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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas well and truly arrived today at Slade! Children and staff were all looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers and outfits as we all enjoyed the tasty Christmas Lunch. Huge thanks to our cook Clare and her catering team for producing such a fabulous feast for us all at lunchtime. Delicious!

Huge congratulations and well done to all the children and staff involved in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 productions 'lockdown style' that have all been filmed this week and are currently being edited ready for sharing with you all on Monday. As always, the acting, singing, dancing, signing and narrating are all absolutely fabulous and anyone watching from the comfort of their own home is in for a festive treat! In addition, children in Key Stage 2 have also been busy filming their contributions to our 2020 version of 'Carols by Candlelight' ready for sharing with you later next week. All involved are looking and sounding splendid so do take time to watch and enjoy! Well done and thank you children for adapting so professionally to the changes that we have had to make to our performances this year; we are all very proud of each and every one of you!

Many of you will be aware of the DfE announcement earlier this week advising schools that they may wish to close one day earlier to pupils at the end of this term; to use Friday 18 December as an INSET Day for staff, with children finishing on the Thursday, and bringing forward the start of term in January by a day. However, after careful consideration of the impact of these options and having received no directive from the Local Authority we have decided to make no changes to the end or start of term dates for pupils or staff. School will remain open as planned until Friday 18 December inclusive and re-open at the start of Term 3 on Monday 4 January.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, from Friday 18 December, if your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as your child may have been infectious whilst in school. Therefore, should your child test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at the start of the Christmas holidays then please notify the school immediately via the designated email account: C19@slade.kent.sch.uk. Where your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, we do not need to be contacted. Instead, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For those that may have missed my earlier letter, Narnians will remain closed from January and during Term 3. Once again, please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly and will be reviewed at the end of Term 3 in preparation for Term 4. We are once again sorry for the inconvenience that this will undoubtedly cause for some of our families but thank you again for your ongoing understanding of this decision.

Finally, on behalf of all our families, special thanks to Tonbridge Baptist Church for their very generous donation of food hampers which will make a huge difference to those that receive them this Christmas. They are safely in quarantine in school ready for delivery next week. Many thanks to all involved; we really do appreciate it.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Today's Christmas Celebrations

Today has seen Slade celebrate our annual Christmas Day, albeit in a COVID altered way. That didn't dent the enthusiasm for Nourish's Christmas meal and for Christmas Jumper Day at school.

Thankyou to Clare and everyone at Nourish for the lovely looking meal served today and to the PTA for organising their annual Christmas jumper 'bring' and buy jumper sale.

Don't forget to check your PTA raffle tickets at 19:00 tonight to see if you win in the draw.



Nourish Payments (KS2)

Don't worry if you have not yet paid for your child's Christmas meal, they will have still been fed. However, Nourish will be chasing any late payments from next week.

Remember for a quick resolution to any questions you have about Nourish's payment website from ParentPay you should contact them directly via teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk and not through the school office - all we can do is forward them on!



Christmas Productions

The children across the school have enjoyed putting together their class or Key Stage productions this week.

COVID-19 restrictions mean that we have been unable to invite families in to school to watch the productions, but being behind closed doors does not mean you miss out!

The productions will all be available to download from Monday for the KS1 shows, and on Tuesday for the KS2 production. Details on how to access the show will be sent out after the weekend.

What do you have to look forward to?

EYFS: The Traditional Nativity

With songs to narrate the traditional Christmas Story, the children of Elmer and Gruffalo Classes find themselves celebrating the birth of a special baby boy with lots of friends.



Year 1: The Christmas Alphabet

Pixie and Elf Classes act out a Christmas Poem, as well as singing a selection of Christmas songs and Carols.

Year 2: The Year 2 Christmas Showcase

Miss Redden and Miss Taylor along with their classes Sprite and Gnome, have something for everyone: Song, Poetry and Dance to celebrate Christmas at Slade.



KS2: Carols by Candlelight

In a 2020 at home version of the popular event, All of the classes from Year 3 to Year 6 have been busy performing readings, poems and songs. They will be joined by our signing choir who will perform a Christmas song for everyone. And that is not all - the staff choir will also be on song with a festive number to entertain.



Around School

Flu Vaccine Update

We are very pleased to say that the Kent Community Health team will be back at Slade on Friday 8 January to complete any childhood influenza immunisations that could not be carried out in November. We are grateful to the nurses and administrators at the service for their return visit, they are trying to organise the same for all primary schools across the county, which we appreciate is a mammoth task.

