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# From the Headteacher

## Karen Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to the start of Term 2! I trust that you all had a restful time away from school and were able to enjoy the company of family and friends wherever possible.

It's been a busy first week back with lots of learning taking place outdoors in spite of the weather! We are delighted that our Forest School was open for business this week with half of our classes having opportunity to explore the space that has been created for them. It was heartening to see children from across all age ranges enjoying a range of outdoor activities from den building, to tree climbing to something as simple as jumping in a puddle! We hope that the rest of the classes get to have just as much fun next week too.

Still on the theme of being active we are delighted to announce that the new scooter pods ordered in the summer have finally arrived and will be ready to use from Monday 9th November. As mentioned previously, we successfully applied for additional funding which has now allowed us to have storage for the children's bikes and scooters across the school site situated near the additional entrances. By doing so children can now scoot or cycle to school knowing that they can safely store them on arrival whilst continuing to adhere to the safety measures that are in place. Today the children have been shown by their class teacher where the storage is for their class. We thank you for your patience over the last few months whilst waiting on the delivery of these pods.

Ordinarily at this time of year our Year 6 pupils would be diligently leading our Poppy Appeal, giving their time to sell poppies at the beginning and end of the school day. However, due to Covid restrictions and in order to limit possible opportunities for the transmission of infection we have been unable to sell poppies and raise funds in the usual way. We will therefore be making a donation from the school to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; anyone else wishing to donate can do so at: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate> As in previous years, we will be holding a minute silence as a whole school on Wednesday, Armistice Day, at 11am, albeit virtually this year.

Having now received the updated guidance from the DfE and the Local Authority I have assessed the protective measures currently in place across school and updated our risk assessment accordingly. The updated risk assessment can be found on the school website where you will also find a summary of the key changes that have been made. This information has also been shared in a separate letter today as it is crucial that this guidance is read and followed by all parents and carers in order that we continue to protect everyone in our school community. The updated risk assessment will take effect from the start of next week, Monday 9 November. Thank you in anticipation for your ongoing support and co-operation with this matter.

Although a long way off, I can confirm that our final INSET Day for this academic year will be on Friday 11 June. All other term dates for this academic year are available on the school website. Details regarding our plans for a Covid Christmas at Slade will be shared in next week's newsletter!

Take care and stay safe.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Karen Slade**



# This Week at Slade

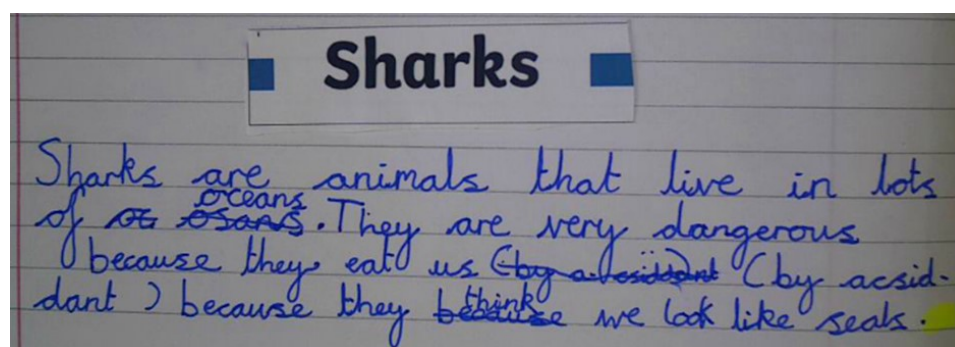
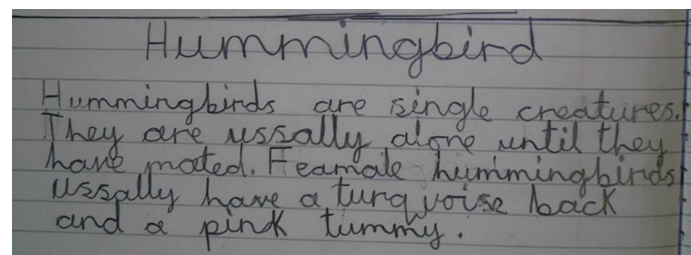
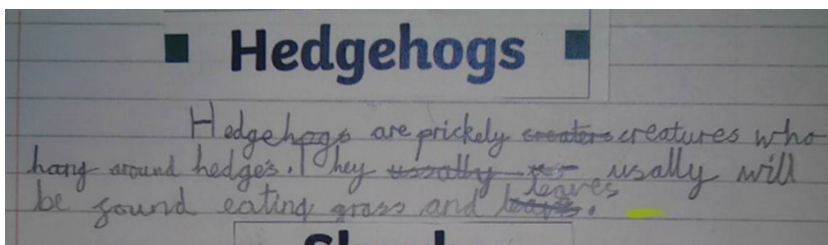
## Connecting the Bubbles!

