



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable week.

We've enjoyed having up to 97 children in school this week as we welcomed back more children into Reception, Years 1 and 6 and additional children into our critical worker bubble too. It's been lovely to see more of you in school; we hope that you've all enjoyed being back as much as we've all enjoyed seeing you all!

As you are aware, school opened more widely on 1 June 2020 to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in line with all government directives and guidance. You may also be aware that the original government plan for all children in other year groups to return to school before the end of the academic year has now changed. The latest DfE guidance states:

"There is no expectation on primary schools to welcome back additional children where they do not have capacity to do so. Where schools have capacity, they may choose to welcome back additional pupils. It is up to schools to decide which pupils to prioritise, based on their knowledge of their children and communities."

Therefore, I have written to parents of children in Years 2 and 5 today outlining the plan for a safe return to school for children in those year groups. This will be for one day a week for the remainder of the term. The leadership team are currently in the process of assessing our capacity to also welcome back children in Years 3 and 4 before the end of term and I will be writing to parents of children in these year groups next week with further information.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting guidance from the government regarding the wider opening of schools and the impact that this will have for the start of the new academic year. The leadership team are planning ahead for various scenarios in anticipation of what the guidance might suggest; we will of course share our plans with you once we are in a position to do so. However, regardless of what the return to school may look like in September it remains of paramount importance that all children are as prepared as possible for this transition into their new class. Therefore I have written to all parents today to inform you of the class and staffing arrangements for the next academic year. Thank you in anticipation for sharing this information with your children.

Yesterday I wrote to all parents to inform them of the arrangements that we have put in place for end of year parent consultation meetings with your child's current class teacher. A reminder please that appointments can be made by directly contacting your child's class teacher from the start of next week. Thank you.

Apologies that we were unable to widen our invite this week to our virtual celebration assembly as hoped due to some technical difficulties; fingers crossed for next week! Once again do check out a recording of today's assembly on the school portal. For those that haven't already seen it then please do also take a look at yesterday's assembly led by the Duchess of Cambridge during which she spoke about the importance of mental wellbeing among children. The theme of the Duchess' assembly is 'spread a little kindness' and can be found at: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/>

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

Key and Critical Workers and parents of children in Year R, 1 and 6 will all have received a copy of the current special Lockdown Menu.

Clare would like to thank all of the families who have chosen a Nourish school dinner this week and would like to remind everyone that she will be providing Week 2 of the menu next week.



Rashford Scores for Children

Everywhere

You won't have failed to notice that Free School Meals have been in the headlines for most of the week.

Thanks to the efforts of footballer Marcus Rashford (pictured) the benefits for families who qualify for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding in school will continue over the summer holidays. The football star, who in lockdown has also helped raise £20 million with food poverty charity Fare Share to enable meals to be delivered to vulnerable people, and in direct relation to our work at Slade, just before lockdown in March, was busy learning Sign Language to be able to judge a poetry competition run by the BBC for World Book Day; see the video here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/av/football/51747432>.



We will continue to issue the supermarket vouchers via email to the recipients who have been confirmed to date. It is not too late to apply if you believe you may be entitled through your receipt of selected state benefits. Remember that Free School Meals entitlement is not the same as the universal school meals provided to KS1 and EYFS children automatically. You should still apply if appropriate, even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2. This benefit is particularly relevant now as many people's personal financial situations may have been adversely affected by the lockdown.

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

If your child is not currently eligible for free school meals or you are waiting for a benefit application to be approved and need food and supplies urgently, please contact [Kent Together](#), the advice and assistance programme from Kent County Council, established as a result of the hardship brought about by COVID-19.



Meetings Moved

COVID-19 continues to present new challenges and force a new way of working. We would like to thank all of our families, present and future, for your continued understanding and support as we move meetings and events away from their normal platforms here at school. You will also be aware by now that our annual Open Evening has been cancelled.

Our EYFS 2020 Intake Parent Information Meetings and the children's settling in sessions have both been moved online - parents will be emailed personally on Wednesday of next week with details on how to view these events and for an exciting new portal page just for you and your children!

The end of school year parent-teacher consultations have been moved to telephone meetings. The meetings will take place on the week of 6 July. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with the class teacher, please request this via email to your class email address.



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Around School

Support the PTA: Share your Favourite Food

It is normally at this time of year when the Slade PTA are holding their annual Summer Fête having already taken hundreds of donations from families eager to help.

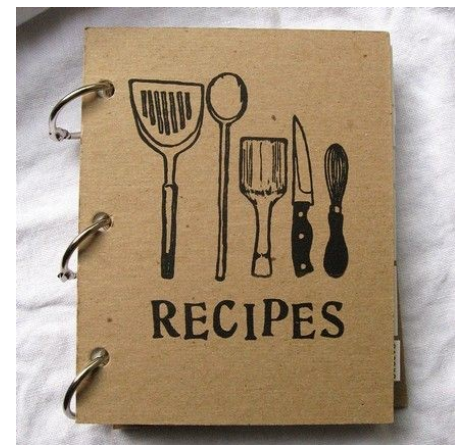
This year, of course it is all different. Apart from the fact that the PTA are still working hard to raise funds for the future of Slade. All money raised by PTA events such as the Christmas market and sale, film evenings, Easter Egg Hunts to name only a few, go straight into resources for all of the children at the school. For now and those waiting to join us.

