



# Slade

## Primary School

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# Mrs Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I do hope that everyone is well and that you all enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend which hopefully included some VE Celebrations, lockdown style.

Children who were in school last week all enjoyed learning about the historical importance of VE Day whilst also enjoying some celebrations of our own! It was lovely to see all staff and children dressed in their red white and blue and enjoying Maypole dancing, bunting creating, mask making and morning workouts 1940's style to name but a few of the activities that were planned for them. Claire provided a VE Day celebratory lunch which we all ate street-party style out on the playground; do check out the photos on our Twitter feed if you haven't yet had chance to do so.

I do hope that you have all enjoyed receiving and reading the special messages sent to you this week from the teachers and support staff in your child's phase of the school. We do really miss each and every one of you and look forward to seeing you once again when it is safe for us all to do so. If you have not yet received your message by email then it can also be accessed on the school portal where you can also take a look at the messages from the other phases too. Many thanks to all of the staff who were involved in the creation of these; we loved seeing you all!

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to reply to our parent survey and share your worries and concerns with us about your child's return to school. This has informed our planning process to date and will continue to do so, alongside the DfE guidance, moving forward. Please can I ask that if you are planning to respond but haven't as yet that your response is submitted by 9am Monday morning at the latest; thank you.

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As I shared in my letter earlier this week the school's leadership will do all that we can to welcome the children in Reception, Years 1 and 6 back into school once it is deemed safe for us to do so. The safety of all children and staff continues to remain the primary concern in our planning process as we endeavour to meet the requirements expected of us by the government. Thank you to those of you who have been in contact with words of encouragement and support at this time; it is very much appreciated. For parents of children in Reception, Years 1 and 6 we will continue to keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision regarding your child's safe return to school. I hope to have this information with you by the middle of next week; thank you for your patience and understanding with us during this process.

Looking ahead, week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> May is the half term break during which school remains partially open to the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils although will be closed on **Monday 25 May** for the Bank Holiday. There will be no work uploaded to the portal during this week to ensure that all children and adults can enjoy a break from their home learning. Term 6 commences on Monday 1 June.

**I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.**

**Take care, stay alert and be kind x**

**Karen Slade.**

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# Around School

## Come Under The Arbor

Since September we have been working on providing all of our families with a communications programme and information system fit for everyone, based in part on feedback we have received from you over the last two years.

As a result, we have invested in a system which will allow you to receive our emails and SMS messages, pay for special lessons and school trips as well as being able to view and update your own details, book Parent's Consultation meetings, tickets for events and, in time, see your child's school report and other data.

You will also have access to a Slade App, an easy one touch button to all of this information - no more looking in different mailboxes or navigating around different sites.

We are pleased to have entered partnership with Arbor, a London based company who support 1000's of schools in the UK and further afield. They are a diverse and experienced team of ex-teachers, edtech engineers and education specialists passionate about making a difference to the education sector. Ultimately, they say, the company is designed, 'to help make our schools stress a little less, and focus on what matters most - improving the lives of parents and teachers and outcomes of students everywhere.' We have enjoyed working and developing our internal systems with Arbor over the last 6 months and we are confident that you will enjoy using the app and parent portal.

Further details on logging on and beginning to use Arbor with Slade will be coming out early in Term 6. In the meantime, please let us know if you think we may have the incorrect email or mobile telephone number for both or either parents and carers for your children, this will mean that you won't miss anything.

Join us in finding out more by following Arbor on Twitter [@Arbor Edu](https://twitter.com/ArborEdu).



## Happy Birthday!



Everyone at Slade would like to wish a very happy birthday to the children and adults of the school who celebrated their birthdays this past week, which we missed because of the Bank Holiday last week, therefore many happy returns and congratulations to:

Mrs Luffingham, Hari (Wyvern), Jake (Wyvern), Dolores (Griffin), Arabella (Pixie), Poppy (Griffin), Jing-Wen (Griffin), Maya (Phoenix), Hayden (Wyvern), Lucius (Pegasus), Anthony (Wyvern) and Liliana (Sprite).

