



# Slade

## Primary School

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# Mrs Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to Term 5!

I do hope that you and your loved ones continue to remain safe and well with you all managing to have enjoyed some downtime away from the new norm during the Easter break.

Well done and thank you to everyone for adapting so quickly to our new way of working and for responding so positively to the learning that the teachers continue to plan and share for the children on the portal. We continue to enjoy seeing how enthusiastically the children engage in the work that has been set and love seeing them share with their teachers and classmates. Thank you and well done to all parents and carers for the amazing job you are doing in supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time; we all really appreciate your hard work.

A reminder 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 whether that be learning related or just in general. It has been good to speak with many of you during recent weeks and to be able to provide support, advice and reassurance whenever it was needed. 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. If you have any queries about your child's learning during the school closure then please do contact your child's class teacher using the class email address e.g. [elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk) and they will get back to you. All other enquiries should continue to be emailed to the office email address [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk)

In school this week we have been making the most of the fabulous sunshine and taking our learning outside wherever possible. It was great fun learning to tell the time with shadow clocks in addition to all the sporting fun that has been had, both indoors and outside. The children have also been learning how to make their own film clips having been inspired by the one made by the staff last week. Many thanks to the staff team who have been in this week enabling this to happen.

Thank you too to those of you who have continued to keep in touch; we do all really appreciate your positivity at this time. Thank you too for the lovely feedback and comments regarding the choir performances and the staff 'paper throw' message; we're delighted you are enjoying these clips which can still be accessed on our Twitter feed at [@SladePrimarySch](https://twitter.com/SladePrimarySch)

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. The parent consultation meetings that had been rearranged for next week are now cancelled due to the school closure. All other known cancellations, at the time of writing, will be shared in next week's newsletter along with any alternative arrangements or dates that we might have. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with these changes.

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

**Karen Slade.**

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# Around School

## From Beauty to Critical Care - Can You Help?

You will have seen the many beautiful rainbow pictures and paintings that have been produced nationwide, as people from all corners of the UK give thanks to the dedication and hard work being carried out by Key and Critical Workers who are keeping things going and helping to save lives as we all tackle the COVID-19 outbreak together.



One of our parents is close to the new Chemotherapy unit at Eastbourne College Hospital - this unit has replaced the old Cancer care department at Conquest Hospital. We are pleased to share a message from them as they plan to develop the unit in to a leading facility - which as you will read, used to be a Beauty School!

Jo Challen, from the Eastbourne College Hospital writes:

***'As some of you know - we have moved the chemotherapy unit from the Conquest to East Sussex College in Eastbourne - we have taken over what was the beauty school - this means there are many many mirrors!***

***Someone else gave us the idea to cover the mirrors with rainbow pictures or any inspirational quotes (famous or those from individuals across our area) and we thought this was a lovely idea . As a result, we wondered if any of the children at Slade would be kind enough to help out with this, which will cheer up patients and staff alike. If you can, we would love to receive them by post.'***



We have included the address of the unit below if you would like to take part in this lovely idea, and being part of a project that will cheer up inspirational workers and critically ill patients.

**The Matron,**

**Judy Beard Unit, Kings Building, East Sussex College, Kings Drive, Eastbourne, BN21 2UD.**

## Welcome to Summer at Slade

We are now officially in the summer terms at Slade, and whilst we are still in lockdown , we would still like to welcome you to Term 5. Along with the rest of society, we continue to take guidance from the government as to any thoughts of when school can resume for more or the majority of pupils.



The online calendar continues to be updated with details of events as they are either postponed, suspended or cancelled.

**We will keep you updated as soon as we can with all of this information. In the meantime, keep in touch via Twitter, the online portal and email your super home learning and activities to the school office.**

## Happy Birthday!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish a very happy birthday to the children and adults of the school who celebrated their birthday in isolation over the Easter holiday.

Congratulations also to everyone who has had a birthday this week: Aidan (Hydra Class), Frankie (Dragon), Christina (Elf), Mandalay (Dragon), Surina (Elf), Ollie (Griffin), Tobias (Hippogriff), Xander (Hippogriff), TA's Mrs Barlow, Mrs Sturmey and Mrs Cattnach as well as the man behind the Portal Support Desk, Mr Clark.

**Slade birthdays this week, many happy returns and congratulations to:**

Saturday: Leo - Gnome

Sunday: Dolly - Wyvern, Riti - Gruffalo

Wednesday: Olivia - Elf, Edith - Dragon

Thursday: Dylan - Gnome, Harvey - Griffin



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# Around School

## Crafty Ideas from Mrs Marshall

One of the positives of the last month in lockdown has been the evidence that arts, crafts and hobbies outside of the school curriculum have flourished - whether it is a new skill, or practising an existing talent.

