



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all remain safe and well and have managed to keep cool these last few days.

Children in school this week have been making the most of our fabulous school grounds as they themselves sought to keep cool during the week too. They have enjoyed taking their learning outside whether that be looking at the science of the plants, den building in the woods or simply reading a story in the shade of the trees. Meanwhile, Reception children have enjoyed harvesting the potatoes that were planted back in March then cooking and feasting on them together in class! Do check out the photographs of the potato journey on our Twitter feed!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our celebration assemblies this afternoon; well done to each and every one of the children who got recognised for their achievements this week, whether that be for their work here in school or at home on the portal. Certificates and stickers will be with you shortly!

Following on from my update last week regarding the plan for pupils in Years 2 and 5 to return to school I wrote to parents of children in Years 3 and 4 yesterday outlining the plan for a safe return to school for children in those year groups too. This will be for two consecutive days at the end of term. Thank you to those parents who have already responded to our survey indicating whether or not you wish your child to return; your early response is much appreciated. A reminder that the deadline for responding is Tuesday 30 June.

I am delighted that all children now have an option to return to school before the end of term and have been given an opportunity to have closure on what has been a most extraordinary school year, whilst also having chance to begin to prepare for the year ahead. In order to provide this opportunity for all pupils to return, school will now be closing for the start of the summer break on **Friday 17 July** to children in Years R, 1, 2, 5, and 6 in addition to those children of critical workers too. In doing so we are then able to welcome back children in Years 3 and 4 on **Tuesday 21** and **Wednesday 22 July**. Thank you in anticipation for your understanding with this decision and the reasoning that underpins it.

Therefore, school will be closing to all pupils for the summer holidays at the end of the day on **Wednesday 22 July**. We recognise the need for everyone in our school community to have a break during this time and therefore will be closed to all pupils for most, if not all, of the holiday period. I will be writing to you next week to confirm these details and dates whilst also signposting you to local holiday clubs and child care activities planned for the summer holidays.

At the time of writing we are once again awaiting further 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. As I shared last week, the leadership team have planned 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.

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

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 1 of the special Lockdown menu next week.

Looking forward, Nourish have messages for parents and carers of the children leaving KS1 and KS2 in July:



Year 6 Children

If you currently have a debt on your Nourish ParentPay account, please make sure this is paid in full before Friday 3 July to prevent a debt procedure being carried out.

If you have credit on your account and don't plan to use the school meal service again before the end of Term 6 you have two options:

1. Use the credit to pay for a siblings meals once school reopens
2. Request a refund.

Email Nourish teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk with your chosen option so that they can act on your request as quickly as possible. Thankyou for your custom whilst your child has been learning at Slade.

Year 2 Children

Nourish will shortly be in touch with you to invite you to set up a ParentPay account with them in order to pay for your child's school dinners in Year 3. ParentPay is the payment partner of Nourish and is not contracted by the school. KS2 children are not included in the Governments Universal Free School Meals scheme which have paid for school dinners to date. The current cost of a meal per day is £2.20 which includes the full range of choice that the children have got used to. When you receive your joining letter, please login and keep the account topped-up in advance. You do not have to choose dinners, the children will continue to do this at the kitchen counter.



Welcome to Slade

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week we were to meet all of the parents of our new intake, due to start school in EYFS in September.

Like all of the other events in the calendar, these meetings had a different feel to them this year. Instead of holding the meetings face-to-face in school, the meeting and presentation was recorded and uploaded to a dedicated new starters page on the school portal.

At the same time, the children found out whether they will be a Gruffalo or an Elmer next year, they are now looking forward to their online tour of the classroom and storytime with the teacher, to be uploaded in place of the normal settling in sessions.

We are sure that you will join us in welcoming all 60 children of our new intake as well as their families, who we look forward to sharing seven years of memories and learning with.

Thankyou to the parents who have sent us their lovely feedback and associated questions. We have been in contact personally to answer these, but appreciate that there are still unanswered questions, as soon as we receive the Government guidance on safe opening for a whole school setting, we will confirm all of the details you need.