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 Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Thank you to Mr Louth, Mr Duffin and Mrs Meers for their contributions.

### Year 3, Pegasus

Pegasus have been looking at introductions for non-chronological reports this week and these are some of the ideas the children came up with:



### Year 4, Phoenix

Phoenix have made a fantastic start to Term 2. They have produced some fantastic descriptive writing based on fantasy settings and have been mastering their rounding skills in maths. They have also started to create and program their own educational games using Scratch in computing and have been learning all about teeth in science. They also had their first Woodland slot this week which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! What a great start to the term, Phoenix!

### Year 5, Dragon

In Dragon class, we learnt about why we "Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November." The children created storyboards showing the sequence of events leading up to the arrest of Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators and we also did some drama. Here are some children acting out the story.





# Around School

## Bikeability

Year 6 have been taking part in bikeability training over the last few weeks. Bikeability is a cycling course that teaches children the practical skills of cycling whilst providing an understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. Here is an account written by some of the children:

Bikeability  
One of the best moments so far in year 6 was bikeability. The year 6 had a fun-filled day of riding round the school, learning about road safety.  
"Bikeability was brilliant. I learnt a ~~new~~ new life skill." A quote from our fellow student Anya (age 10).  
One of the main skills we learnt was signalling and U-turns, which some of us found ~~difficult~~ difficult, but we were able to do meticulously after we were taught.  
They taught us new cycling vocabulary such as primary and secondary position. Also, we discovered useful tips to do before you set off on your journey such as the a b c d check.  
A = Air (squeeze both tyres to see if it is firm)  
B = Brakes (test both brakes separately)  
C = Chain (check that the chain is not tangled)  
D = Direction (put your legs in between the front tyre and twist the handle bars).  
"It was great fun, I enjoyed riding round the park." A quote from our friend Shiloh (age 10).  
Overall, we all will cherish these memories and we hope next year pupils will love it as much as we did.  
By, Neela and Elm

## Forest School Update

We had some very hard-working parents in during Term 1 who helped to remove the ocean of bramble that had taken over our woodlands. We now have a cleared woodland all ready for the next exciting stage of our Forest School adventure. We very much look forward to welcoming the children in during Term 2 for their woodland playtime slots. Thank you to Gaza Timber for their very kind donation of materials for the children to use in the woodland and also a big thank you to Nichola Finlayson, a parent at Slade, for arranging this.



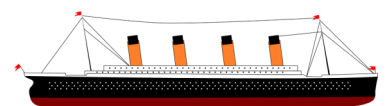
## Term 2 Topics

All classes are settling in to term 2, and are enjoying their studies once more. Some exciting topics will be covered this term including:

**Year 1** – Penguins and Polar Regions



**Year 2** - Materials and the *Titanic*



**Year 3** - Stone Age and Rocks



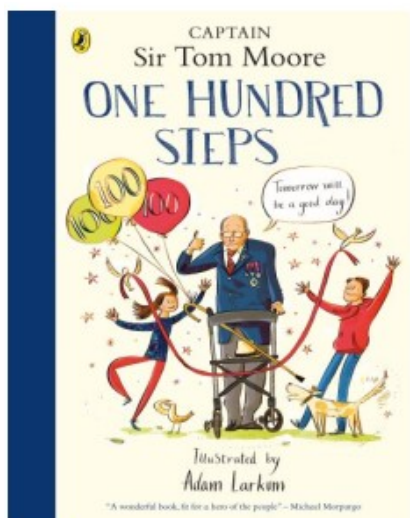
Most books relating to these topics have been allotted to classes for reference, but please check the online catalogue to see if any more are available to reserve.



