



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were delighted to welcome children from Year 2 and Year 5 back to school! Once again we were greeted at their respective gates by happy, smiley children (and parents!) who could not wait to get back into their classrooms and settle back into the familiarity of school. It was lovely to see all of the children reconnecting with each other, sharing their news and continuing with school life as though they had never been away. Well done to each and every child who came back this week for returning with such enthusiasm and for adapting so quickly to the very many changes in routine. Thank you too to all the adults for also adjusting to the changes that have been made to the drop off and pick up arrangements; your co-operation was very much appreciated.

As I am sure you are aware schools have now received the much anticipated 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. Schools have been asked to welcome all pupils back into full time education from the start of the Autumn Term. We will therefore be using this guidance in the coming days to finalise our planning for September which we will of course share with you as soon as we are in a position to do so. Alongside the information for schools the DfE has also published guidance for parents and carers on the plans for the autumn term which aims to provide reassurance about what to expect for all children on their return. A copy of the parental guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Also this week we have received confirmation from the DfE that schools will remain closed during the summer holiday period: *"The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period."* Therefore, school will be closing to pupils in Years R, 1, 2, 5 and 6 for the summer holidays at the end of the day on **Friday 17 July** and to pupils in Years 3 and 4 on **Wednesday 22 July**. Term 1 of the next academic begins on **Monday 7 September**; further details of the start of term arrangements will be shared as part of our overall plan for the new Academic year.

In the absence of this year's Sports Day, next week sees the launch of our inaugural 'Virtual Sports Challenge' providing everyone, whether working at home or in school, with ideas and opportunities for getting up and active! As with sports day there is a competitive element whereby all children will be collecting points for their school house with the winning house being announced in the final celebration assembly of the term. Many thanks to the staff who have designed this competition for you all to enjoy and to the Year 6 pupils for recording the instructional videos too! All children attending school next week are asked to wear their trainers each day; no P.E. kits required!

A reminder that remote parent consultation meetings will be taking place next week for those parents that have arranged appointments directly with class teachers. Thank you to the many of you who have welcomed this opportunity to discuss your child's progress at the end of what has been an extraordinary year for them all.

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 2 of the special Lockdown menu next week.



Year 2 Children

Nourish have now sent each parent an invite 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 online, the children will continue to do this at the kitchen counter.

If you have any difficulties, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Nourish via their Regional Operations Manager, Teresa Adonis-Taylor teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk.

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: Dexter - Elmer, Peter - Pixie, April - Phoenix, Mrs Vokes (TA, right)

Saturday: Ellie - Wyvern, Miah - Wyvern, Jake - Sphinx

Sunday: Rohan - Sprite, Sofia - Hippogriff, Hector - Elf, Max - Pegasus

Monday: Oluwatobi - Gnome, Peter - Pegasus

Wednesday: Victor - Pegasus, Maisie - Dragon, Mrs Toft (Finance Officer, right)



Sports Week at School and at Home

Next week we will be having a virtual sports week across the school and at home.

In the Term 6 folder on the Slade portal (week beginning 6.7.20) you will find 3 activities to complete each day. Two of these will be physical and one will be a creative activity with a sporting theme.



By completing these activities, you will earn points for your houses! You will earn 5 points for your house for every activity you complete. The top 3 scorers in each class for the physical activities will earn 10 points. You can earn a bonus 10 points for completing all 15 activities throughout the week.

Also in the 'week beginning 6.7.20' folder you will find a score that you can print off or complete electronically. Please upload your completed score cards to the 'Sports Week Score Cards' folder within the 'Your work' folder.

There will be a separate folder titled 'Sports Week Photos' for you to add photos of yourselves completing the sporting events and to add photos of your creative activity each day. We can't wait to see what you achieve!

As you have been working so hard, we will not be setting any other work during Sports Week. However, it's really important that you keep up with your key skills so make sure you keep practising your times tables and reading daily.

Good luck to everyone taking part in sports week, we will announce the winning house in our zoom celebration assembly on Friday 17 July!

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Around School

Back At Home with The British Library

Last week we highlighted some of the lovely activities that you can do at home provided via the British Library website.

We brought you their interview with Axel Scheffler and challenged you to name some of his characters; the answers are:



Superworm,



Gruffalo,



the Witch, from Room on the Broom



and Zog!

Today's British Library Interviews:

Michael Rosen



BRITISH LIBRARY

Firstly this week, we feature the British Library interview with poet Michael Rosen. Michael has written over 140 books of poems and stories for children and in this interview, published in February and before his long stay in hospital suffering from the COVID-19 virus, which thankfully he is recovering from at home, Michael speaks about making mistakes when you are writing literature, tips for budding storytellers and those who have influenced his own work amongst a lot more.

