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# From the Headteacher

## Karen Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Welcome to the end of what has been another busy week here at Slade!**

Once again I want to begin by expressing my extreme gratitude to all in the school community for your ongoing support as we continue with our endeavours to keep everyone safe and well. A special mention to all the pupils, staff and parents in the second class bubble closed this week for responding and adapting so quickly to life in the virtual world. We hope that you and your loved ones all continue to remain safe and well during your period of self-isolation and we look forward to welcoming you back into school very soon.

As you are aware, yesterday saw the Government announce that Kent and Medway will move into tier three when the national lockdown ends next Wednesday. At the time of writing we are still awaiting the publication of specific tier 3 education guidance. However, we have been informed by the Department for Education that these updates will include the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children, young people and staff, advice on the use of face coverings in education settings, educational trips, performances, and the provision of wraparound care. I will as always update you on this guidance and the impact it will have for us as a school, if any, as and when I receive it. In the interim, the general tier three guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#very-high-alert>

Our annual Christmas newsletter and update is all prepared and ready to drop into your inbox. However, we are delaying sharing it with you today whilst still awaiting further tier 3 guidance for schools; in doing so we can then be confident that the information we share is compliant with the newest of guidance and thus avoid having to make any changes. I can confirm however that in order to minimize the risk of any possible transmission of the virus between homes and school we will not be facilitating the delivery of Christmas cards this year. Instead, we are encouraging children to either send a virtual card to their class via the class email address or alternatively to send one card to the class which can then be quarantined before being shared and displayed in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this decision.

There was much excitement from the adults in school yesterday following the delivery of the long overdue and eagerly anticipated welly racks! These have been purchased to enable the safe and tidy storage of your child's wellington boots in school; these will be positioned around the school and set up for use during the coming week. Please can I encourage you to send a pair of boots into school for your child if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Finally, just to let you know that Miss Garrett will be based in Wateringbury School during the coming week but is still contactable if necessary via our school office.

**Take care, stay safe and be kind.**

**Karen Slade**



# This Week at Slade

## NHS Flu Vaccinations

**We were delighted to have the Kent Community Health team with us yesterday as they carried out the annual influenza sprayed vaccination, available to all yeargroups at the school for the first time. We had 300 children who were given consent, this is 71% of the school which is an excellent take up. Well done to all of the children who received the spray yesterday, you should have gone home with your Fluenz Tetra Nasal Spray Suspension Information leaflet for reference.**

We are pleased to confirm that the team will be back to carry out the vaccinations to the groups of children presently on a 14 day self isolation period. We will let everyone in these groups know when this date has been finalised.

If you consented to have your child immunised this week, but they were absent for any other reason than the 14 day self isolation, you can still receive the vaccination by contacting the KCH immunisation team and booking a place on one of their remaining clinics. Please telephone them on 0300 123 5205, or email over the weekend via [kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net). If you are enquiring via email, please leave your child's name, date of birth, school, vaccination required and a contact telephone number.

The remaining clinics in our area with spaces are:

**Saturday 5 December / SEVENOAKS / Sevenoaks Hospital, TN13 3PG**

**Saturday 12 December / TONBRIDGE / Tonbridge Cottage Hospital, TN11 0NE**

**Wednesday 16 December / MEDWAY / Medway Maritime Hospital, ME7 5NY**

**Thursday 17 December / MAIDSTONE / Foster Street Clinic, ME15 6NH**



There are also clinics across the county in Ashford, Margate, Hersden, Sheerness, Deal, Dartford and Gravesend up until mid January, contact the team for more details.

## There's More Online

We are always looking to improve the content of our website - this week we have responded to a fantastic idea from parents - and have added a Remote Learning page under the Parents tab, with a direct link to the Microsoft Teams Portal for Self Isolation Remote Learning and normal home learning along with the relevant policies.

Find the page here: [Remote Learning at Slade](#)



**We are also very pleased to have begun a 'Parent Webinars' section online, which will be a series of webinars covering a range of topics over the course of the year.**

The videos will be designed to help parents and carers understand how the children are taught in school and how best to support them at home.

The first one, available now, covers the teaching of phonics, particularly in EYFS. There is the video webinar as well as all of the slides for you to read and refer to.



**There are more webinars planned – we will keep you updated when these drop online.**

The Webinars are under the Parents tab, find the page here: [Parent Webinars at Slade](#)

Make use of Slade online: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/>



# Around School

## Christmas at Slade

We are delighted to let you know that we have a packed programme of socially distanced Christmas events planned for December, broadly in line with the normal festive fun enjoyed by everyone at Slade at this time of year. The programme includes performances by the children which will be available to download at home, the PTA raffle, class parties, and a new 2020 take on Candles by Candlelight. We will also have our Christmas Day at Slade, including the Nourish Christmas meal, on Friday 11 December.