# 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 / One Hundred Steps

This is a wonderful new book about Captain Sir Tom Moore's life. During the coronavirus pandemic Tom inspired the nation by walking 100 laps of his garden in time for his 100th birthday, raising nearly £40 million for charity and providing a voice of hope during a dark time. In recognition of his incredible work, he was awarded an honorary promotion to Colonel, a Knighthood and a gold Blue Peter Badge. 'Tomorrow will be a good day' is his well known phrase.

## A Beautiful Fundraising Book

Over the last seven months, two of our Slade parents have coordinated and published a wonderful charity book focusing on the experience of living through the coronavirus pandemic. The book is a collection of poems, artwork and reflections including a lovely story and poem written by sisters Sofia and Anna (Dragon and Elf class). The book is beautifully illustrated and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to NHS Charities Together to help fund projects offering health and emotional support to frontline NHS staff.

The book will be available to purchase from the 30th November 2020, and will be a fantastic resource to look back on how families coped during this time.



### Christmas Card Design Competition

The National Literacy Trust (@literacy\_trust) are running a Christmas Card design competition, with entries judged by award-winning illustrator and designer Dapo Adeola, co-creator of bestselling children's books Look Up! and Clean Up!



Free entry for children aged 5 to 11

One lucky winner will receive a stocking full of books, a virtual visit from Dapo Adeola and their design will be available for people around the UK to purchase.

Designs should be joyful and festive, on A5 sized paper and should be submitted to [christmas@literacytrust.co.uk](mailto:christmas@literacytrust.co.uk) before **13th November**, so don't delay!



# 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.**

**97.7%**

**Attendance This Year.**

**96.8%**

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.

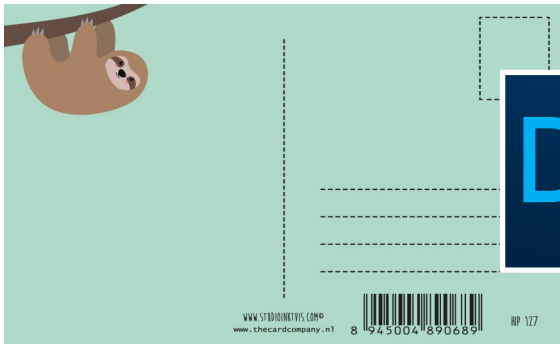
**Pupils late this week.**

**15**

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
Wednesday 23 October	Year 1 exploring, designing and making play equipment	
Wednesday 23 October	Details of virtual open morning	
Wednesday 28 October	KCC Food Vouchers	
Monday 2 November	Acceptable Use Policy	All school—Email
Tuesday 3 November	Letter regarding COVID update	All school—Email
Wednesday 4 November	Home Learning for this week	Year 1—Email
Wednesday 4 November	Narnians Wraparound care update	All school—Email
Wednesday 4 November	Coronavirus Charity Book	
Thursday 5 November	Children In Need	All school—Email



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# For your Diary

## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 9 November	<i>Bikeability</i>
Tuesday 10 November	<i>Bikeability</i>
Wednesday 11 November	<i>Bikeability</i> <i>Armistice Day - 1 minute silence will be observed</i>
Thursday 12 November	
Friday 13 November	<i>Children in Need 2020</i>

## 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 :

Monday 16—Friday 20 November	Friendship Week
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
Friday 18 December	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>
Monday 21 December — Friday 1 January 2021	Christmas Break, School Closed
Monday 4 January	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>