Click on this link for the interview: [Michael Rosen](#)

There's always an excuse to play Michael's famous Chocolate Cake poem, check it out here: [Chocolate Cake](#).

Zanib Mian



Londoner Zanib was plying her trade in a secondary school, teaching Science, after leaving university. Luckily, she never lost sight of her main joy in life and soon followed her childhood passion of writing stories and poetry.

In this interview she talks about her memories of writing when she was a child and describes how family members are the inspiration behind many of her characters - a great starting point for any of our own budding authors. Have a look over the breakfast table; is your brother, sister, mum or dad a character you could make in to something in your own story? Zanib also speaks about her start in children's literature and her desire to write stories that include characters from all backgrounds that don't just focus on the 'otherness' of that character - that, '*..all children should see themselves as the main characters in books..*'

Read the British Library interview with Zanib Mian here: [Zanib Mian](#)

Today's mini quiz:

Which of Michael Rosen's most loved books is this illustration taken from:



The lead character in Zanib Mian's series 'Planer Omar' is based on what member of her family?

A: Her 29 year old husband

B: Her 9 year old son

C: Her 90 year old granddad

Check out next week's newsletter for the answers. Follow [@britishlibrary](#)

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Around School

Kent Music Day & Night Fest 2020

Our friends at Kent Music have been in touch with details about their virtual festival this summer, and have an invite for every single one of you!

This is what they have to say:

Just because we can't get together in person doesn't mean we can't enjoy making, playing and learning fantastic music this summer.

So, we're taking things online with a jam-packed fortnight of free, engaging, educational and, of course, entertaining content for learners young and old, featuring performances, interviews, masterclasses, instrumental and vocal tutorials and more, running from July 25th – August 8th 2020.

The two-week festival will celebrate 'A Day In Music', from learning and practising new skills, to making music with friends and enjoying amazing performances. You can expect interactive masterclasses, instrumental and vocal tutorials from Kent Music teachers, interviews with orchestra and group members and leaders, performances and more!

The festival will celebrate the hard work of the students and staff of Kent Music during lockdown, as, we hope, encourage those who haven't been able to access music education during the COVID-19 crisis, or who might not have felt able to pick up an instrument or learn a song beforehand, to give it a try this summer.

The full line-up for the festival will be released in the run up to the opening day on social media, so keep your eyes peeled, and your ears tuned for updates!

You can expect: Masterclasses, Tutorials, Performances, Highlights on Groups ...and some surprises!

We'll be releasing new content every day of the festival here on our website, and on Kent Music's Facebook and Twitter pages.

However, you can get involved straight away with our Open Mic! We're inviting you to take part in the day and night festival in our open mic. Each week of the festival will be hosted by different faces from the Kent Music family, inviting you to share your music with us, and then presenting our favourites at the end of each week.

From classical pieces to summer pop classics to original compositions, family groups, or just some really creative music making we invite you to submit your music in response to the themes of the festival; summer days and summer nights.

#STAYHOMEMAKEMUSIC
Performances, Masterclasses, and more celebrating music in lockdown. Follow our page for updates!

25 JULY
8 AUG

DAY & NIGHT FEST

Watch the preview here: [Day & Night](#)
Follow [@KentMusic](#)
Find out more: [Kent Music Newsletter](#)

Group Photographs



We are delighted to have shared this morning, via ParentMail, an email from Matthew Walker, our school photography partner. Matthew has put together a class group photograph of each of our classes as well as a special Year 6 leavers group picture. The groups have been created from the individual photographs taken in the Autumn term.

We hope you like the pictures enough to purchase one, as a keepsake of the oddest of school years and to help support Matthew's local business, hit particularly hard by the school and functions suspension. Matthew has kindly extended a special discount on home delivery as delivery to school at the moment is not possible. Ordering and pricing details are all on the email, Please contact Matthew directly with any questions.

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Lockdown Experiences

Media Megan!

No-one will ever forget their own personal experience of the COVID-19 lockdown period, a time for the history books when lives young and old were turned upside down. However, that also means lifelong memories of trying something different, of doing things that probably wouldn't have been possible before.

Just like Megan from Hippogriff Class in Year 3.

Firstly, Megan has been reading [The Ickabog](#) by J.K. Rowling. The Ickabog is a free to read online book, chapters have been added every week since its launch at the end of May. The author also encourages the young readers to illustrate parts of the story.

Megan submitted her drawings, which J.K. Rowling noticed, before tweeting her pleasure at receiving them in a personal message to Megan and 14.4 million followers!