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Around School

Platinum Award for Being Green

We are delighted to have been awarded the Platinum Level award from the Kent Messenger Group for our commitment to green travel - this is an award in the school's name and dedicated to all of our families for their overwhelming desire to cut down car use, irresponsible parking and for your child's participation in the weekly Walk on Wednesday scheme. Kay Devine from the KM wrote to us this week:



I have great pleasure in forwarding your 2020 Green Travel Mark - Platinum Level for Slade Primary School. This has been earned by your school during the 2019/2020 academic year due to the wonderful efforts your pupils, parents and staff have made to show the commitment to the environment and healthy living.

On behalf of both the KM Charity Team/Inspire Schools and the Council, I would like to thank you for helping to reduce school-run journeys, pollution and road congestion and for encouraging healthy lifestyles for your children.

We thank you for your strong commitment to green travel and look forward to your participation in the Walk to School initiative for 2020/21.

Do join in with Walk on Wednesday when it returns for the 2020/21 school year. The class with the most walkers wins a prize in celebration assembly every Friday and is celebrated on our celebration assembly live feature on Twitter. We can't wait to be back!



You will start to see our 2020 award on our headed paper in July when our letters are generated through our new communications partner Arbor

And the rest of the Travel News...

Travel Survey

You have until Tuesday to complete our Travel Survey in preparation for the new year. This is an annual survey that takes place in school at this time of year which helps both Slade and Kent County Council highways with strategic planning.



It has added importance this year due to the expected rise in use of cycles and scooters coming in to school and because our number of pupils will rise to our new capacity of 420 children across the seven yeargroups. If you haven't yet taken part, please visit https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtz0m47TuDL8aBohlUOtojvWxIj8LwmD_bv7FUREM0SU4wQUYxTUxMMzVOWjhWSFRLQUJXUC4u to take part.

Thankyou very much to everone who has taken the survey so far.

Parking Permits

The parking permits for use in the Swimming Pool Car Park at drop off and collection times, provided by Tonbridge and Malling Council are going online. We will update you next week on when, where and how to apply for this very generous and helpful scheme which helps parents, children and our local community.



There were record numbers of families using the scheme last year, lets make parking on the Slade's streets a thing of the past and protect the immediate environment and the safety of all visitors to the school and members of the local community , which include visitors to the town using the facilities at the pool and castle (when they are open again) and the park and woods and lakes.



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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:

Saturday: Matthew - Sphinx

Tuesday: Imogen - Hippogriff, Alfie - Hydra

Wednesday: Miss Elliott (Class Teacher, pictured)

Thursday: Tangning - Hydra, George - Gruffalo, Blake - Hydra



At Home with The British Library

The British Library have stacks of things for children and adults to be looking at, having fun with and learning alongside especially provided by their team for home time during COVID-19 lockdown and during the time of normal school hours suspension.

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Just some of the ideas you can link directly to are:

The Book of Me: What if you were the main character in a story? What would the world of your story look like? What would happen? Created by Joanna Brown, the site takes you through planning a story using props, thinking about you and your world and all the characters and stories you can bring together; with you in the main part!

Star in Your Own Fairy Tale: Meera Chaudra helps you transform into a wizard, a warrior, a princess or a magician - what ever you want to be, wherever will you go?

Embark on an adventure with Little Red Riding Hood, the cheeky Wolf and your own wild imagination with the **Once Upon an Adventure activity pack**, illustrated brilliantly by Viviane Schwarz.



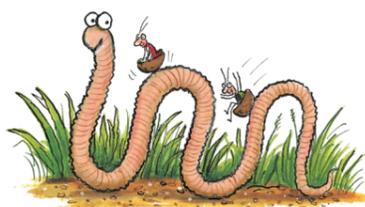
The website is also full of super interviews with authors and illustrators from children's books for all ages.

Among the favourites are a chat with Axel Scheffler, illustrator of The Gruffalo amongst countless others. You will definitely recognise Axel's drawings as he talks about how the character, Gruffalo, developed in his own mind and gives his top tips for budding illustrators. You also get to see Axel as he paints his most famous characters.