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:

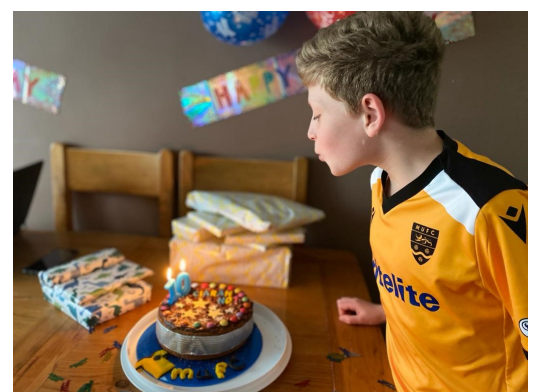
Friday: Olivia - Hydra

Monday: Rohan - Elmer

Tuesday: Hayden - Elf

Wednesday: Shiloh - Dragon, Jack - Gruffalo, Maddy - Elmer

Thursday: Maxwell - Wyvern



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## Kent Music



**Our friends at Kent Music continue to provide links for learning and practise as well as entertainment for children looking to light the spark of interest in music.**

For example; the Ableton 'Learning Music' site will take you on an interactive journey to explore some fundamental concepts of music: beats, notes and scales, chords, basslines and song structure. The 'Learning Synths' site will teach you the basics of using synthesizers (or synths).

No prior experience or equipment is required, and you'll learn how to use a synth's controls to design your own sounds.

Visit <https://www.kent-music.com/news/keep-music-education-going-at-home/> for more information on this and lots of other resources available for PC, mobile phone device or tablet.

[Follow Kent Music on Twitter](#) for up-to-date details on all of their projects running through lockdown and beyond.

## Help From Across the County

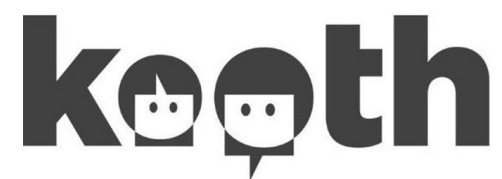
Everyone at Slade Primary School and Kent County Council are acutely aware of the effect the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown measures are having on the mental health of both children and adults.

There are a number of ways that you can access help if it is needed for any member of your family.

For people of all ages needing immediate mental health support, just text the word "Kent" or "Medway" to 85258. This is a new 24/7 text service provided by SHOUT and the Crisis Text Line as part of the Kent and Medway Release the Pressure campaign.

Other services that young people can access directly are:

**Kooth** is a mental health and wellbeing online platform for young people aged 10 to 16 across the whole of Kent. The service is free and can be accessed at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com). It's a place to get advice, information and support 24/7.



Young people can chat to a friendly qualified counsellor Monday to Friday between 12 noon and 10pm and Saturday and Sunday between 6pm and 10pm.



Accessing [www.moodspark.org.uk](http://www.moodspark.org.uk) or [www.kentresiliencehub.org.uk](http://www.kentresiliencehub.org.uk) to learn about mental health and find tips and resources to keep emotionally healthy.

Texting **ChatHealth** for support around physical and mental health on 07520 618850. The number is monitored Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Self-referring to the **Children and Young People's Counselling Service** at [www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/school-health-service-referral-form](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/school-health-service-referral-form)



Accessing the **Big White Wall** if aged 16+ for anonymous support through <https://www.bigwhitewall.com>

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## Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

We would like to reassure every child in Year 6 and their families that everyone at Slade and the staff responsible for a happy and smooth transition in to your different secondary schools haven't forgotten what an important job this is.

You may of already heard from your new school, saying that their transition events and visits to Slade have been, or maybe cancelled. This hasn't stopped each of them contacting Mr Osborne, Miss Lidlow and Mrs Barber for detailed information on each of you in order to make the journey to Year 7 as enjoyable and worry-free as possible for each individual - for whenever that journey begins.

The different secondary schools also have your wellbeing at heart and some even plan to contact you directly for a chat. Contact their admissions teams for more information if you have any questions about how they plan to proceed with the Year 7 transitions. Please be mindful that situations may change as government advice is taken on board by each individual school.

We are equally aware of the different events that you are missing this term (although this week was meant to be SATs week so you may not be so sad about that!) One of which was due to be Safety in Action, run by Project Salus. Salus have been in touch with us this week to confirm that you won't miss out on this vital and extremely fun workshop day, as they will run the event at a time within Year 7.