Join in the fun, The Ickabog is still available online.

The printed version, including children's illustrations, is planned to be published in November with royalties being donated by J.K. Rowling to the people affected by Coronavirus.



Megan then took to the airwaves as she telephoned the James O'Brien show on LBC.

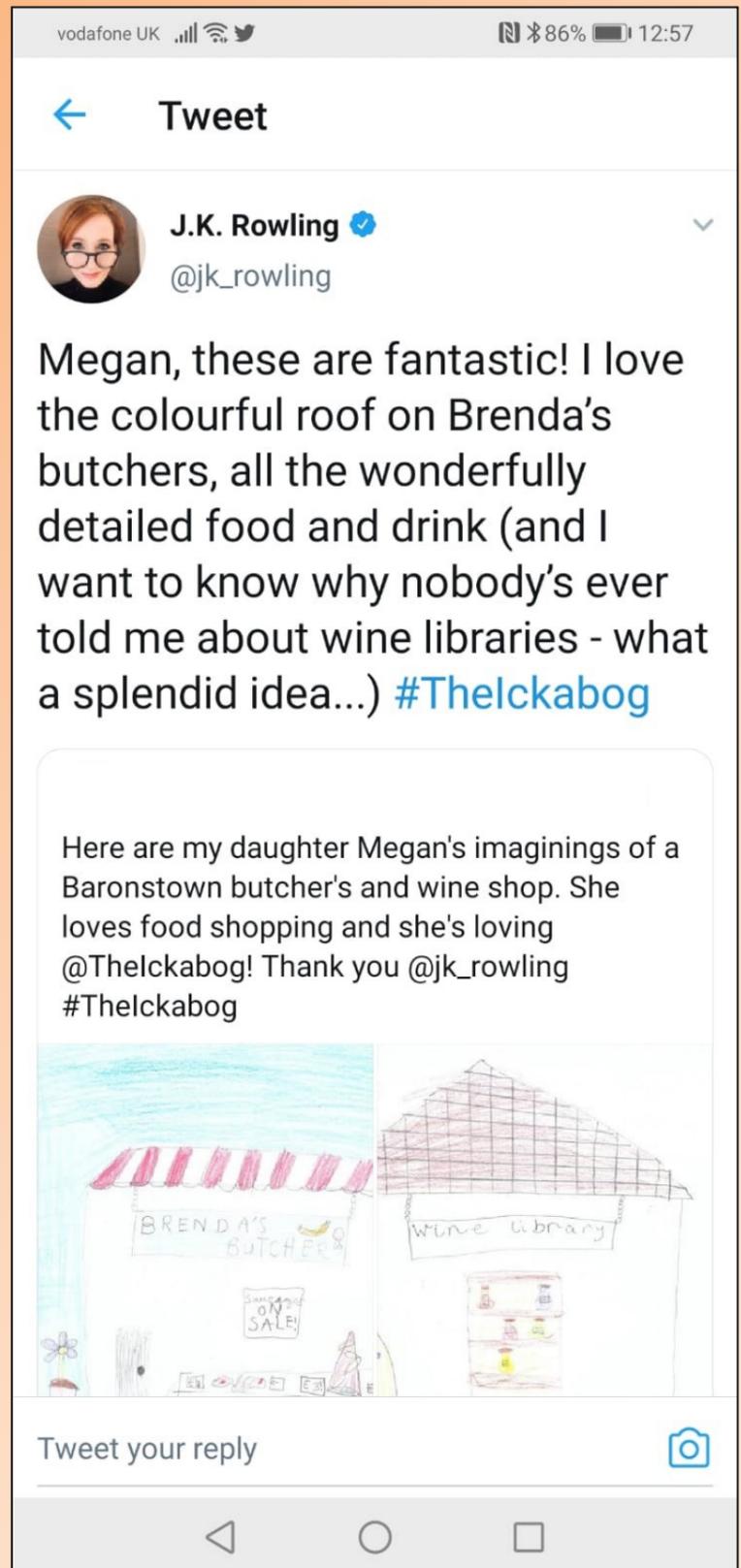
Each Thursday, the award winning broadcaster gives over one hour of his weekday show to finding out the answers to the questions you've always wondered the answer to.

Last week, Megan telephoned the show and asked live on air the question, why do people have freckles?

Megan spoke very confidently on the phone and consequently to the 1.3 million weekly listeners who tune in to James' show which is broadcast on LBC on FM in London, nationally via DAB Radio and worldwide on the internet.

The Mystery Hour is on every Thursday lunchtime between 12 and 1.

