



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break and made the most of your time away from the home learning portal.

Monday saw the start of Term 6 and the beginning of a phased return to school for many of our children! We were greeted at the Reception gate by happy, smiley Elmer and Gruffalo children who could not wait to get back into their classrooms and settle back into the familiarity of school. All Reception children across the week have thoroughly enjoyed the activities on offer, particularly exploring the school grounds on their hunt for snails! Then Thursday saw us open the doors to children in Pixie and Elf classes, who also came through the gates with big smiles on their faces, eager to see their friends and get back into class. Well done to each and every child in Reception and Year 1 for returning with such enthusiasm and for adapting so quickly to the very many changes in routine; you are all now our expert hand-washers and air huggers! Next week we very much look forward to welcoming our Year 6 pupils back to school on Monday (do check out the welcome-back film clip that your teachers have posted for you on your Year 6 portal!)

I would just like to make special mention of all our key worker children, otherwise known as the 'Peeps', who have been coming to school throughout lockdown, with many in attendance during the Easter and May holidays too. They remain as keen and as enthusiastic as they did on Day 1 and this week have adapted seamlessly to the changes that have been brought about by the return of other pupils. Thank you Peeps; we are all very proud of each and every one of you.

A reminder that teachers will continue to provide work for all pupils not in school through the online portal as is current practice. This includes the setting of work for children in Years R, 1 and 6 who will not be returning to school and for those children in these groups on the days that they are not in class. If you have any queries regarding your child's learning then please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address.

The DfE has updated their guidance on arrangements for reporting to parents to reflect the current Covid-19 impact on schools. Therefore, there will be an update in next week's newsletter regarding end of year reports and parent consultation meetings in light of this new guidance. Also, following the wider opening of schools, the DfE has updated all safeguarding guidance for schools; we have implemented the required changes which can be found in our safeguarding policy addendum located on the school website.

Finally, I would once again like to say a huge thank you to my staff for enabling us to be in a position to welcome children back into school this week; what a great team! Thank you too to those parents and carers who have positively supported the children back in through the school gate during the week and have also adapted so quickly to the changes that have been introduced at drop off and pick up times. It is all very much appreciated.

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

Nourish News

Successfully negotiating the school through this period of suspension and partial closure has been a real team effort and an important member of that effort is our superstar cook from Nourish Contract Catering, Clare Derrick. Clare has been with us throughout and continues to provide a hot meal for all of the children who are in school at various times through the week, either by being in a Year R, 1 or 6 group or as part of the Key and Critical Workers bubble. Our massive thanks to Clare for her continued work for the children and adults at Slade.



Nourish are providing a scaled down version of their normal menu, running on a two week rota. Next week is Week 2 of the rota; in addition to **Jacket Potatoes with a choice of toppings** which are available every day, Clare has the following on offer:

Monday: **Macaroni Cheese, Carrots, Garlic Bread**, Chocolate Mousse, Mr Nourish Biscuit or Fruit Pot

Tuesday: **Mild Mexican Mince or Tomato Penne, Peas, Rice**, Ice Cream, Mr Nourish Biscuit or Fruit Pot

Wednesday: **Roast Chicken or Cheesy Bean Puff, Green Beans, Roast Potatoes**, Fruit Jelly, Biscuit or Fruit Pot

Thursday: **Chicken Sticks, Baked Beans, Baked Wedges**, Watermelon, Orange and Apple Pots

Friday: **Margareta Pizza, Sweetcorn, Chips**, Flapjack or Fruit Pots

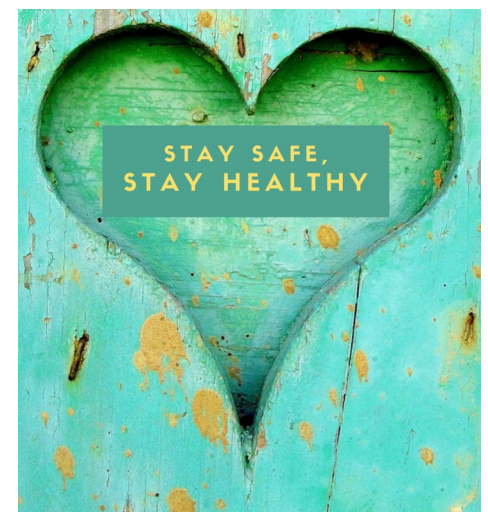
The two week rota and list of allergens will be sent to children in Year R, 1, 6 and the Critical Worker bubble next week.

For Our Titans

The NHS National Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service have produced a booklet with lots of resources for dealing with Covid-19.