In school, we have many talented children and adults who work and learn together with these 'lifestyle hobbies'. Teaching Assistant Mrs Marshall in particular, has started a knitting group with a few of the Year 6 children that she is with for lessons. Mrs Marshall has had a wonderful idea, which we are all behind. We spoke to her over the Easter holiday:

**'I'm planning to decorate the school with knitted bunting! I have made a start but need some help.**

**I know there are some knitters in year 6 and I'm sure there are more in our families across the school.**

**If you would like to make some flags you can follow the pattern below. We will collect them together at school when we are able to, and crochet them together. '**

To help with this project, Mrs Marshall has put together this guide. If you have any questions for her if you are starting out and would like some advice, please get in touch via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).

### **You will need:**

Make do with whatever you have in the house, any leftover wool and any sized needles – really big or very small ones will make different sized flags.

### **Instructions:**

Cast on 30 stitches.

Knit 3 rows.

On the next row knit the first two stitches together, knit the row until you have 2 stitches left, knit them together.

Repeat this pattern, reducing the number of stitches every fourth row, until you have 2 stitches left.

Knit 3 rows of just 2 stitches.

Knit the 2 stitches together. Cast off last stitch by cutting wool about 10 cm from your knitting and pulling it through the last loop. Pull it tight and it will make a knot. Don't cut the wool off near the flag, either use a darning needle to thread the loose end into the flag and tidy it up or leave it.

### **Tips**

Don't worry if you lose count of the rows. Your triangle will be a slightly different shape.

Don't worry if you end up with 3 stitches at the end instead of 2. Knit 2 of them together knit the next stitch and carry on as above.

YouTube has lots of knitting guides for help with casting on.



Mrs Marshall's bunting so far - let's get as much together as we can as a school community for when we can enjoy being back at school together again!



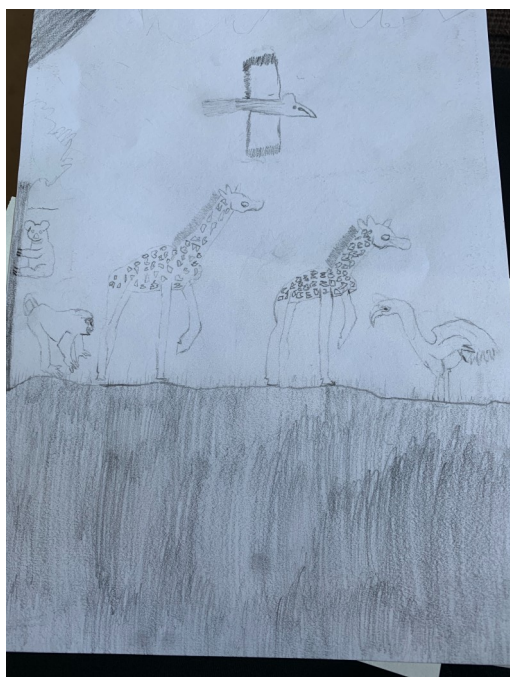


# Around School and At Home

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

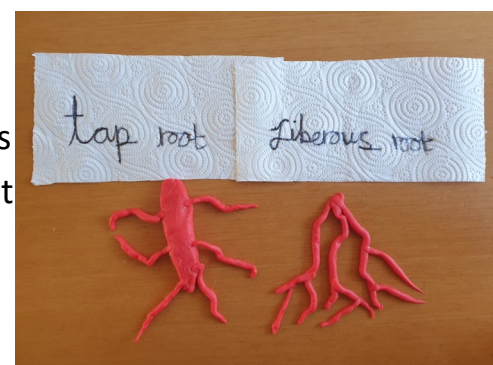


These pictures and their stories were told first on Twitter throughout the week.



Miss Redden's Cookies

Sarang, Pegasus Class. Science at home



## + Video from Slade

Did you see our staff choir on BBC South East News? Also, if you haven't already, head over to Twitter to see Elinor's fantastic story.



Ellie, Phoenix Class from home



Home working is fun. Super learning boys!



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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

**-**

### 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](https://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
Wednesday 8 April	Active Children	
Wednesday 8 April	Free School Meals Voucher Update	Selected Children ParentMail
Thursday 9 April	Easter Baking	
Thursday 9 April	Easter Egg Hunt	
Thursday 9 April	Update from Mrs Slade	All School ParentMail
Saturday 11 April	#NetAware from the NSPCC and o2	
Saturday 11 April	The Slade School Choir (+ video)	
Tuesday 14 April	School Closure and Key Worker Update	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 14 April	BBC South East show Slade	
Thursday 16 April	National Offer Day EYFS2020	
Friday 17 April	School Closure Update and Hello from Slade	All School ParentMail
Saturday 18 April	Hello from Slade (+ video)	
Monday 20 April	Welcome to Term 5	
Monday 20 April	Telling the Time	
Monday 20 April	Year 3 Home Learning - Back online	Year 3 ParentMail
Tuesday 21 April	Slade School Choir New Song (+ video)	
Tuesday 21 April	Flapjacks by Harriet!	
Tuesday 21 April	Kent Test & KS3 Year 7 Intake, September 2021 Update	Year 5 ParentMail
Wednesday 22 April	Elinor's COVID Story (+ video)	
Thursday 23 April	Parachute Games (+ video)	

