



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy May Day everyone!

I do hope that everyone is well and that you have all managed to safely make the most of the sunshine when it has put in an appearance this week.

We experienced our first 'wet playtimes' in school this week since we closed back in March! The changeable weather hasn't stifled our creativity though with lots of model making, mask making, weaving, chalking and video making happening across the school. That's not to mention the reading, writing and Maths learning that has been taking place too! Huge thanks again to the staff team who have been in this week enabling this to happen.

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their home learning whilst also managing the demands of living and working in lockdown. We really do appreciate all that you are doing to support your child's learning at this time. In response to feedback from some parents we will, moving forward, endeavour to upload work for the week to the portal by the Friday evening of the previous week, allowing time over the weekend for you to take a look and prepare should you choose to do so.

As I shared with the parents of children in Pixie Class earlier this week, it is with very mixed emotions that I write to inform you that Miss Bates will be leaving Slade at the end of this academic year due to her successful appointment to the position of Phase Leader at Sevenoaks Primary School. I am delighted for Miss Bates on this achievement and well-deserved promotion which recognises her capability both as a school leader and classroom practitioner. I'm sure that you join with me in wishing Miss Bates all the very best at the start of this next exciting phase of her career and would agree that Sevenoaks Primary will be very lucky to have her.

Last Friday saw me record a video message to all of our Year 6 children as I shared with them my decision to cancel the Year 6 end of year residential trip to Devon originally planned for Term 6 this year. This was not an easy decision for me to make but one that I feel to be right based on the information currently available to me. However, the children all know that we are determined to arrange an end of year celebration for all of them once it is safe to do so. Well done and thank you to all of the Year 6 pupils for receiving and handling this news with such maturity and understanding.

Looking forward into next week, school remains partially open to the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils although will be closed on **Friday 8 May** for the Bank Holiday. At the time of writing I have no additional information to that which has been reported in the media regarding the phased re-opening of schools. 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.

There will be no newsletter next week due to it being a Bank Holiday with the next newsletter being sent on Friday 15 May.

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

Karen Slade.

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Around School

On Your Portal

Home learning, crafting, making and doing are all carrying on successfully across our children with the help of their families and teachers.

Remember, in addition to the work set by the class and yeargroup teachers, the portal also has lots of other links to fun learning websites that are all free and easy to use. These links are one click away, just at the bottom of the page in the Year Group Sites section of the portal. If you have any questions about these websites or the learning contained in them, please contact your class teacher via the class email address or via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

You have instant access to:



First News, digital edition
The award winning newspaper for children



Top Marks
Practise subject knowledge with fun games



Phonics Play
Learn & practice all phases of phonic learning



Scratch Programming
Create your own computer code



Touch Typing
Lessons and Practise from BBC Bitesize



Times Tables Rockstars
Quick Fire games against yourself or friends



Micro Librarian
Our online library service. Also featured on page 4 of today's newsletter.

Happy Birthday!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish a very happy birthday to the children and adults of the school who will be celebrating their birthdays this week, many happy returns and congratulations to:

Friday: Mrs Meades (TA Elmer Class)

Sunday: Mrs Abisoye (TA Wyvern Class & Narnians), Isla - Gruffalo, Lily - Elmer

Tuesday: Evelien - Pixie, Sofia - Phoenix

Thursday: Mrs Taylor (TA KS1), Alisha - Dragon, Beya - Elf, Teo - Phoenix



EYFS Intake 2020

We are grateful to all of the parents and carers of children who have been offered places at Slade for the September 2020 intake.



As of midday today, 43 of the 60 places have been accepted with 70% of those already completing and sending back their admission details. This will make the planning for next years EYFS classes (Elmer and Gruffalo) easier and quicker, meaning we can also plan for each of those children's individual needs.

If you have been offered a place and are yet to accept or decline, please do so as soon as you are able - the deadline of Wednesday 6 May is fast approaching.

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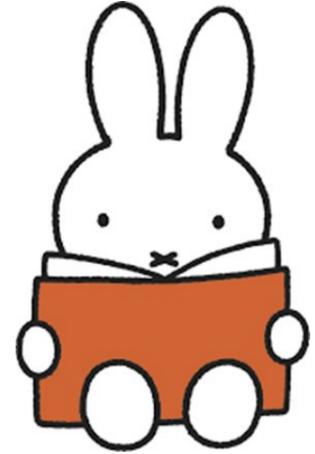
Around School

Reading: Relaxing and for Learning

Caroline Mawson, School Librarian

We have enjoyed hearing from parents and children about the books, magazines, cookery recipes, craft instructions they have been reading and sharing together since the school year was suspended.

