



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you and your loved ones are all safe and well and are gradually settling into new routines with life at home.

It has been lovely to hear from so many of you this last week, especially from all of the children who have been sharing their home learning with their teachers and classmates. It's been great to see so many of you children really engaging in the learning that your teachers have planned for you; well done! Thank you too to those of you who have continued to send good wishes and encouraging messages to the staff; we do all really appreciate your positivity at this time.

I know many of you have been keeping up to date with life in school by following our Twitter feed where each day we post a selection of photos to capture what we've been up to. Particular highlights this week have been the fabulous playground artwork and the making of apple crumble! I would encourage you, if you haven't already done so, to sign up and follow us at @SladePrimarySch as a way of keeping in touch and feeling connected. Special thanks to the fabulous team of staff who have been in school this week making all these activities happen and giving up the start of their Easter break for the children of our critical workers. Thank you.

As I shared in my letter earlier this week, school will continue to remain open and provide child care for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during the Easter break, apart from on the two bank holidays. Many thanks to the team of staff who have made themselves available to be in school and make this happen for our children; not just those staff who will be in the building but all of those too who are on standby for the two week period. Huge thanks from us all; we couldn't be open without you. Don't forget that as a critical worker if your circumstances change over Easter and you require childcare then please do contact us via the school office email address.

All schools have been made aware of a new 24hour helpline that has been established and asked to share this information with parents, details of which follow on in this newsletter. However, please don't forget that we are all here to support you and your families, albeit from a distance, with some of the challenges that you may be facing. Christina Ekperigin, our Family Liaison Officer, is still working and available to contact you and sign post you to agencies that will be best placed to provide the support that you need. Christina can be contacted via the school office email address.

As we enter into the Easter break, albeit of a different kind, I do hope that you and the children all get to enjoy some downtime and have a break from what has been your new learning routine of recent weeks. School work will be uploaded and available for children to access from the start of Term 5, Monday 20 April. A reminder that any concerns that you have should be emailed to the office email address which will continue to be monitored during the holidays.

As always, we will continue to update you on all developments and changes as and when we have them through our usual channels of communication during the holiday period. There will be no newsletter over Easter; the next one will be available for you on Friday 24 April.

Until then as always, take care, stay indoors and be kind x

Karen Slade.

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Around School

Multi Media School

We have reached the end of Term 4 in a position we could never have envisaged when we kick started 2020 back in January.

We head in to Easter and then the summer terms as a truly multi media learning school, fully utilising all of the many ways that make for a fully rounded education for our children in these strangest of times.

Congratulations and thanks of course go to you all for making this a success, for embracing the technology and the different learning at home methods.

With our teachers and with our families, Slade is

In school: For all of our key and critical workers children.



On Line: Through the sharepoint portal, with learning ideas being posted by the class teachers weekly, the next lessons will appear at the official beginning of Term 5 on Monday 20 April.



On Video: Catch Miss Bates, Mrs Hill and Mrs Pearson with others to come - reading stories, reciting poems as well as other making and doing ideas on the video section of the portal.



Podcasting: We are pleased to be supporting Pie Corbett as a Talk for Writing school, we would recommend your child tuning in to the daily radio broadcast/podcast between 09:30 and 10.30. It is interactive and will encourage your child to write stories, poems etc. Follow this link: <https://radioblogging.net>.

At Home: Thanks to everyone who has sent in pictures of home learning and different activities you've been up to since school was suspended. There is so much going on from story reading and writing, baking and other fantastic life skills that are being practised.



Through Socals: Learning ideas and your results are shared first through Twitter, we are now only 3 followers short of 900 people - all finding out about the rich tapestry of life at Slade.

We remain with you through Easter, if you want to contact us, do so via email to office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Kent Test - Secondary School Transfer 2021

We were due to hold an information meeting in early May for parents of Year 5 children who are considering taking the Kent Test in September. This, along with all our other planned events is suspended until such a time when it is appropriate, so we would like to give you an update, provided to us by Kent County Council just this week.

