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# From the Headteacher

## Karen Slade

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

A special mention this week to those pupils in Year 6 who sat their Kent Test yesterday. As you may be aware this test would ordinarily take place at the start of the Autumn Term and by now be a distant memory for all involved. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions the test this year was not only delayed but also had to be delivered in line with all government guidance. The children that took the test were exceptional in the way that they handled all that was asked of them not just during the day but in the lead up to it too. We are all very proud of each and every one of you for the resilience and determination that you consistently demonstrated throughout the whole experience! Thank you too to all the other children and staff across the school who also had to make changes to their daily routines to ensure the smooth running of the day; we really do appreciate it.

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our virtual parent consultation meetings this week. We hope that you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher from the comfort of your own home and hearing about how your child has settled into their new class. If you were unable to attend via Zoom then please do contact your child's class teacher at the class email address to arrange a meeting or a telephone call at a mutually convenient time.

Next week sees the first of this year's virtual 'Parent Teacher Association' (PTA) meetings being held on Thursday 22 October at 7.30 pm via Zoom. Meeting details and passwords can be obtained by emailing the PTA at [sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk). This meeting is open to all parents of children in our school and is an opportunity to find out more about the plans for the coming term and how you too can get involved; a special invitation to all parents who are new to Slade this year. The PTA makes such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money, so we are keen to hear ideas on how we can continue to do so in these challenging times. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas.

Ordinarily at this time of year we would have been welcoming prospective parents into our school for our annual Open Morning events for prospective parents currently looking to choose a school for children who are due to start in September 2021. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions the information this year will be shared remotely. This will include a presentation about the provision on offer here at Slade, a virtual tour of the school and a 'Q&A' session with the head and deputy headteacher. Details of how this information can be accessed will be posted on our school website next week.

Thank you to those parents who completed the survey regarding wraparound provision here at Slade; we appreciate your feedback. Our plans for the Narnians Breakfast Club and After School Club will now be shared in a separate letter next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Karen Slade.**





# This Week at Slade

## Connecting the Bubbles!

**School is back, albeit in a bubbled form. The newsletter will be bringing you weekly news from around the year groups so that the children and parents alike can see what is happening across Slade since it is difficult to keep abreast of how everyone is and what they are up to at the moment.**

This week we have news from EYFS, Year 2 and Year 6. Thank you to Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Pearson, Miss Redden and Miss Lidlow for their contributions.

### EYFS, Gruffalo and Elmer

Our new reception children have settled into Elmer and Gruffalo classes brilliantly. They have begun making friends, enjoyed school lunch and have visited the school field and library. We have been having lots of fun using a few familiar stories for our learning; Dear Zoo, Titch and Owl Babies have led to painting our favourite animals, making a life size Titch, finding twigs and leaves to make a nest, and taking photos of playdough owls on our iPads. A huge well done to all of the children for such a great start to their Slade journey.



### Year 2, Sprite

Sprite class have had a great time making puppets and putting on puppet shows.



### Year 6, Griffin and Hydra

Last week, there was a buzz of excitement around the school as the eagerly anticipated annual House Captain elections took place. Unlike previous years, this year, the candidates were asked to prepare and pre-record a 2 minute presentation outlining a little bit about themselves and why their fellow housemates should vote for them.

An impressive total of 27 children gave up some of their own time to complete their presentations and compete for the coveted role of House Captain. Throughout the week, the rest of the school watched the fantastic videos and cast their votes. We are very proud of all of the children who created a presentation. Each house's votes were totalled, checked and verified. The two children with the most votes in each house were announced in Mrs Slade's celebration assembly last Friday.

Find the well deserved winners on the next page...



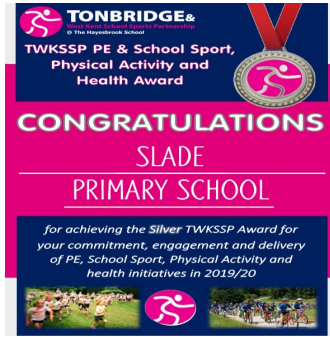


# Around School

## PE at Slade

All the children at Slade have been getting plenty of exercise participating in the mini London Marathon or their daily mile. They have been so enthusiastic which has been great to see. As we know physical activity is key to children’s mental health as well as their physical health. During lockdown we have been awarded the following achievements.