The fundraising efforts always start with a donation. This year all we ask is the donation of a favourite recipe!

The PTA are putting together a Slade families recipe book that will be full of personal favourites for everyone to try. Do you have a family favourite dish that has been handed down the generations, or a meal that you cook at special occasions that mean something personally or culturally to you that you would like others to enjoy. Equally, have you tried something brand new in lockdown that has turned out particularly well with the added time we've had to try out something different?

If you do, now's the chance to see your favourite food in print and as a memorable keepsake for you and the children - a reminder of the year 2020 at Slade, made by the families of Slade.

Submit your recipes to Kerry Taylor-Smith, PTA Chair via the PTA facebook page or via the school email office@slade.kent.sch.uk.



Arbor Alert!

You will remember that we shared our delight at entering an agreement with Arbor, who have been supporting us with our Management Information and register systems this year and that we are very nearly ready to launch the next stage of our relationship - our parent portal for your desk or lap top computer and the Slade Arbor App direct to your mobile device.



Look out for your login details coming in July to enter the all in one world of Slade with Arbor.

If your family presently has one email address linked to school for both parents (using a family rather than a personal email address), but each parent would like independent access to the app or portal, please let us know over the next week of any changes to the contact details you would like us to hold. Equally, we have a very small number of parents who do not have an email address logged with the school. Please let us know if there are any details you would like us to add.

Please be Considerate

We are very appreciative of the efforts of all parents, carers and friends of Slade for the way everyone has managed to adapt to the present day normal of maintaining the 2 metre social distancing from each other, particularly when waiting for the children in the afternoon.

Please be aware of all social considerations though, including waiting with dogs or in particular when smoking. Whilst the school site is obviously smoke free, we would ask very kindly if you could refrain from smoking when waiting for the children outside the gates and instead use the public parks or when smoking to leave an area where others are waiting. Thankyou for your understanding and cooperation.

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Around School

Happy Birthday!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish a very happy birthday to the children and adults at the school who are celebrating their birthday in the coming week.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:

Today: Jean - Pegasus

Saturday: Juliet - Elmer, Anya - Dragon, Luca - Sphinx, Max - Hippogriff

Tuesday: Leila - Sphinx, Pippa - Phoenix, Harrison - Elf, Mrs Hill (Elf Class Teacher, pictured)

Wednesday: Benjamin - Sphinx, Miss Taylor (Teaching Assistant in Year 4), Mr Clark (Teaching Assistant in Year 2)

Thursday: Alric - Phoenix



Charlotte's Full House

A few weeks ago, Mrs Pearson set us all a challenge to read a book, magazine, comic, or indeed anything all over our house or apartment, inside and out. It was the ultimate lockdown reading challenge. A challenge met and beaten by Charlotte in Year 2 who has managed to complete her bingo card of surprising places to be found reading whilst at home.

Many congratulations to Charlotte, we are sure to have a prize for you when we return to school. In the meantime, we are delighted to share these words from Charlotte with you, hopefully as an inspiration to do some imaginative reading at home.

Thankyou to mum for being this week's interviewer:

Question: What is your favourite book?

Charlotte: It's Gangsta Granny because the boy and the granny tried to steal the Crown Jewels but when they failed the queen excused them and let them go back home. This made me feel good. I like all the David Williams books. He's definitely my favourite author.

Question: What is the oddest place you have read?

Charlotte: I read on the stairs and in the cupboard under the stairs.

Question: Where is your favourite place to read?

Charlotte: In my bed! It is really cosy and snuggly and I get some peace and quiet from my noisy brother and sister.

Question: Do you enjoy reading?

Charlotte: Yes I enjoy it very much. It's my favourite thing alongside singing.

Question: How do you feel when you read?

Charlotte: I feel like I'm there with the characters that I am reading about. When I finish a book, I then spend the day daydreaming about it and reliving it in my imagination.