If you are stuck for ideas about which books your child may enjoy, do get in touch with your class teacher via the class email.



You will have read on page 3 of today's newsletter that the online school library catalogue is available as an easy link on the class pages of the home learning portal.

I am adding books daily to the catalogue, from the super donations received over recent months, so the children may want to take a look and reserve a book they would like to borrow when they get back to school. I can sort them ready for collection on their return.

I would like to thank everyone who has visited the online library and look forward to being able to share the books with you when school returns in the future. I would also like to share a big thankyou to the parents and children who have donated bags full of books to the library - it is very kind of you and will benefit the children at Slade for years to come.

The Book of Hopes

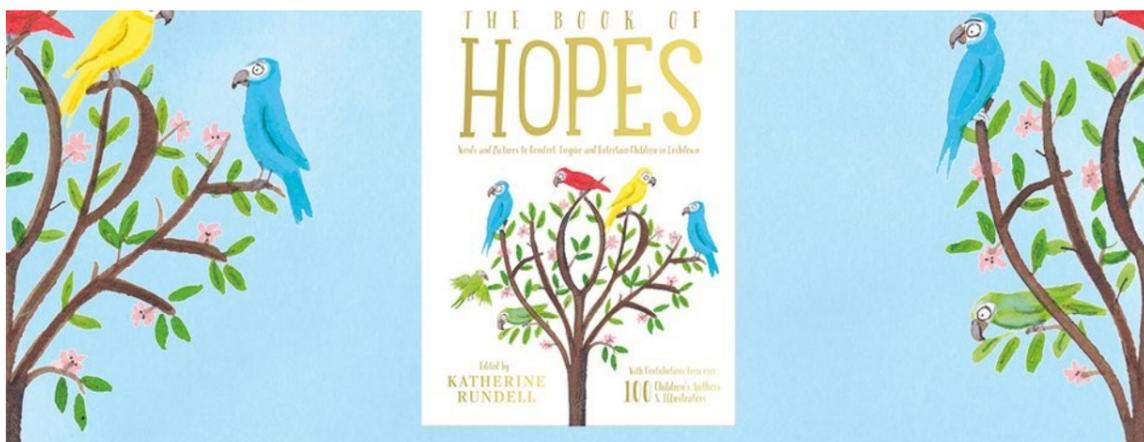
A wonderful book has been launched this week by the National Literacy Trust and Bloomsbury Books - The Book of Hopes: Words and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in lockdown.

The book is available online only and is full of lovely poems, illustrations and stories with contributions from over 100 children's authors and illustrators.

Follow [@kidsbloomsbury](https://twitter.com/kidsbloomsbury) to find out more about this and other projects being planned by the publisher.

The collection is dedicated to doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals.

It is available to read for free via the following link -
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>



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Around School

Reading: Relaxing, Learning and now, Winning!

Mrs Pearson

I hope you are enjoying the extra time that we all have at the moment to delve in to all sorts of reading material. To make this even more fun I have put together a fun bingo game - just tick off the boxes you can when you have read in the different locations. Let us know by email to office@slade.kent.sch.uk when you have ticked off a line, either horizontally or vertically - send some photos in as well to cheer us all up!

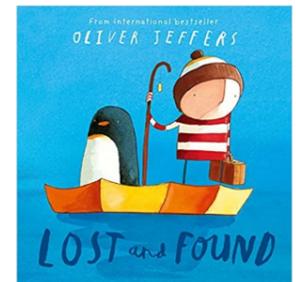
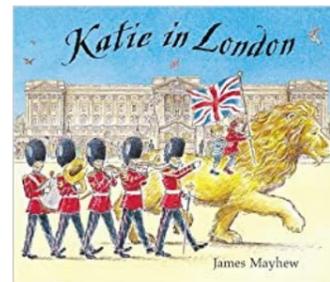
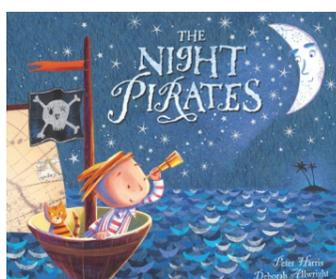
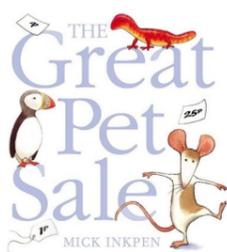
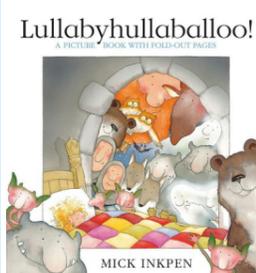
Read under the stars.	Wear sunglasses while you read.	Read a digital book.	Read under a tree.	Read a non fiction book.
Read a poem.	Read a chapter book.	Read with a sibling.	Read a magazine.	Read with a torch.
Read in a tent or den.	Read on a blanket.	Read to a pet or cuddly toy.	Read on a rainy day.	Read a book about summer.
Read to your favourite toy.	Read under a table.	Read outside.	Read under a blanket.	Read your favourite book.
Read to a family member.	Read a recipe.	Read in your favourite place.	Read in your bed.	Read in an unusual place.