Well done  
Team Slade



## Slade PTA

Have fun on Halloween with the virtual Pumpkin Trail. Get as creative as you can. Send in a photo of your wonderful creation to [sladepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sladepta@yahoo.co.uk) by 1st November 2020. Vote for your favourite on the PTA face book page.

The next PTA meeting will be a virtual event on 22nd October at 7.30pm



## House Captains

Congratulations to the following children who are our 2020-21 House Captains:



**Air:** Edith and George



**Earth:** Eduardo and Lily



**Fire:** Anya and Phoebe



**Water:** Isaac and Josie

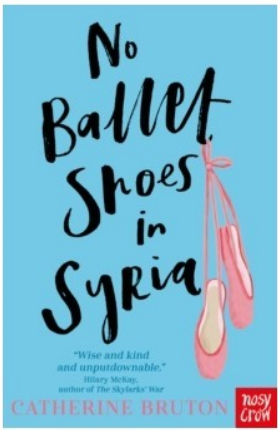
We have total confidence you will all be fantastic house captains, well done!



# Around School

## Reading Corner

As you know, reading is the lifeblood to all of our learning and we are keen as ever this year to see all of our children enjoying their reading - whether it be reading their school book out loud to their family at home, or with their nose in a comic or magazine, book from the library or looking at information from their latest topic. We will be continuing our Reading Corner column in the newsletter this year, with Book of the Week, news from the Library and any other information of interest relating to reading.



### Book of the Week / No Ballet Shoes in Syria

Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship

## Buster’s Book Club



I am pleased to inform you that Buster’s Book Club is back again this year, although currently in a slightly different way. The aim would normally be to encourage more reading at home; of course we still would encourage this, but as reading records are not being sent home at the moment it is quite difficult to have a record of minutes read, so we intend to record minutes of reading taking place in the classroom.

All reading, wherever it takes place is important as we know. It can help with mental health and wellbeing, imagination, everyday life skills and providing the vocabulary to support all school subjects. Hopefully, you will all enjoy getting involved with your children’s reading and encouraging them to enjoy all forms of literature.

In school, through Buster’s Book Club, we have a Star Reader of the week, Reading Class of the week and the minutes read are entered to compete with other schools where prizes can be won for the school. With regard this, we have some good news to share. Elf class won the local area prize last week; two signed books from Nick Sharrett and a letter from Buster himself!



## Buster’s Book Club

### Classes of the Week

KS1 — Gnome

KS2 — Phoenix





# Slade Stats.

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions (morning and afternoon.)  
Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.  
The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

Attendance Target.

97%

Attendance This Week.

96.7%

Attendance This Year.

93.2%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close for your child's year group.  
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 and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.  
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Pupils late this week.

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Find out the winners of Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup every Friday afternoon on [Twitter](#)

**Adult Family Learning**  
Kent Adult Education are offering FREE Virtual Family Learning courses for parents/carers and children during November available across Kent, covering a range of subjects including cooking, First Aid, reading, maths, understanding your children and much more! For more information or to book a place visit [www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/](http://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/)



# Dear Parents & Carers

Every parent and carer is entitled to access our Slade App and desktop dashboard from Arbor. By signing up you will be able to access personal information relating to your child as well as a one station stop for finding all of our communications to you personally, your child’s class or year group as well as all school letters, payment for special lessons and school trips and booking for parents evenings and all ticket events at school.

**All we ask is one thing: please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.**

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Don’t miss out, or let your child miss out, please keep up to date with everything Slade via Arbor and Twitter.

**This is a full list of everything sent out this week:**

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 12th October	Zoom links for Parent Consultation Meetings	All School—Email
Monday 12th October	Admissions to Secondary School 2021	Year 6 —Email
Tuesday 13th October	Details of virtual open days for The Judd School and St Gregory’s Catholic School	Year 5 and 6—Email





# For your Diary

## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 19 October	
Tuesday 20 October	
Wednesday 21 October	
Thursday 22 October	PTA Virtual Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 23 October	Last day of term 1

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1

## Further Ahead :

Friday 23 October	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October	October Break, School Closed
Monday 2 November	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
Friday 13 November	<b>Children in Need 2020</b>
Thursday 26 November	<b>NHS Childhood Influenza Immunisation Day</b> All children are eligible and are advised to have the flu spray this year Further information and consent forms will be issued nearer the time