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Story

# PLEASE MR. ARTIST...





## FABULOUS FRUIT

### The jokes of the week

- Q- what do you give a sick lemon?  
A- Lemon-aid
- Q- what fruit do you call to fix your drains?  
A- **Plumber**
- Q- what do you call an orange who has stopped working?  
A- It has run out of juice

Q- What fruit wears shoes?

A- Pears

What do you call a strawberry stuck on the highway?

A- In a jam

Why do bananas not like to sunbathe?

A- They peel

What kind of apple is not an apple?

A- Pine**apples**

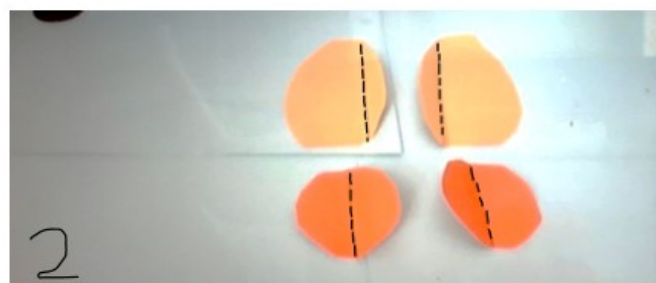
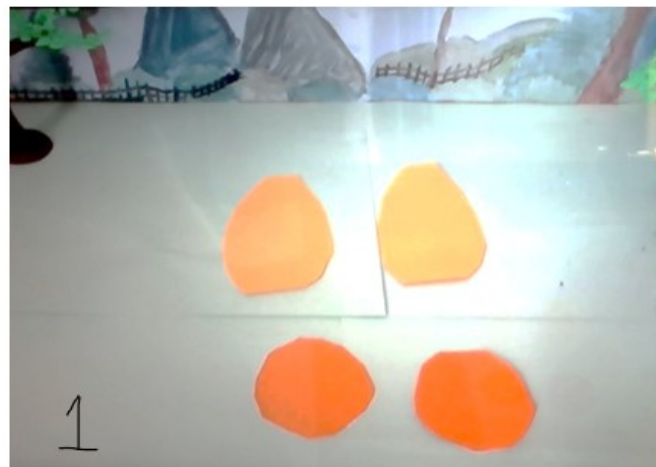


Do you want to make 3D fruits of your choice with paper? If so then read this fun 'recipe' to do so with your very own: Pineapple, Apple, Orange or cherry 3D fruits on paper. I have made examples to look at!

#### What you will need

- Coloured card (**Yellow**, **Red**, **Orange**, **Green** and **pink** for all of the fruits)
- Felt tips (**Brown** and **green**)

1. First you choose a colour for the base  
I have chosen green
2. Find the colour for the fruit you want  
I am making a **Pineapple**, and an orange so I chose yellow and orange
3. Ask an adult to cut two circles if you are making an **Apple**, **Orange**, or 4 for **cherry's**. If you are making a **Pineapple** cut out 2 ovals with flat bottoms. Make sure the two are the same size
4. Fold the circle/oval in half
5. Glue half onto paper and the other fold the other half upwards
6. Finally draw details like stalks/leaves





# Coming up...

## NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 27 April	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Tuesday 28 April	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 29 April	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Thursday 30 April	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Friday 1 May	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions

## 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

Wednesday 29 April	Residential Week Meeting for Year 6 Parents and Carers - 19:00
Tuesday 5 May	Class and Group Photographs - Matthew Walker Photography
Tuesday 5 May	KS2 Handball Competition
Wednesday 6 May	Kent Test Information Meeting for Year 5 Parents - 19:00
Wednesday 6 May	KS1 Cricket Competition
Wednesday 6 May	<b>Deadline for acceptance or declining of places for Primary Intake 2020 - See Page 4</b>
Friday 8 May	<b>National Holiday - School Closed</b>
Thursday 21 May	<b>Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf Day</b>
Friday 22 May	<b>Last Day of Term 5</b>
Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May	<b>May Break - Please see updates nearer the time about school opening</b>
Monday 1 June	<b>First Day of Term 6 - Please see updates nearer the time about school opening</b>
Wednesday 3 June	KS2 Orienteering

All events are suspended until further notice

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