The Kent Deaf Children's Society, based at the TV Studios in Maidstone have shared the booklet for all of our families, especially those in Titan Class.

It covers many different aspects such as mental wellbeing, language and communication, stories in BSL and many online resources. You can access the booklet here: [Information Booklet for Deaf Children and their Families](#).



Kent Test Registrations

Parents and carers of children who are in Year 5 who are wishing to take the Kent Test (often known as the 11+) in preparation for making their secondary school choices will want to know that the registration window is now open.

The Kent Test is administered by Kent County Council with the aim being to determine if a pupil is deemed by the council as being a suitable candidate for secondary education at a Grammar School in the county.

You do not have to take the Kent Test if you are not interested in pursuing the possibility of admission to a Grammar School for the start of KS3 in September 2021.

If you would like to register your child for the Kent Test, normally held in the first week of Term 1 in Year 6, please visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>. You should keep an eye on that page for updates on when and where the test will be administered as this is being discussed presently due to the continued COVID-19 suspension of normal schooling for your children.

Registrations for the 2020 Kent Test must be made by the closing date of Midnight, Wednesday 1 July.

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Happy Birthday!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish a very happy birthday to the children at the school who have celebrated their birthday this week:

Archie (Elf), Akshara (Sprite), Anabelle (Pixie) and Charlie (Elmer).

Congratulations also to the children and adults at Slade who are celebrating their birthday in the coming week, Happy Birthday to:

Saturday: Millie - Wyvern

Sunday: Rhea - Sprite

Monday: Chloe - Wyvern, Madie - Hydra, Mrs McFerran

Tuesday: Daniel - Elf, Mr Watts, Mrs Dolley

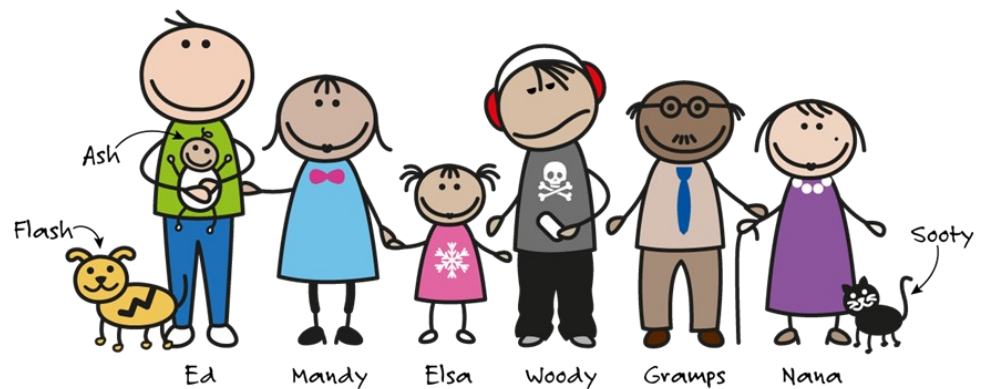
Thursday: Miss Havering



Meet The Byrnes Family and More

It is at this time of year when we would normally be welcoming in officers from Kent Fire and Rescue Service, who would come and talk to the children about ways to stay safe at home and when they are out and about, as well as advice on what to do if they did see a fire or rescue emergency.

Obviously, this year these visits are not able to take place, but Kim Williams, part of the Education Team, has written to us to introduce you to the Byrnes Family, who feature in a series of cartoon videos and other fun activities designed to help children understand the dangers of fire and how to prevent a drama inside and out of the family home.



Watch and discuss with your child at <https://www.thebyrnes.co.uk/>.

Follow the work of Kent Fire and Rescue Service [@kentfirerescue](https://twitter.com/kentfirerescue)



Me Time!

We've never had a better excuse or reason to demand more 'Me Time' - time where we just switch off, forget and relax!

The Slade Primary School Portal is the place to visit for such a time.

Boxed next to the class and yeargroup pages on the portal is our Mindful Site, which is packed with ideas on how to treat yourself with some valuable downtime.

Each Monday, different ideas are loaded, including Mindfulness colouring, such as this owl - there are loads more animals, bubbles, shapes for you to choose from. Additionally, we have relaxation techniques, including Mindful Eating (especially useful if you like raisins!)

Take a wander through the pages today and find away to enjoy some quiet, Me Time!

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The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 will launch later today and you can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. Follow the link we tweeted out earlier to join in the launch party from 16:00.

The 2020 version of the challenge allows you to create a free profile to keep track of your books, reviews, and all of the special rewards you unlock along the way. You'll also find heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home.

This year's Challenge runs from June to September, due to the continued partial closure of schools, so there is plenty of time to take part and get silly this summer!