They say:

'Registrations for the Kent Test will open on 1 June 2020 and close at midnight on 1 July 2020 for children due to start secondary school in September 2021. Parents will be informed closer to the time if any adjustments need to be made to the Kent Test as a result of the recent school closures for the majority of children.'

The Kent Test is taken early in Year 6 for those children who would like to be considered for a place at a Grammar School when they make the transfer in to Year 7. It is run and organised by Kent County Council for the purpose of these school allocations - you can find out more by visiting their website - kent.gov.uk or by telephoning their dedicated education helpline for more information on 03000 41 21 21.

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Around School

Kent Together

A message from Kent County Council and Slade Primary School

Kent County Council has launched a new 24 hour helpline called Kent Together to support vulnerable people in Kent who need urgent help, supplies or medication.

The helpline will provide a single, convenient point of contact for anyone in the county who is in urgent need of help during the Coronavirus outbreak.

It is a collaboration between KCC, central Government, District, Borough and local councils, the voluntary and community sector, the NHS, emergency services and other partners to ensure help is at hand for vulnerable people.

If you are vulnerable and have an urgent need that cannot be met through existing support networks, or are concerned about the welfare of someone else you can contact the Kent Together helpline at www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether or by calling on 03000 41 92 92. It is a 24 hour service.



EYFS Intake 2020

National Offer Day for children starting out on their education journey in Early Years Foundation Settings in Year R throughout the country will be taking place on Thursday 16 April, during the later part of the school Easter Holiday.

This is still the case and has not been delayed due to the current situation.

If you are expecting an offer for your 4 year old to start at school, you will receive an email from Kent County Council from 16:00 on the 16th as planned.

Please read your offer email carefully, it will provide you with all of the information and instructions you need to successfully accept or decline the offer made to you. If you already have siblings at school, the instructions will be different to those that you followed previously due to schools being closed through the COVID-19 outbreak. Please do not try to attend, in person, to accept or decline a place at any local school.

If you are allocated a place at Slade, you will receive an email from us before the start of Term 5, please also refer to this email before contacting us. We will update the admissions section of our website as well as keeping you updated via Twitter with the current news.



Best wishes this Easter

Everyone at Slade wishes all of our children, their families and friends well during this rather unorthodox Easter break.

The newsletter will be back in three weeks as the summertime terms kick off in an equally unusual way!

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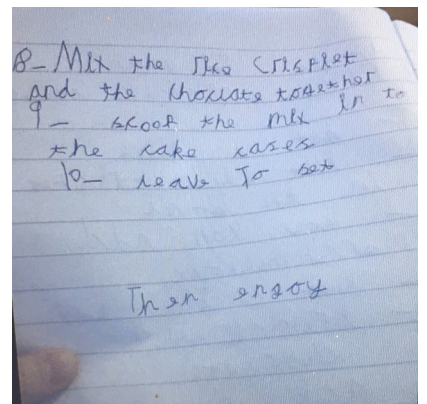
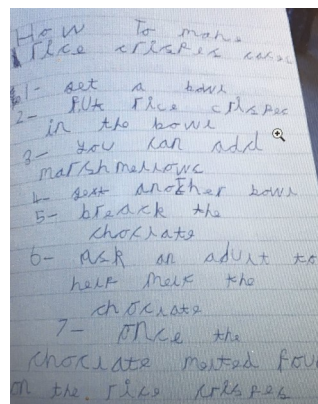
Around School and At Home

More from our gallery of super learning going on in school with the children of key and critical workers and that at home, which you have been kind enough to share with us this week.



At home and at school - learning how to cook and bake from raw ingredients.

Top left - Lucas (Year 4) made his own pasta dinner and below, the instructions to these yummy Rice Krispie cakes from Annabelle in Year 1.



These pictures and their stories were told first on Twitter throughout the week.



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Slade Stats

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions as the children are registered in the morning at 08:50 and in the afternoon at 13:15 for KS1 and 13:30 for children in KS2.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted. Find out the winners by following our Twitter feed on a Friday afternoon.