**Full details of all of these events will be published on Monday in our annual Christmas Events Newsletter.**

### Nourish Christmas Meal

Please complete the survey sent out yesterday if your child would like a Nourish Christmas meal. Click on the link below for easy access to the survey, which should be completed for Nourish by midnight on Sunday.

#### Christmas Meal Survey

In advance of that though, please note two COVID restrictions on bringing items to school:

### Christmas Cards

The normal postboxes and deliveries of Christmas cards will not take place this year. Please do not bring cards for individuals into school. We would welcome one card, written for the whole of your class, if you wish. These cards will be 'quarantined' and then displayed in the classroom. E-Cards written for the class are also welcome, please send these via the class email address.

### Presents

Please do not bring any presents in to school, either for other children, families or any of the staff, including class teachers. We are unable to guarantee COVID-19 security on these items.

## Question about your Nourish ParentPay Account?

To speed up responses to your questions about your Nourish school meal ParentPay account, you can contact Nourish directly via their regional operations manager, Teresa Adonis-Taylor. Teresa will be able to look in to your account and respond quicker than contacting them via the school office. Teresa is available via [teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk](mailto:teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk)



The school website includes a page about lunchtimes and includes the latest Nourish Menu and gives a direct link to the ParentPay website for your convenience. See more online at [Slade Lunchtimes](#)

## COVID-19

**If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 you should:**

- Stay at home, do not attend school or any other place out of the household. This applies to everyone in the household. Telephone 111 if you require advice
- Get a COVID-19 test for the symptomatic person, these are currently being organised with a quick turnaround, via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website
- If the test comes back with a positive result, inform school immediately so we can invoke suitable measures

**[Kent is now in national COVID restrictions Tier 3, please make sure you are familiar with what this means.](#)**

**[Click here to find out more via gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)**

# Reading Corner



## Sid and Biscuit Bear

SJ Molver



## Book of the Week

### **Sid and Biscuit Bear by SJ Molver**

Earlier this month, Mrs Mawson challenged anyone at Slade to share their enjoyment of reading (and being read to) at home with us.

It was fantastic therefore, to hear from Megan in Phoenix Class, with a picture as she is seen below, reading to her younger sister Ellie.

Megan has given us inspiration for a very special Book of the Week.

This is not just any book either, Sid and Biscuit Bear has been written and illustrated by Slade parent and successful artist, SJ Molver.

On her etsy.com page, the author says:

'My début children's book 'Sid and Biscuit bear' follows the adventures of two unlikely friends as they go on an epic adventure across the sea to find a place to call home. The underlying message is one of acceptance and friendship. The book is aimed at pre readers and young children who enjoy a slightly longer bedtime story.

I hope that you will enjoy reading it to your children and I guarantee they will find joy in talking to them about the illustrations.

Reading together is such a precious time so do it for as long as you can.'



Don't just take SJ's word though, Megan loves the story of Sid and Biscuit Bear and she wrote this review for the newsletter:

**Sid and Biscuit bear is a wonderful book with absolutely brilliant illustrations.**

**It shows that everyone should be themselves and that you shouldn't bully people just because they are different. It also includes an exciting adventure to find a place where Sid & Biscuit bear can just be themselves. It is a truly inspiring story that I hope everybody will love.**

SJ Molver is currently working on her second book. She sells some of the wonderful illustrations from Sid and Biscuit Bear online, do take a look using the links below.

**More information and to order a copy of 'Sid and Biscuit Bear' > [Books for Children/Sid and Biscuit Bear](#)**

**Browse and buy SJ Molver's artwork > [Artwork/SJ Molver](#)**

Do get in touch with us if you have a special book that you enjoy reading at home, just like Megan and Ellie. Also, why not ask your parents - do they have a book they remember from their own childhood that they would like to share with us.

Let us know what you think of the last book you read and we will feature your review on the Reading Corner page of the newsletter.





attendance

# 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.**

**96.5%**

**Attendance This Year.**

**97.0%**

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close for your child's yeargroup.