To take part in the annual challenge run by The Reading Agency, just follow this link <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Let us know how you're doing via email and / or through Twitter as you progress through the challenge this summer.

Follow The Reading Agency [@readingagency](https://twitter.com/readingagency).

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Let Your Imagination Take You There...

Mind Travels is a new regular competition to encourage children to use their creativity and imaginations to help them forget the confines of home for a little while and keep exercising their creative thinking muscles.

Pie Corbett (right), the inspiration behind Talk 4 Writing is one of the judges as every child has the chance to go absolutely anywhere their imagination takes them in 500 words.



Where would it be and why? Let your imaginations run riot. The writing competition is open to all children and is held every 2 weeks; the next deadline is 12 June, but don't worry if that doesn't give you enough time to perfect your story, the next two competitions will be judged on 26 June and 10 July.

The winner every 2 weeks will receive a certificate, £25 book token e voucher and entry published on the Capita website.

The first winner of the competition was Rosalie in Year 2 from Surrey; her full story is on the website now, but as a taster, this is her opening paragraph:

The rain pattered lightly against my window as I read my favourite book, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. As I turned the pages, I wondered if it would ever be possible to enter the enchanted land of Narnia myself...

We know how much the children at Slade have enjoyed following the Talk 4 Writing scheme - can your child produce a story to better Rosalie's?

All you need to do is submit your entry via email to Caroline Mawson, our school librarian at office@slade.kent.sch.uk and she will do the rest.

For full details and to read the winning entries, visit <https://www.capita-readingcloud.co.uk/node/1265> today!

Coming Up: You could win, just for reviewing your favourite book - details in next week's newsletter.

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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

39.8%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

95.8%

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
Monday 25 May	@MaidstoneMuseum Spike's Activities	 
Tuesday 26 May	Letter from Mrs Slade	Key and Critical Worker Parents ParentMail
Tuesday 26 May	Returning to School Questionnaire Reminder	Year R, 1 and 6 ParentMail
Tuesday 26 May	Extra Days in Term 6	Key and Critical Worker Parents ParentMail
Wednesday 27 May	Free School Meal Vouchers	Selected Children ParentMail
Thursday 28 May	Tabitha's Half Term Fun +video	
Friday 29 May	Letter from Mrs Slade - School Opening Detail	Year R ParentMail
Friday 29 May	Letter from Mrs Slade - School Opening Detail	Key and Critical Worker Parents ParentMail
Monday 1 June	FSM Vouchers	Selected Children ParentMail
Monday 1 June	Year 6 Leavers	Year 6 ParentMail
Tuesday 2 June	@signs4Schools 2m Social Distancing	
Tuesday 2 June	Matisse in EYFS!	
Tuesday 2 June	@MaidstoneMuseum Tuesday Takeover	
Tuesday 2 June	Letter from Mrs Slade - School Opening Detail	Year 1 ParentMail
Wednesday 3 June	End of Day Pick-Up Arrangements	Key and Critical Worker Parents ParentMail
Thursday 4 June	Knole Academy Virtual Open Events September	Year 5 ParentMail
Thursday 4 June	Year 1 Back in School	
Thursday 4 June	Letter from Mrs Slade - School Opening Detail	Year 6 ParentMail
Friday 5 June	@readingagency Summer Reading Challenge 2020	
Friday 5 June	Kent Test Registrations	Year 5 ParentMail
Friday 5 June	Collecting Bikes and Scooters	All School ParentMail

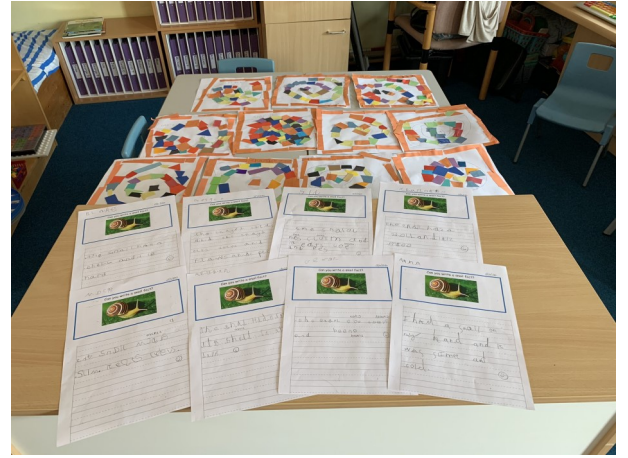
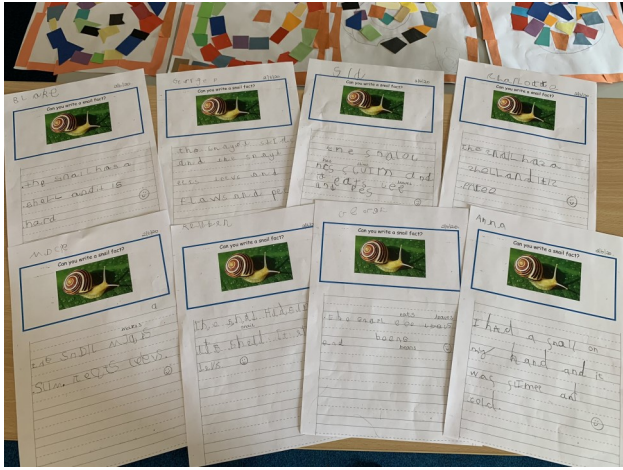
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Slade learners in School