ATTENDANCE TARGET

We would like to see overall school attendance be at or above

97%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week we recorded an overall attendance of

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ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

96.3%

Registers are taken at 08:50 each morning, with the gates open 10 minutes earlier. It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week - Find out the winners by

PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

0 Children late this week

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Dear Parents and Carers

We communicate to parents and carers all week long through our Twitter feed, keep up to date with what is happening and what is about to happen by following us: log on at www.twitter.com/sladeprimarysch or via the app @sladeprimarysch.

Letters and general information are sent via ParentMail. Every parent should have a ParentMail account linked to their personal email address, please download the ParentMail app from your chosen app provider and always read and act on the communication we send to you. School letters are only sent to you if the content applies to your child.

Urgent messages can also be sent via SMS. Please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile telephone number. We use Teachers to Parents SMS.

Below is a list of communications sent this week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Sunday 29 March	Year 6 Hoodies	Selected Year 6 ParentMail
Monday 30 March	Pasta Making	
Monday 30 March	KS2 Art	
Monday 30 March	KS1 Art	
Monday 30 March	Big, Bad, Bug	
Tuesday 31 March	The Beat Goes On	
Tuesday 31 March	Easter Holiday Opening - Critical Workers	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 31 March	Radio Blogging	
Tuesday 31 March	David Walliams Elevenses	
Wednesday 1 April	An Update from Mrs Slade	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 1 April	Home Baking	
Wednesday 1 April	Mornings in the Gym	
Wednesday 1 April	Pasta and Nature	
Wednesday 1 April	National Theatre at Home	
Thursday 2 April	Apple Crumble	
Thursday 2 April	Thankyou NHS	
Friday 3 April	PE on the Field	
Friday 3 April	Free School Meals Update	Selected Children ParentMail
Friday 3 April	Fish and Chip Friday!	

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Daniel



The jokes of the week

Q- what do you give a sick lemon?

A- Lemon-aid

Q- what is a pair of twins favourite day?

A- Two-sday

Q- what do cows celebrate?

A- Moo year's eve

Q- what do you call a havoc making dinosaur?

A- T-wrecks

When hunters got fed up with fast food, they looked for sloths instead!

SLIPPER'S FACT FUN FILES

This week it's the last newsletter of the term so we decided to spark things up with an exclusive FIVE jokes, a fun filled wordsearch and a maze for you to enjoy.

Slipper

Word list

ANTYDOTE
CAKE
COMIC
FUN
HOLIDAYS
LIQUID
PIGEON
SLIPPER

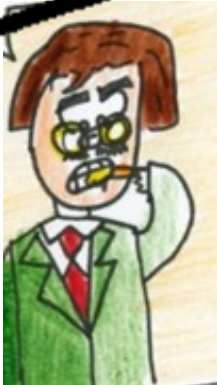
The wacky fun puzzle

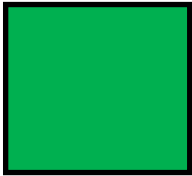
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A	N	T	Y	D	O	T	E	B	K	G	Z	B



Slipper has gone missing. Can you and Dr. Antydote track him down?

Let's go!





Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 6 April	Easter Holiday - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Tuesday 7 April	Easter Holiday - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 8 April	Easter Holiday - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Thursday 9 April	Easter Holiday - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Friday 10 April	Good Friday - School Closed

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening, Year 5 & 6 Netball
TUESDAY	Craft'd Sewing Club
WEDNESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Silhouette Dance, The Art Trolley
THURSDAY	Active Sports Group Gymnastics
FRIDAY	Lunchtime French, The Art Trolley, Sama Karate

All clubs are suspended until further notice

FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 13 April	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 14 April - Friday 17 April	Easter Holiday - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Thursday 16 April	National Primary School Offer Day if you are allocated a place at Slade, please await our email or see our website for further information
Monday 20 April	First Day of Term 5 School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 29 April	Residential Week Meeting for Year 6 Parents and Carers - 19:00
Tuesday 5 May	Class and Group Photographs - Matthew Walker Photography
Wednesday 6 May	Kent Test Information Meeting for Year 5 Parents - 19:00
Friday 8 May	National Holiday - School Closed

All events are suspended until further notice

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