Find out the answers to questions that have probably been bugging you by checking out the [Mystery Hour page](#) on the LBC Website.



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Lockdown Learning

Media Megan!

Megan and her family have also been taking part in their own challenge in the kitchen at home. Inspired by her friends Chloe and Anais she started her own cooking around the world activity, and has called it World Wide Wednesday.

Each week they have been cooking a traditional dish from around the world from as far away as Australia and Canada. A little closer to home, we can see Megan enjoying her Italian pasta, right and below, the evidence of her soda breads from Ireland.



It has been a very busy and exciting few weeks for Megan. In amongst her drawing, questioning, reading, cooking, schoolwork and helping her younger sister prepare for life at Slade, we are happy to be welcoming Ellen in to Gruffalo Class in the Autumn, she found time to talk to her mum for this week's at home newsletter interview:

What did it feel like waiting your turn to be on the radio?

I had lots of butterflies but I was also really excited.

What was it like talking to James O'Brien?

He was very funny and afterwards I felt really happy and proud.



What made you decide to draw the butcher shop and the wine library for the Ickabog?

There's a wine library on the high street and it's turned into a kind of supermarket. The butcher shop was mentioned in a list for inspiration for the drawings.

How did it feel to see JK Rowling commenting on your pictures on Twitter?

I was speechless! I stood there with my mouth hanging open.

How did you come up with World Wide Wednesdays?

Anais and Chloe Rodgers are doing a lot of cooking from around the world to help with homeschooling, so I thought I'd make world wide Wednesday.

How was the Irish soda bread?

It was very, very, very tasty.



What countries have you covered for World Wide Wednesday?

First we did Canada, then we did Italy, then Ireland and this week it's Australia.

On Air, Online and in the Kitchen; these have been brilliant experiences for Megan and her family. Many thanks for sharing them with us and for mum for being our at home interviewer this week!

Your Home Learning and Lockdown Experiences

Don't forget to keep uploading your at home learning and extra and out side curricular experiences, just like Megan did, via the class pages on the Slade School Portal for your teachers and everyone at school to see.

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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

49.9%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

90.9%

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 29 June	Year 3 Survey Reminder	Year 3 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Monday 29 June	Year 4 Survey Reminder	Year 4 ParentMail +SurveyLink
Tuesday 30 June	Apply for Free School Meals	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 30 June	Pupil Premium Funding KS3 Transition	Selected Children ParentMail
Tuesday 30 June	Maidstone Museum Tuesday Takeover - Old Toys	
Wednesday 1 July	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year R,1,2 ParentMail
Wednesday 1 July	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year 3,4 ParentMail
Wednesday 1 July	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year 5,6 ParentMail
Wednesday 1 July	School of Science and Technology	Year 5 ParentMail
Wednesday 1 July	Families West Kent Magazine	
Wednesday 1 July	Nourish Contract Catering Welcome to ParentPay, including log in details	Year 2 Parents and Carers, By Post 
Thursday 2 July	Year 6 Leavers Shirts	Year 6 ParentMail
Thursday 2 July	Literacy Trust Family Zone @Alex T Smith	
Friday 3 July	Matthew Walker Group Photographs	By Yeargroup All School ParentMail
Friday 3 July	Sports Week for all Children	All School ParentMail