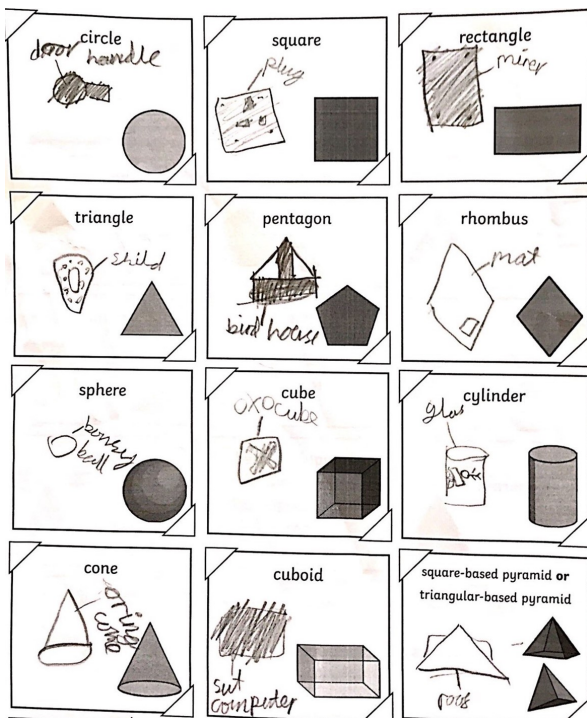


This week we have welcomed back small groups of children in Year R and Year 1 to, remotely, join those children who have been in our Key and Critical Worker Bubble throughout lockdown.

We hope that the children who have been back to school for the first time in 10 weeks have enjoyed themselves - the staff at school have very much enjoyed having you back with us!

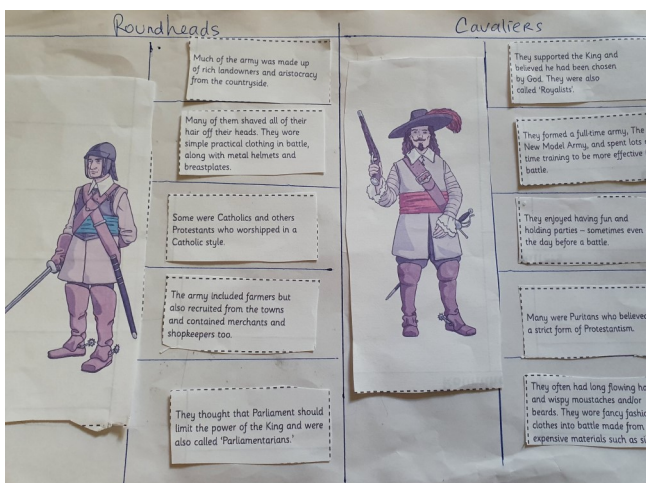


And at Home!



Our delve in to the Home Learning section of the portal this week has thrown up these great examples of the fantastic learning happening in lockdown.

Charlotte (Year 2) has been reading in different places as she completes Mrs Pearson's reading bingo card from a few weeks ago, Amelia (Year 3) has produced the beautiful seascape, Chloe (Year 2) has been learning all about Tudor houses, Toby (Year 2) has been looking all around the home for different 3D shapes and Zahra in Year 4 has found out all about the Roundheads and the Cavaliers from the English Civil War in History.



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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 8 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Tuesday 9 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Wednesday 10 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Thursday 11 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Friday 12 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils

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

From Monday 1 June until further notice	School Open only for these groups: Years R, 1, 6 on specified days only - please refer to letters from Mrs Slade and subsequent information from class teachers. Conditional on parental consent and ongoing government advice.
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)
Wednesday 10 June	EYFS 2020 2nd Round Offers Day Slade takes over our waiting list for 2020/21 Year R children. For more information email admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
Thursday 11 June	PTA Meeting
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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