A must watch for any lover of children's literature, including Daniel, our resident artist, who has produced the weekly Slipper cartoon each week for us this year. Who knows, maybe he - or you - could be famous for your pictures in the future!

Other interviews recorded by the British Library include with Viviane Schwartz who has worked with the library on the activity pack above.

Check out the interviews online here



Can you name the small number of Axel's characters above and on today's front cover?

Check out next week's newsletter for more British Library interviews. Follow [@britishlibrary](https://twitter.com/britishlibrary)

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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

41.3%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

91.8%

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 22 June	Taking a Walk from @louise42335641	 
Monday 22 June	Family Learning Timetable	All School ParentMail
Monday 22 June	Return to School, Survey Reminder	Year 2 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Monday 22 June	Return to School, Survey Reminder	Year 5 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Tuesday 23 June	Maidstone Museum Tuesday Takeover	
Tuesday 23 June	Last Chance for Bike and Scooter Collections	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 23 June	Active Challenge Rainbow on Sports Day	
Thursday 25 June	Letter from Mrs Slade	Year 2 ParentMail
Thursday 25 June	Letter from Mrs Slade	Year 5 ParentMail
Thursday 25 June	Reintegration of Year 4 Pupils in July	Year 4 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Thursday 25 June	Reintegration of Year 3 Pupils in July	Year 3 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Thursday 25 June	EYFS Potato Harvest	
Thursday 25 June	The proof is in the eating...	
Thursday 25 June	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year R,1,2 ParentMail
Thursday 25 June	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year 3,4 ParentMail
Thursday 25 June	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year 5,6 ParentMail

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Story) **THE FASTEST SNOWMAN**
PART 1