Peak Time Viewing

Don't forget, that over on the portal are a number of videos from school to keep in touch and entertain, as well as giving parents and carers some valuable down-time during the day!

Since Easter, we have uploaded our special Hello from Slade which was also featured on Twitter as well as rhymes, stories and fact and topic books all read by the EYFS and KS1 team.

Recent stories, include Lullabyhullaballoo, The Great Pet Sale (both by Mick Inkpen), Night Pirates (written by Peter Harris / illustrated by Deborah Allwright), The Great Fire of London (Museum of London, Susanna Davidson / Rick Fairlamb), Katie in London (James Mayhew) and Lost and Found (Oliver Jeffers).



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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 26 April	@PieCorbett English Home-School Unit	
Monday 27 April	Important News For Pixie Class	Pixie Class ParentMail
Tuesday 28 April	Crafty Children and a Plateasurus	
Tuesday 28 April	#NetAware from the NSPCC and o2	
Tuesday 28 April	@TomTugdenhat Happy Meal	
Wednesday 29 April	Gleb's Sonic Power	
Wednesday 29 April	@KentMusic Resources	
Wednesday 29 April	Free School Meals Update	Selected Children ParentMail
Wednesday 29 April	@KentMusic Newsletter	
Wednesday 29 April	Residential Trip Reimbursement Advice	Year 6 ParentMail
Thursday 30 April	Year 3 Zoom	Year 3 ParentMail
Friday 1 May	Busy in KS1	
Friday 1 May	Max's Wriggly Friend	
Friday 1 May	How Old is Tonbridge?	