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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

41.0%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

92.7%

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
Tuesday 16 June	Sphinx Class Poster - A Must See for all in Miss Lipman's Class from @louise42335641	 
Tuesday 16 June	Change to Menu	Key and Critical Worker Bubble ParentMail
Tuesday 16 June	Message in a Bubble	
Tuesday 16 June	Maidstone Museum Tuesday Takeover	
Wednesday 17 June	Bike and Scooter Collection	All School ParentMail
Thursday 18 June	How Do You Plan To Get To School - 2021 Travel Survey	All School ParentMail +SurveyLink
Thursday 18 June	Viewing Celebration Assembly	Year r,1,2,3,4,5 ParentMail
Thursday 18 June	Celebration Assembly, Live. Invite	Year 6 ParentMail
Thursday 18 June	Parent - Teacher Consultations	All School ParentMail
Thursday 18 June	By Royal Appointment, Assembly with the Duchess	
Friday 19 June	Bike and Scooter Collections - A Reminder	All School ParentMail
Friday 19 June	Reintegration of Pupils in Term 6	Year 2 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Friday 19 June	Reintegration of Year 5 Pupils in Term 6	Year 5 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Friday 19 June	Class Organisation and Structure 2020/21	Year R,1,2,3,4,5 ParentMail
Friday 19 June	Celebration Assembly Live - Now uploaded for playback on the Slade Portal	Portal Playback +video

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Story

SAFFARI SLIPPER



* Dr Antydote's cousin

Lockdown Learning

500 Words with Maya and Rusty

Regular readers will know we have invited all of our children to take part in the creative writing and book review competitions being run by Capita Reading Cloud. For details, follow these links: [500 Word Creative Story](#) and [Book Review](#).

We are delighted to share the entry from Maya in Phoenix Class, My Day as a Dog. Just like Maya, all you need to do to is send your story or review to office@slade.kent.sch.uk and our school librarian Caroline Mawson will do the rest.



My Day as a Dog

One afternoon in lockdown, I was playing tug of war with my dog Rusty, and I thought to myself, I wonder what it would be like to be my dog.

The next day, when I woke up, I realized that I wasn't in my usual bed. Hang on, I'm in a cage. Hang on, I'm on the floor. Hang on, my arms are red and furry. Oooh, WOW, I am the dog. What happened? What shall I do? I know, I am going to enjoy being Rusty!

So you know what, I'm going to bark until seven in the morning. BARK BARK BARK BARK. I'm getting bored of this. Oooooooooooooo, look there's a zip on the cage cover, maybe if I chew it, I will get out. YUMMY! Metal! Quiet, Master is coming downstairs. Wag wag. I need a poop. And I'm going to go outside. BOUND BOUND. Plop. This is weird! I have never pooped outside before...

Oh my goodness, look, it's my favourite toy. I will just finish my poop inside instead. 'Ohh RUSTY!!' Master thinks I am Rusty! Am I Rusty? Can't think about that now. I think it's my breakfast time. Wag, wag. How does my tail move on its own? I was right! Breakfast is coming! BARK BARK. CHEW CHEW.

A few hours later... I'm hungry again. Ooo, those leaves look tasty. I might as well bring in the whole plant. Why is the Master shouting at me? I am helping... And so it carries on, poop eat pee, poop eat wee. 'Rusty, play time!' If I am not Maya, maybe she is Rusty! Maya is so good at tug of war. She must be Rusty. PULL PULL.

Sniff sniff, what's that smell? I can smell so many different things. Bang! What's that noise? POST POST POST! 'Rusty, get the post!' It's hard to pick up. Got it, got it! Treat treat. These things actually taste quite nice! Maybe if I sit and stare I will get another one. Ohh sad, didn't work. Ooo, I need a rest now. SNORE SNORE.

What's that noise? HUH a cat. PERCY! Why is he growling? Oh I forgot. Doh, I am a dog. Hello, do you like me, do you have any food. Can I be your friend? No need to growl. I'll go away then.

'Rusty, it's walkie time!' Cool, oooo I'm going to pull on the lead. TUG, TUG. We are there! Raaa Raaa Raaa. Nobody can blame me for using my jaws. WATER! MUD! Paddle, paddle. 'RUSTY!' Oh dear. 'WE ARE GOING HOME'. I don't like getting shouted at.... NOOOO. Don't make me! I hate getting rinsed off with the hose. A few hours later... 'Rusty, bedtime! In the crate'.

Wow, what a day. So busy. All that food, disgusting pooping, and thinking about snacks. I wonder what will happen tomorrow. Will I wake up as Rusty, or as Maya? Mmmm, whatever, I hope that I will get some SNACKS!

Thankyou and well done Maya (and Rusty!)

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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 22 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Tuesday 23 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Wednesday 24 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Wednesday 24 June	EYFS Intake 2020 Parents Information Meeting. This meeting will no longer be held in school, please see email sent on Friday 12 June and await further information on how to view this event.
Thursday 25 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Friday 26 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. Also, children of Key and Critical Workers as defined in Government guidance. Attendance and days attending are agreed with school in advance.
Monday 29 June	Year 3 Dodgeball
Tuesday 30 June	EYFS2020 Children's Settling In Session This event will no longer be held in school, please see email sent on Friday 12 June and await further information on how to view this event.
Wednesday 1 July	EYFS2020 Children's Settling In Session This event will no longer be held in school, please see email sent on Friday 12 June and await further information on how to view this event.
Friday 3 July	Hillview School for Girls Primary Arts Festival

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

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