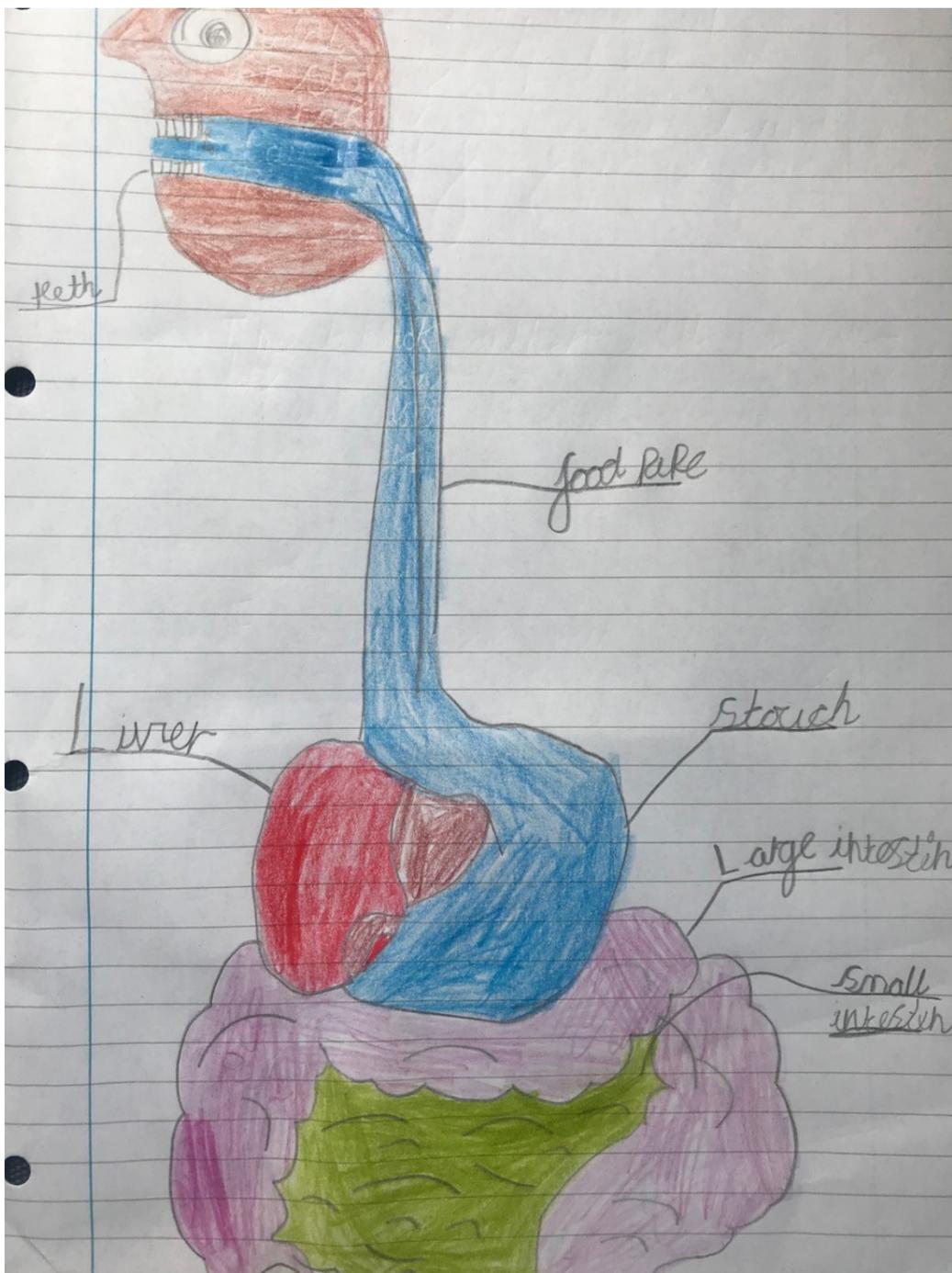


What will happen, will Slipper ever slow down? Read on to part 2 next week



Lockdown Learning

A Full Curriculum with Peter



Our dip into your home learning this week sees us visit Peter and his family from Pegasus Class in Year 3.