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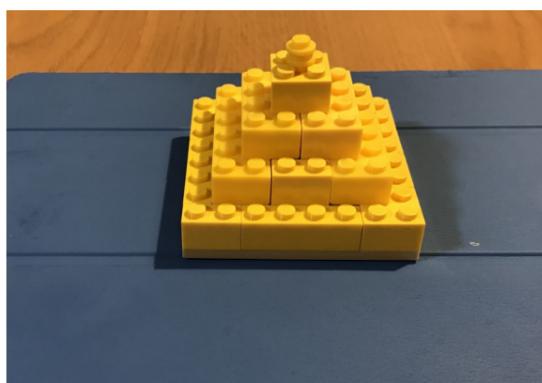
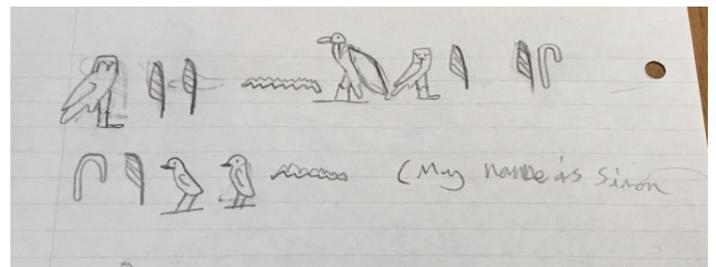
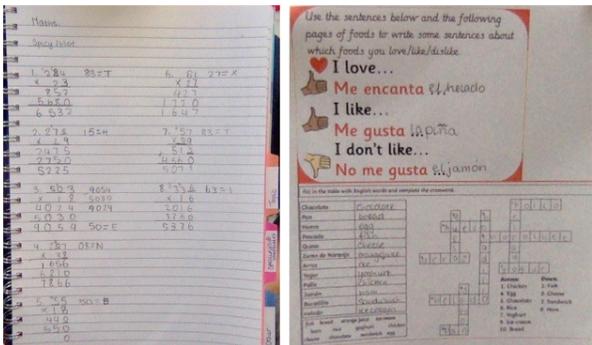
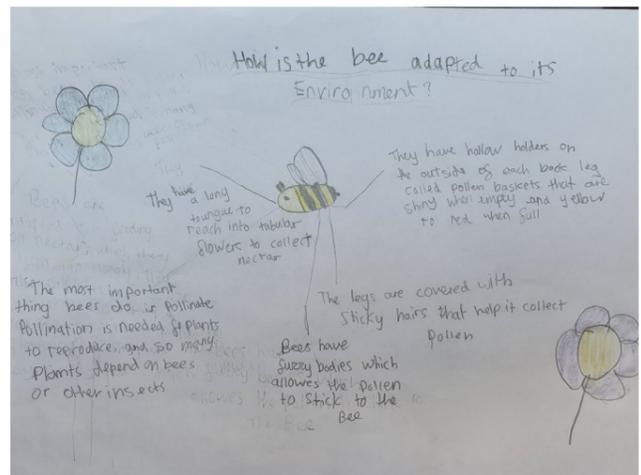
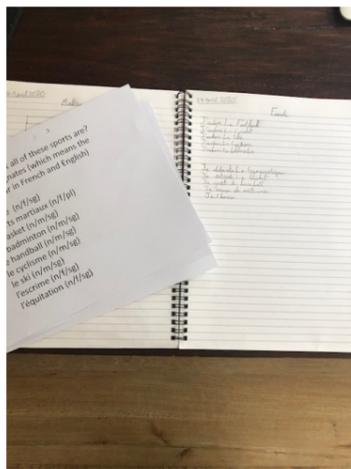
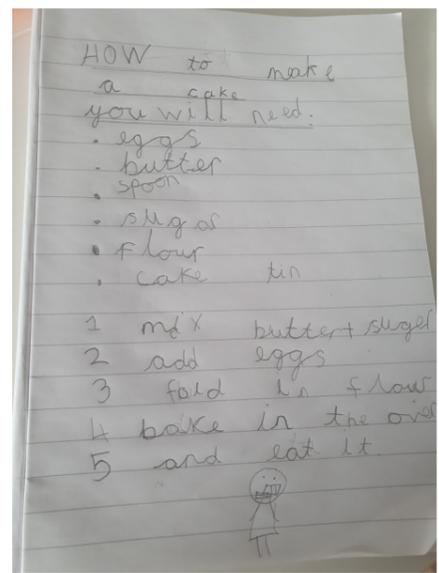
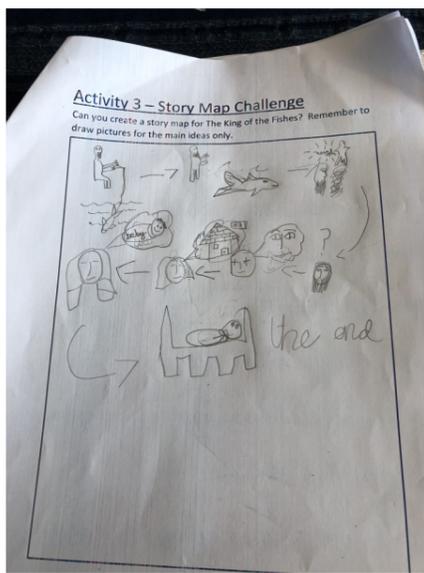


Around Tonbridge

We have been delving in to the year group pages on the Portal to find these lovely examples of the learning happening in homes across Tonbridge.

Well done to everyone who has uploaded their activities for their class teacher to see.

Remember to take a photograph or submit your work in your chosen format to the 'Your Work' folder on your class page.



Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 4 May	Term Suspended - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Tuesday 5 May	Term Suspended - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 6 May	Term Suspended - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 6 May	Deadline for acceptance or declining of places for Primary Intake 2020 - See Page 3
Thursday 7 May	Term Suspended - School Closed Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Friday 8 May	National Holiday - 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 4 May - Thursday 28 May	KS1 National Tests (Year 2)
Monday 11 May - Thursday 14 May	KS2 National Tests (Year 6)
Wednesday 20 May	Governors Meeting - Finance and Property Group
Thursday 21 May	Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf Day
Friday 22 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May	May Break - Please see updates nearer the time about school opening
Monday 1 June	First Day of Term 6 - Please see updates nearer the time about school opening
Wednesday 3 June	KS2 Orienteering
Wednesday 3 June	Tonbridge Schools Swimming Gala - Tunbridge Wells Pool
Monday 8 June - Friday 12 June	KS1 National Phonics Screen (Year 1)
Thursday 11 June	PTA Meeting
Monday 15 June - Friday 21 June	Year 6 Residential Trip. See separate messages about reimbursement of payments made to date

All events are suspended until further notice. Those in grey are cancelled.

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