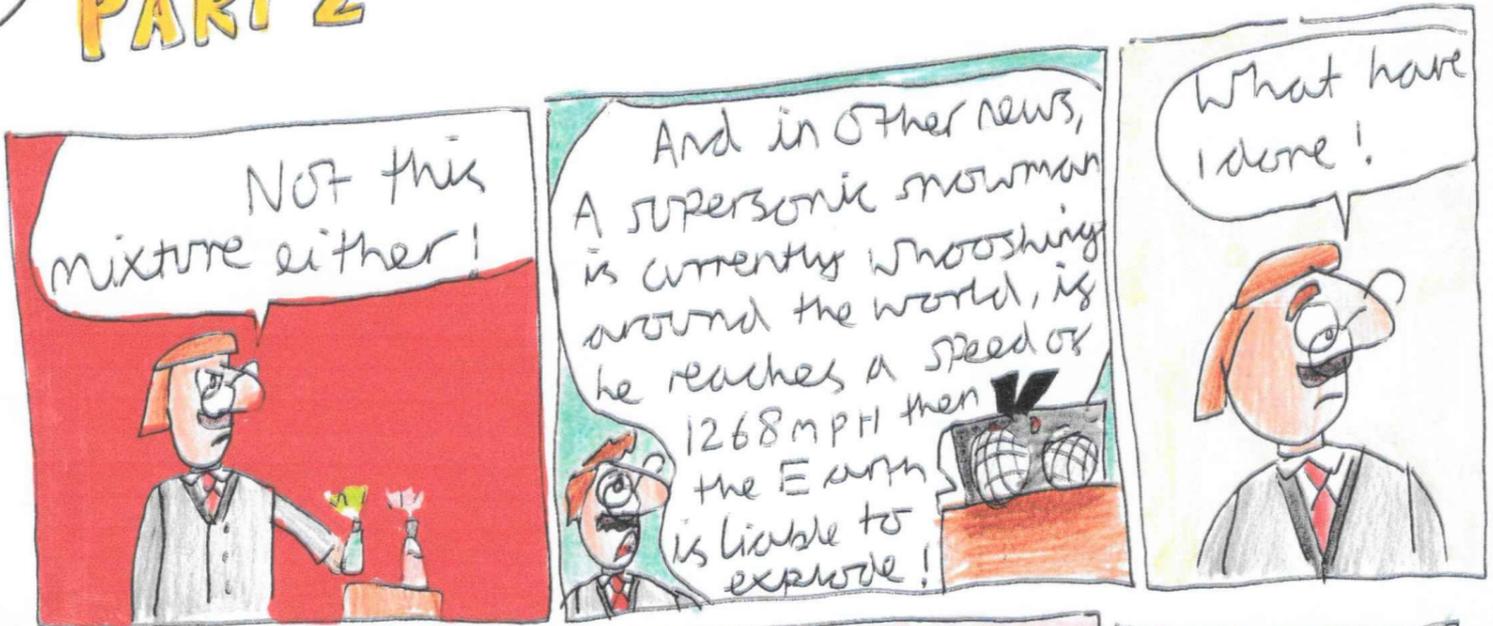
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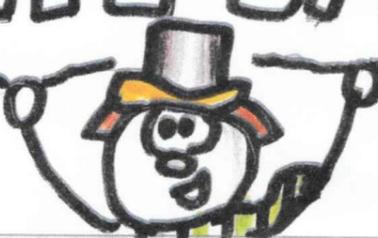
STORY

PART 2



Life soon starts again normally and Slipper now has a new friend, Prof. Antidote. Dr antidotes BROTHER!

THE END





Welcome to Arbor

Arbor - Nearly Here!

We are days away from the launch of our new communications and information system, hosted on its own parent portal and Slade Primary School App. So who are Arbor and what can you expect from them and from us? We will be sending the full details out next week, but as a taster, here are some snippets:

Who are Arbor?

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based management information system (MIS) that Slade has chosen to use in order to collect, store and manage all the information we need. Arbor supports over a thousand schools in the UK and are fully GDPR compliant and secure. As a parent, by logging into Arbor you will be able to see and update your child's information as well as make payments and complete bookings.

How can parents use Arbor?

You can log into the Arbor Parent Portal via Google Chrome on computers or laptops

You can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store then login on your phone

We can then send you in-app messages as well school emails, letters or SMS straight from our Arbor system

Your Child's Dashboard

The dashboard is the first screen that you will see. This gives you a quick glance of all the information that the school has shared with you about your child.

Here are some examples of what you may be able to see on your child's dashboard:

Student Profile

This allows you to see basic information about your child and highlights any unread notices or actions needing to be completed. You will also be able to amend details such as your contact details, medical information, consents and so on.

Statistics

The statistics section shows information about your child's attendance. By clicking on the attendance percentage on the dashboard, it will then bring up an attendance page which breaks down the attendance figures into more detail.

Parent Consultations

This section allows parents to book a time, when advertised, for our parent consultations that take place during the year by selecting one of the available time frames.

Trips and Swimming Lessons

Within your child's profile you will also be able to book and pay for any trips that your child is due to go on, including swimming lessons.

Look out for the full version of this welcome information dropping in to your email box next week and for the login details that will follow.

Then, get online, be informed and be in control!



Arbor

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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 6 July	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Tuesday 7 July	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Wednesday 8 July	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Thursday 9 July	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Friday 10 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.
Wednesday 15 July	The West Kent Sports Partnership Games
Date to be confirmed	EYFS2020 Storytime Parents will be notified by email when the videos have been loaded on to the portal.
Monday 20 July	EYFS 2020 Visit to the Classroom (Children Only) This is a strictly invite only event. Letters detailing the time of arrival and entry procedure will be sent on Monday. Please make sure you reply to state if you will be attending or not. Any questions ahead of the event should be addressed via email to admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
Wednesday 23 July	Last Day of Term 6

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

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