mob to 'Come Alive' from 'The Greatest Showman'. Our Senior Leadership Team then took to the stage to entertain everyone with their show-stopping performance of 'Can Can'.



This spectacular event would not be possible without the generosity of the national organisations and individuals who kindly give us their time, commitment and resources completely free of charge. We are extremely grateful to every one of them, including:

**Greggs The Bakers**, who

once again supplied and served delicious food and drink throughout the day.

**JW Farms** provided a barbecue with food supplied by Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Farm Foods.

**Sensational** who provided specialist sensory sessions.

**StageAce by Panache Audio Systems**, whose stage system provided an amazing platform to showcase our amazing artists.

**Gravity AV** who provided a stunning sound set up.

**Liam Thomas (LTSE Productions)** for all his additional support with sound and power.

**Lee Rose (DeeVu Records) and Danielle Knights from Live & Love Music** who provided us with a roster of incredibly gifted, extremely hard working, compassionate and exceptionally giving artists.

**FM Conway** – who provided all of the barriers which ensured the safety of our pupils at all times.

**Kevin Davis and Rocky Sivell (John F Hunt Power)** who kindly provided a state of the art specialist power generator for the day.

**Recognition Express** in Rochester who provided a deluxe range of thank-you gifts.

**Atlas Contractors Ltd**, for their generous donations.

**KCC** for providing us with a community grant for this event.

**Team Tutsham** who offered



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horse riding experiences throughout the day. **'Alpaca Annie'** in Romney Marsh kindly brought along 3 alpacas to meet everyone. **Flair School of Dance** who provided dance workshops. **Santander** volunteers who provided the amazing face painting. **Sarah Sanders and Jo Pow** who provided sparkly glitter tattoos. **Andrew Keeping** who ran around tirelessly throughout the day (and the previous evening) to capture everything on video – we can't wait to see the film he produces!



Our other festival performers and activities included an animatronic elephant, zebra and giraffe stilt walkers, Charlie Bubbles the bubble performer, Anton's Circus who entertained us with 3 circus performances in the big top, Circus Workshops, bungee trampolines, Spider Mountain, Interactive Challenge, Flying Carpet Rodeo and Alex and Tina for their archery sessions. It is a pleasure to work with the above individuals and organisations who are committed to putting the time and effort into

supporting us. We sincerely thank them for making such a difference to the lives of our very special pupils and helping us to create magical memories for them.

We would like to thank the Welsh 3000 Team for their phenomenal fundraising efforts which provided essential funds to make the event happen. We would also like to say a very big thank you to the Woodstock Committee who have given up so much of their time to ensure Woodstock was a great success. They have been busy planning the event for months, which has involved fundraising, borrowing and creating fabulous resources and equipment for the event. Their innovative ideas, time, kindness and tireless efforts have provided our pupils with a wonderful day to remember.





## SIXTH FORM LEAVERS PROM



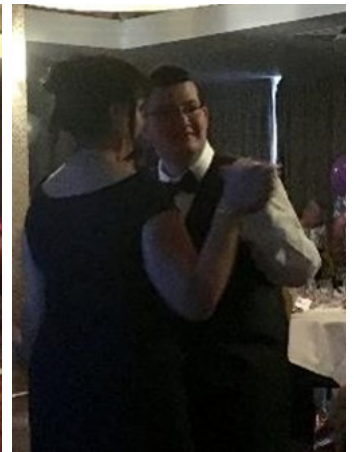
Our sixth form leavers' prom took place on Saturday 13 July. It was held at The Mercure Great Danes Hotel and was a very enjoyable evening for all involved.

The evening included a dinner and disco to celebrate the leavers' achievements at Five Acre Wood School. An award was presented to Kai for Sports Person of the Year and Ryan was presented with a Personal Achievement Award.

Congratulations to both of them.

Everyone looked amazing dressed in their beautiful dresses and smart suits. This year's Prom King was Ryan and the Prom Queen was Catherine.

We would all like to wish Mikey, Luey, Ryan, Evie, Casey, Catherine, James, Charlie, Connor, Alex and Joseph every success for the future.





## **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.



**Term Dates with Diary Dates 2019/20**

Date	Time	Event
<b><u>Term 1</u></b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	N/A	First day of term 1 for pupils
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	TBC	Class coffee morning (Key Stage 2)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	TBC	Class coffee morning (Key Stage 3/4 & post 16)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	TBC	Class coffee morning (Key Stage 1)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	All day	School photos (individual) – Loose site
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	All day	School photos (individual) – Loose site
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	All day	School photos (individual) – FAW Snodland
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	All day	School photos (individual) – FAW Palace Wood
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	10.15	KM First Class photos (reception classes only)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	1.00-3.00pm	Summer Fair
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	TBC	Harvest Festival
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	N/A	Last day of term
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	N/A	First day of term 2
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019	3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	10.00-11.30am	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	TBC	Nativity performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	TBC	Nativity performance
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Various	Class Christmas parties
December 2019 (TBC)	Lunch time	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	N/A	Last day of term
<b><u>Term 3</u></b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	N/A	First day of term 3
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	N/A	Last day of term
<b><u>Term 4</u></b>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	N/A	First day of term 4
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)



Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	10-11.30am	Easter Fair
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	N/A	Last day of term

**Term 5**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	N/A	First day of term 5
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	N/A	Bank holiday (pupils and staff not in school)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	10-11.30am	Secondary summer performance
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	N/A	Last day of term

**Term 6**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020	N/A	First day of term 6 for pupils
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	TBC	Sports day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	TBC	Sports day
TBC	TBC	Sports day – FAW Snodland
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020	All day	Transition day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	3.45-6.45pm	'Meet the new teacher' parents evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	10.30am	Secondary prize giving
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	N/A	Last day of term



## **Changes to the leadership team in September 19:**

Richard Dalton will be Headteacher of the satellite provision and Tim Williams will be Headteacher of Boughton Lane; this means that they will have overall responsibility for their designated provision.

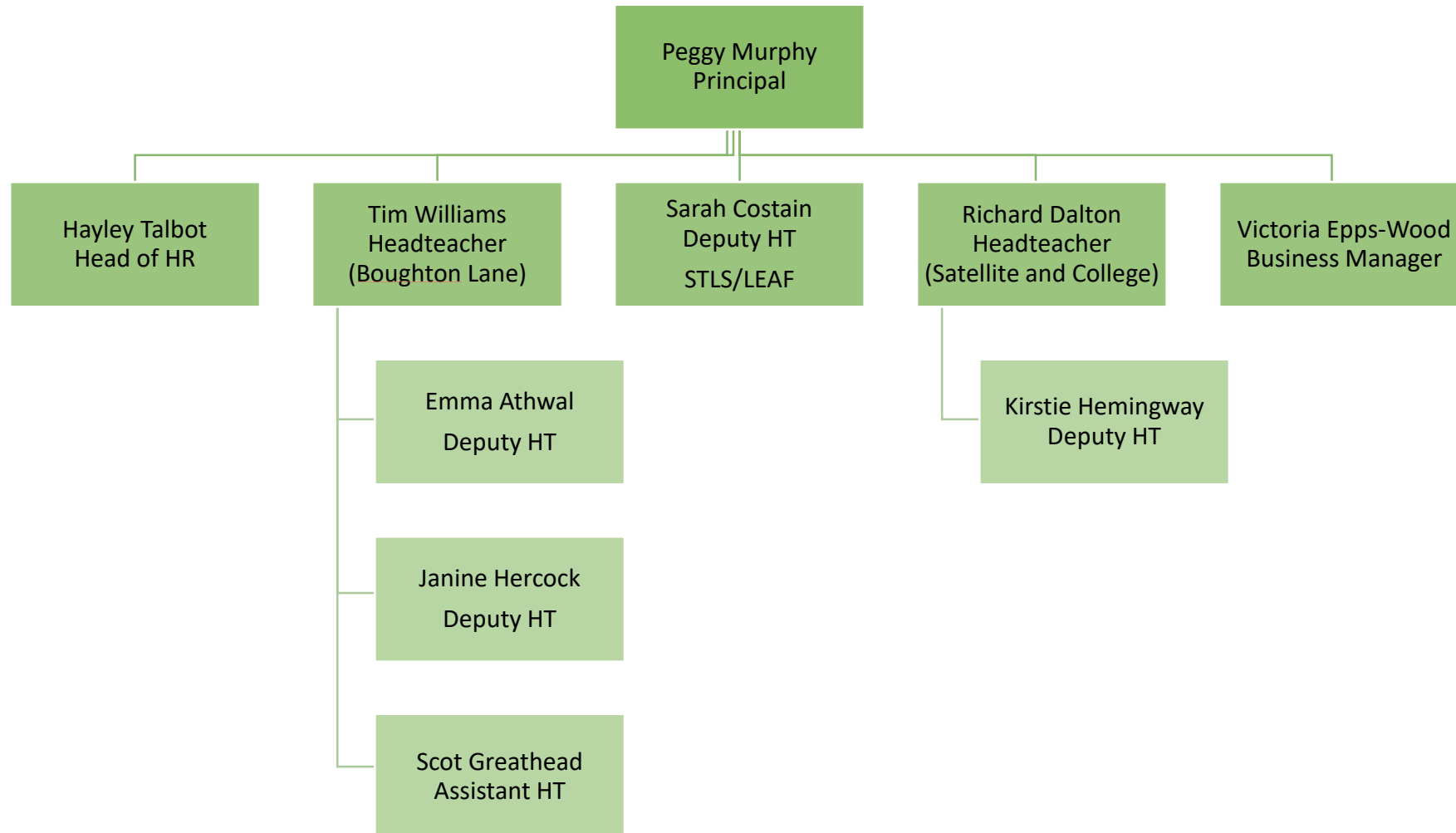
Scot Greathead will be leading on parent partnership and has come in with lots of new ideas to support this.

Following on from the successful introduction of Learning Approaches within the school, we are now formalising this by establishing Learning Approach Strategic Leads as well as Learning Approach Leads.

Any queries regarding your child should still be made to your child's teacher in the first instance. If needed, the strategic lead can also be contacted.



Senior Leadership Team





## Learning Approaches