## Has Your Situation Changed?

We appreciate that the changing environment through the COVID crisis and before, may mean that some of our families now qualify for extra support through the Free School Meals scheme.

If you are in receipt of any of the following, you will qualify:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**For more information, and for the online application form visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>.**

**We are informed within 24 hours of acceptance by Kent County Council and we can start to assist where we are able to.**

## Vote for Slade - Win for You

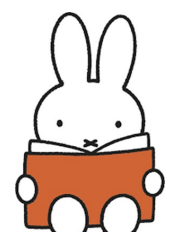
Now in its 7th year, the National Book Tokens annual £5000 / €5000 prize draw and book token design competition is open.

By visiting the National Book Tokens website and voting for Slade, we could be the winners of this amazing prize to put in to new books for the school library. Add your vote, and you go in to a prize draw where you can win £100 / €120 of book tokens for yourself and your family.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



**WIN £5,000**  
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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
Monday 4 May	Live Well Kent <a href="#">@kent_cc</a>	
Tuesday 5 May	Baby Yodas	
Wednesday 6 May	Remote Learning Safety Document for Families	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 6 May	Slade School Choir <b>+video</b>	
Thursday 7 May	Maypole Dancing	
Thursday 7 May	Happy Weekend	
Thursday 7 May	Planning for Re-opening. School Survey	All School ParentMail
Monday 11 May	Year 1 Zoom Login	Year 1 ParentMail
Monday 11 May	Online Child Safety	
Monday 11 May	Plant People	
Tuesday 12 May	Little Princess Story by Tony Ross <b>+video</b>	
Tuesday 12 May	An Update from Mrs Slade	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 12 May	A Special Message	EYFS and Year 1 ParentMail
Tuesday 12 May	A Special Message	Year 2 and Year 3 ParentMail
Tuesday 12 May	Advice for Parents <a href="#">@kent_cc</a>	All School ParentMail
Thursday 14 May	A Special Message	Year 4,5 and 6 ParentMail
Thursday 14 May	Year 3 Zoom Login	Year 3 ParentMail
Thursday 14 May	National Book Tokens Competition	
Thursday 14 May	Key and Critical Workers in May Break	Critical Worker Registered ParentMail
		

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# Story THE "PET"







# The Fun Spot

## TERRIFIC TRANSPORT



### The jokes of the week

Q- what do you do with a broken-down bike?

A- Re**cycle** it

What happens when you take a train home?

A- you give it back

Why was the car tired?

A- it broke it's exhaust pipe

Why do cars not like to play football?

A- they only have one boot

What pattern is a train-spotter's favourite?

A- spots

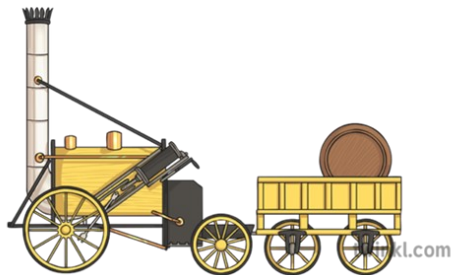
Why do bikes hate travelling long distances?

A- they get two **tyred**

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C	V	S	E	I	K	R	A	N	T	N	R	A	O
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BICYCLE  
PLANE  
SHIP  
CAR  
BUS  
SCOOTER  
HELICOPTER  
TAXI  
FERRY  
VAN  
BOAT  
LORRY  
TRAIN

Here are some famous railway engines can you match the names to the picture?



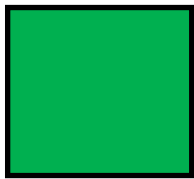
FLYING SCOTSMAN

STEPHENSONS ROCKET

THE MALLARD

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# Coming up...

## NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 18 May	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Tuesday 19 May	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 20 May	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Thursday 21 May	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Friday 22 May	<b>Term Suspended - School Closed</b> Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Friday 22 May	<b>Last Day of Term 5</b>

## 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 25 May	National Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 26 May - Friday 29 May	<b>May Break - School Closed apart from registered key and critical workers</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
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	<b>PTA Meeting</b>
Monday 15 June - Friday 19 June	Year 6 Residential Trip. See separate messages about reimbursement of payments made to date
Tuesday 23 June	School Sports Day

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

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