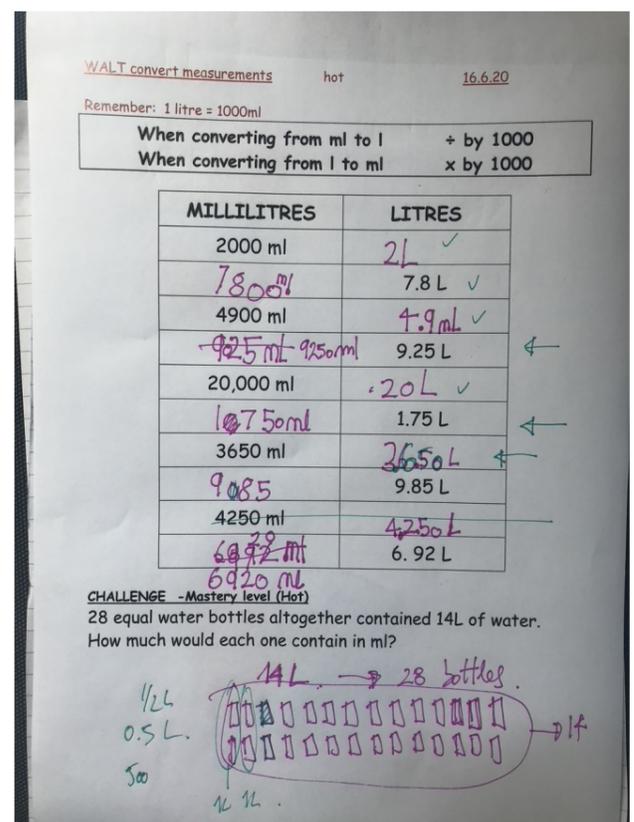
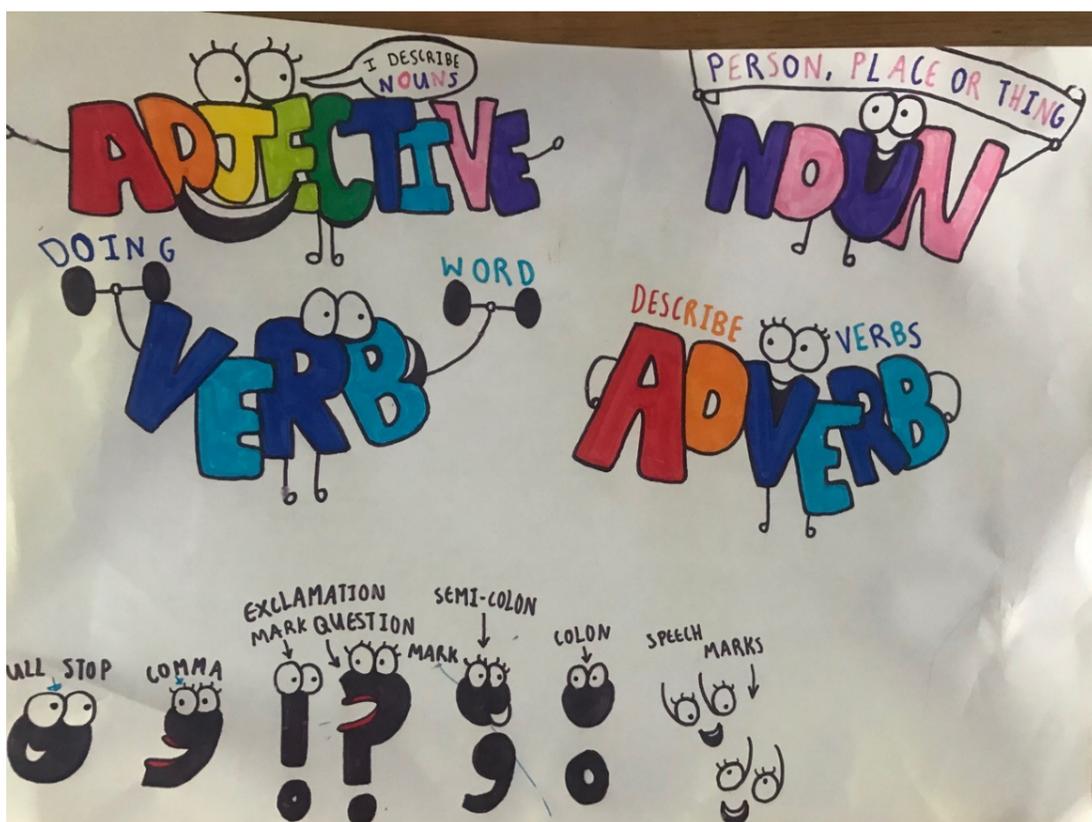
Peter has been working very hard to produce the learning you can see on this page and lots more. His bright, clear posters will help him to remember the information he has been finding all about, with help from his older brother and sister at home.

Pictured left is Peter's Science as he has presented a diagram of the vital organs of the human body.

To help remind him of all of the ingredients of a fantastic piece of written work, Peter has created a poster of word classes, shown below left: Adjectives, Adverbs, Nouns and Verbs.

Talking of ingredients, we need to know how to use our measurements when cooking, and Peter has obviously tried very hard converting between Millilitres and litres in Maths.

Thankyou to Peter and his mum for sharing this wonderful home learning.



Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 29 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Tuesday 30 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Wednesday 1 July	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Thursday 2 July	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Friday 3 July	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 July until further notice	School Open only for predefined groups: Year Groups will attend 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.
Friday 10 July	Dunorlan Park Colour Run with Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership
Wednesday 15 July	The West Kent Sports Partnership Games
Date to be confirmed	EYFS2020 Settling In Sessions As previously notified, these sessions will no longer be taking place in school and incorporate the meet the teacher and storytime settling in sessions for the smaller groups of the new Year R intake. Parents will be notified by email when the videos have been loaded on to the portal. <i>Please make sure you have read this Wednesday's email and watched the presentation online before viewing the settling in session film.</i>
Wednesday 23 July	Last Day of Term 6

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

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