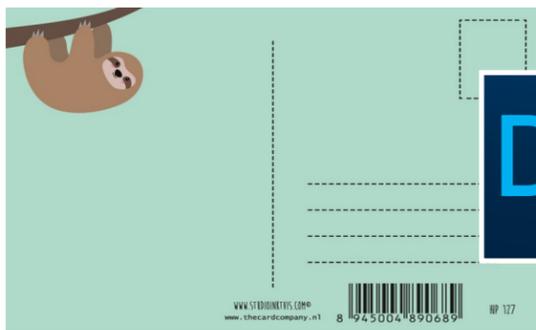
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

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](#)



# 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 yeargroup 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
Saturday 21 November	Self Isolation Period Individual Advice	Selected Children 
Monday 23 November	Teaching in Elf Class, Rest of Term 2	Elf Class Parents 
Monday 23 November	KM Charity Team Young Cook of the Year	
Tuesday 24 November	Class Closure Advice	Selected Children 
Wednesday 25 November	+ve COVID-19 14 Day Self Isolation Notification	Selected Children 
Wednesday 25 November	+ve COVID-19 Case in School Community	Rest of School 
Wednesday 25 November	Remote Learning via Microsoft Teams	Selected Children 
Thursday 26 November	Christmas Dinner Survey	All School 
Thursday 26 November	Drop-Off and Collection Reminder	Year 5 and Year 6 Parents 
Thursday 26 November	NHS Childhood Flu Immunisations	
Thursday 26 November	NHS Childhood Flu Immunisations	All School 
Friday 27 November	Christmas Show	Year 1 Parents 

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# Forest School

The River Medway made another unwanted encroachment on to the school field this month, but that has not dampened the enthusiasm of our children and teachers for the brand new Forest School.

Teacher and Forest School leader Miss Hall has produced a picture album of all of the action and learning from the woods.



## Next Week's Woodland Timetable

**Monday: Griffin (Mr Osborne), Elmer (Mrs Pearson) and Hydra (Miss Lidlow)**

**Tuesday: Pegasus (Mr Louth), Elf (Mrs Hill) and Hippogriff (Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)**

**Wednesday: Phoenix (Mr Duffin) and Wyvern (Mr Watts)**



# PTA News

## Buying a Christmas Tree?

It's nearly Christmas, and the PTA has some very important questions for you: when does your tree go up, and real or fake?



If it's a real tree you're after, head to Stonepitts Farm in Sevenoaks; Martin and Jackie have very kindly offered to donate £2 per tree sold to Slade parents (and staff) to the PTA. They have a wide choice of beautiful Norway Spruce or Nordman Fir trees, plus tree stands, mistletoe and holly wreaths.

You can find more information and directions at <https://stonepitts.com> and don't forget to show them this newsletter to ensure we receive the donation!

## Christmas Jumper Day – 11 December

Dig out your unwanted Christmas Jumpers; we're collecting and selling preloved festive clothes ready for Christmas Day at Slade. The sale is taking place at [PTA Facebook](#)

Children's items will be £1 each, adult items £2 each, and to avoid having to handle cash, we'll send a text to your phone (via Slade PTA/SumUp) and take payment online.



## Christmas Raffle – Draw Date 11 December

Our raffle normally takes place at Carols By Candlelight, but this year we're going online! There are some great prizes up for grabs including a Kindle, a photography session with Paul Barsby and several hampers for both adults and children.

If you would like to donate a bottle of bubbly, some lovely toiletries, a voucher or some festive food, we'll be collecting in the Lower Castlefield car park on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th of December after drop off (until 9.15am).

Tickets cost £1 each, and are available via Raffall until 11th December at 7pm when the draw is scheduled to take place: <https://raffall.com/143445/enter-raffle-to-win-slade-pta-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-slade-pta>

## There's More to Come!

There will be lots more information on all of these events as well as exciting news of the PTA's Trek to Lapland in the full Christmas at Slade newsletter, out on Monday. Keep an eye on your emails for that as the PTA continue to strive to raise funds to help every child at Slade.

Our thanks to the entire PTA, their chair, Kerry Taylor-Smith in particular and to everyone who has helped put these lovely ideas together in the peculiar circumstances that 2020 has presented us with.





# For your Diary

## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 30 November	<b>School Open</b> Unless you have a received 14 day self isolation notification
Tuesday 1 December	<b>Return to school for pupils on 14 day self isolation from Wednesday 18 November*</b> *without developing symptoms of COVID-19
Wednesday 2 December	<b>School Open</b> Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 25 November
Thursday 3 December	<b>School Open</b> Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 25 November
Friday 4 December	<b>School Open</b> Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 25 November
Friday 4 December	<b>Wobble Room</b> Grand Opening

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2

## Further Ahead :

Monday 7 December	<b>Return to school for pupils on 14 day self isolation from Wednesday 25 November*</b> *without developing symptoms of COVID-19
Friday 18 December	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>
Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January	<b>Christmas Break</b> School Closed.
Monday 4 January	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>
Friday 15 January	<b>Closing Date for Applications for starting Primary School in September 2021</b> <b><u><a href="#">Child born 01.09.2016 - 31.08.2017? Apply here.</a></u></b>
Tuesday 9 February	<b>E-Safety Day</b>
Friday 12 February	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February	<b>February Break</b>
Monday 22 February	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>