It will mean that any child who was not in school on the original date, either through their bubble being closed or any other reason, or if the vaccination could not be delivered on that date due to a medical issue at the time, will be able to be vaccinated on 8 January.

If you have previously consented for the vaccination, but were unable to have it for the reasons above, you do not need to do anything now, unless you can answer 'yes' to any of the following questions:

- Has your child already received the flu vaccine elsewhere?
- Has your child's health status changed in any way?
- Has your child, or anyone they are regular contact with, started on any immunosuppressant medication?

If your child is asthmatic:

- Have they experienced wheezing and increased use of their inhalers in the last 72 hours?
- Have they been prescribed oral steroid tablets within the last 14 days?
- Have they been in hospital for their asthma within the last 14 days?

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions it does not necessarily mean your child will not be able to have the spray. You should however, contact the health team as soon as possible on 0300 123 5205 or via email to kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net.

The team are keen to reach out to as many families as possible. If you did not complete the consent form in time for the previous session, or have since changed your mind and would now like your child vaccinated against the flu, you can still do so for the visit on 8 January. Please complete the form below over the weekend or as soon as possible to be included: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form>

Welcome to Slade, Kemal

This week, we were delighted to welcome Kemal to Elf Class. Kemal joins his sisters who started at Slade in November in Year 2 and Year 4.

Everyone at Slade looks forward to a long and happy relationship with Kemal and his family.

Competition Time:

Get Caught Playing (a musical instrument)

Mrs Sandell and Mrs Stephens would like to invite all of our children to enter our fun Christmas Competition over the holidays.

It's a celebration of all things musical – we'd love you to share a picture that captures you and your love of music. It could be an instrument you already play, a homemade instrument or indeed being musical without an instrument. We'll leave it to your imagination!

You can be making your music in any place at home or out and about, the more interesting the better!

Photos should be received by Friday 8 January and sent to office@slade.kent.sch.uk

Prizes will be awarded and announced in a Celebration Assembly in January.

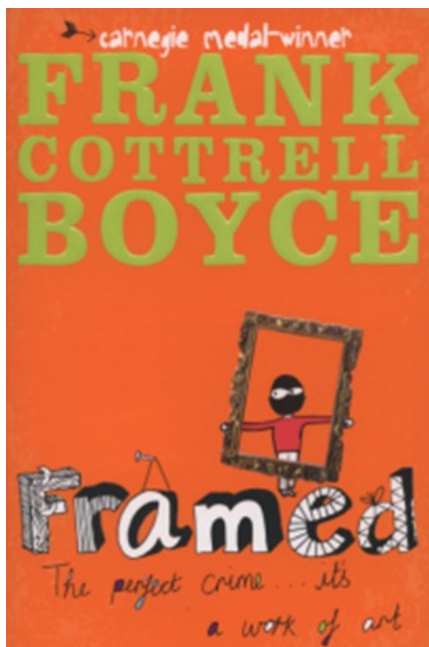


Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce



Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel garage - and when he's not trying to persuade his sisters to play football, Dylan is in charge of the petrol log. And that means he gets to keep track of everyone coming in and out of Manod - what car they drive, what they're called, even their favourite flavour of crisps. But when a mysterious convoy of lorries trundles up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine, even Dylan is confounded. Who are these people - and what have they got to hide? A story inspired by a press cutting describing how, during WWII, the treasured contents of London's National Gallery were stored in Welsh slate mines. Once a month, a morale-boosting masterpiece would be unveiled in the village and then returned to London for viewing. This is a funny and touching exploration of how Art - its beauty and its value - touches the life of one little boy and his big family in a very small town.

Find out more about Framed and the author via Good Reads > <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/309780.Framed>

Living During The Coronavirus Pandemic

You may remember that in the Autumn we brought you news of a fantastic book of poetry, artwork and stories about living during the pandemic, which has a lot of Slade at its heart.

Edited by Águeda Moreno López, a parent at our school and contributions from children also at Slade - the book is well worth owning as a chance for reflection on the year and more under the cloud of COVID.

Sofia, who contributed a story to the book, presented details of how it came about and the causes it is raising money for (NHS Charities Together).

She impressed Miss Meers and the rest of Dragon Class with her presentation and they loved the story of brave Pegasus.

This is what the review on Amazon.co.uk has to say:

Living during the Coronavirus Pandemic: Poems, artwork and reflections by children and adults, is a melting pot of poems, artwork and reflections that radiate hope, compassion, resilience and positivity created by authors of all ages and backgrounds with two things in common: a wonderful talent and a profound desire to find a way to give something back to the NHS in return for their hard work and dedication during the Coronavirus pandemic.



Completing this charity project has been a labour of love and dedication for five volunteers, an honour and a pleasure, and each piece has been treated with the utmost respect. We hope this book moves you, makes you feel deeply and is treasured. Generations to come will be able to travel back in time for an insight into what life was like during the Coronavirus lockdown for children and grown-ups.

It is a piece of history in your hands.

More and to buy the book via Amazon > [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)



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.

97.1
%

Attendance
This Year.

97.9
%

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

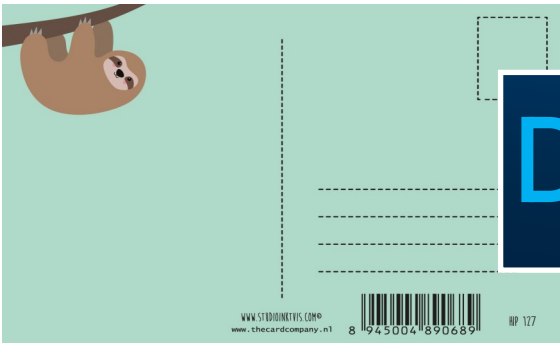
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

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.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Saturday 5 December	Inside the Wobble Room	
Monday 7 December	PTA Trek to Lapland	
Monday 7 December	Warm Clothing for Forest School	All School
Monday 7 December	Reading Room Doorway: Design Stage	
Tuesday 8 December	Third Space Learning	Selected Children
Wednesday 9 December	NHS Childhood Immunisations	All School
Thursday 10 December	Narnians Wraparound Care	All School
Thursday 10 December	Own Clothes and Christmas Jumpers	All School
Thursday 10 December	Literacy Trust Words For Life	

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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, 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. This can be via email if out of office hours and at the weekend: office@slade.kent.sch.uk

Any group who is sent a 14 day (10 day from Monday 14 December) self isolation notification will be provided with home learning via the Microsoft Teams page, accessible though the school website and Teams App.

Please contact the class teacher via the class email address if you have any questions about this home learning.

Tonbridge and the rest of Kent is now in Tier 3 of COVID restrictions,
please help keep yourself and others safe by knowing and respecting the law.



Forest School

Keeping Warm in the Woods



With temperatures barely getting above 5 degrees this week and with the colder months of January and February on their way, the children at Forest School will need warmer underlays as well as their waterproof clothing and gloves. Good at keeping them warm are jogging bottoms or thick leggings and a long sleeved tee-shirt and jumper. Anything thermal is ideal. Also, thicker socks or ‘boot socks’ for their boots will help keep the toes working, especially for the days where the River Medway joins in the fun in the forest!



Next Week’s Woodland Timetable:

- Monday 14 December: Griffin (Mr Osborne), Elmer (Mrs Pearson), Hydra (Miss Lidlow)
- Tuesday 15 December: Pegasus (Mr Louth), Elf (Mrs Hill / Mrs Black), Hippogriff (Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)
- Wednesday 16 December: Phoenix (Mr Duffin), Wyvern (Mr Watts)

Our New Seating Circle



Miss Hall and all of the children at Slade who use Forest School would like to pass on their thanks to Paul Roberts (Year 1 parent) for the tree trunk seats and to local independent timber and builders merchants, Gaza Timber, for their very kind donation of the planks of wood and drum cable table.



Forest School

Picture Gallery



'Build a Bridge' Challenge

- Taller than the shortest person in the group
- Longer than the tallest person in the group
- Wide enough for two squirrels
- Strong enough to hold a brick



Thankyou to Mrs Marshall for our amazing pallet Christmas trees!



Guess the Class!





For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 14 December	EYFS and KS1 Productions available to download and view Await details via email
Tuesday 15 December	KS2 Carols by Candlelight event available to download and view Await details via email
Wednesday 16 December	
Thursday 17 December	Class Parties This is an own clothes day - a chance to wear your party outfit all day!
Friday 18 December	Last Day of Term 2 School Open

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 21 December - Friday 1 January	Christmas Break School Closed
Thursday 31 December	Closing Date for PTA Trek to Lapland monies to be paid online See Christmas Events Newsletter for full details
Monday 4 January	First Day of Term 3 School Open
Friday 8 January	NHS Childhood Influenza Vaccination Session See Page 4 for more details
Friday 15 January	Closing Date for Applications for starting Primary School in September 2021 <u>Child born 01.09.2016 - 31.08.2017? Apply here.</u>
Tuesday 9 February	E-Safety Day
Friday 12 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February	February Break
Monday 22 February	First Day of Term 4
Monday 1 March - Friday 5 March	Book Week

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