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Are you Trekking to Lapland with the PTA yet?

See page 6 for your chance to help everyone at Slade by being sponsored for walking, running, scooting or cycling just 6.5 miles this holiday.

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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this term and what a term it's been!

May I start by taking this opportunity to thank all children, staff, parents and governors for the part that you have all played in ensuring that school has remained fully operational since September and for helping to keep our school community safe this term. Well done and thank you everyone. Thank you too for your ongoing support, encouragement, patience and understanding as we have continued to make small changes to our routines in response to the ever changing times in which we now live. Your co-operation and flexibility have made our job so very much easier; thank you everyone.

Today we bid farewell to Allie Brown, Learning Support Assistant in Gnome Class, after 5 years of working here at Slade. Allie is leaving us today as she and the family are relocating in the new year to Sheffield. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all in the Slade community to publicly thank Allie for all that she has done during her time with us and for the difference that she has made to the children with whom she has worked. With all good wishes to you Allie as you begin your northern adventure!

In addition to losing Allie we are also saying goodbye too to her husband, the Rev. Mark Brown, who has a longstanding history here at the school in his capacity as parish vicar. We will miss Mark's termly assemblies, especially the visits from his four legged friends! Thank you Mark for all that you have given to Slade Primary School in recent years and all good wishes to you for the future.

Thank you so very much for all of your thanks and positive feedback following your viewing of the Christmas performances and carol service that were shared with you earlier this week. Your kind words have been very much appreciated by all involved. I would encourage anyone who has not yet watched to try and take a look; it will definitely get you feeling in the festive spirit!

A reminder that for the first 6 days of the holiday, from today, 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. Any contact with families regarding the need to self-isolate will be made via email.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our PTA who have been working tirelessly across the term with their fundraising efforts which culminated last week in the Christmas raffle prize draw; huge thanks to all involved in making this happen. Many thanks too for the beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts that you provided for each child in school which Santa's Elves enjoyed delivering to the classes this afternoon!

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in January.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Holiday

Everyone at Slade would like to wish all of our children, their families and friends a very happy holiday, keeping safe and well.

We look forward to seeing you again in January, for the start of Term 3 and hopefully a less eventful 2021!

If Christmas is Not Easy

Kent Together

The 24 hour Helpline launched by KCC to support vulnerable people in Kent continues to assist across the county every day. If you, or anyone you know of needs urgent help, supplies or medication. It's a single point of contact for anyone in Kent needing urgent help during the Coronavirus outbreak and in Tier 3 restrictions.



More > <https://bit.ly/2QYO2b5>

Telephone 03000 41 92 92



The Samaritans

If you are not feeling okay during this holiday, or you find yourself worried about someone else, The Samaritans remain just a telephone call away. Their telephone lines are free and can be reached using any phone; they are open 24 hours a day. The person you speak to will listen to you and help you talk through anything you need to say, without making decisions for you or judging the situation.

More > www.samaritans.org

To speak to The Samaritans, call 116 123

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.





Term 3 Topics

The teaching teams across the school are already looking forward to new learning in Term 3. We are pleased to share with you, details of next term’s topics. Your child may want to find out some information to help their learning, or to share with their friends in January.



EYFS Year R: The Gingerbread Man

We will be learning the story of The Gingerbread Man, acting it out, retelling it and, of course, making biscuits., hopefully ours won’t run away! After this, we will be invaded by Aliens in Underpants!

Year 1: Terrific Toys

We compare toys from the 1960s to modern day toys, thinking about the passing of time and how toys have changed over the years. In DT, the children will be designing and making their own toys and learning about mechanisms such as axles and wheels.



Year 2: Keeping Busy

We will continue using Talk for Writing to create stories and information pages. In Maths, the children will recap addition and subtraction and move onto multiplication and division. Science will focus on Living Things whilst Art will be inspired by many artists-past and present. Within Computing, they will become photographers as well as coders!!! Lots to keep busy!

Year 3: The Romans

We will be learning about the Roman Empire, Boudicca, Hadrian's Wall (right) and gladiatorial games amongst other things! The term will culminate in a Roman Day (details to follow in January!) We will also be learning about Forces in Science, the children will be making their own roman purses in DT complete with coins and, in English, we will be learning how to write exciting myths.



Year 4: The Sunshine State

We will be learning about The Sunshine State next term, looking at Florida in lots of detail, specifically; The Kennedy Space Centre, how people in Florida cope with hurricanes and The Magic Kingdom (Disneyland). English sees learning about instruction writing and classic poetry. In science, we move on from animals including humans to look at states of matter.



Year 5: Our National Parks

In Year 5, we will be looking at British National Parks – where are they, what are they and who are they for?

Start your learning, find out more about Britain’s National Parks >
<https://www.nationalparks.uk/>



Year 6: How is Climate Change affecting the World?



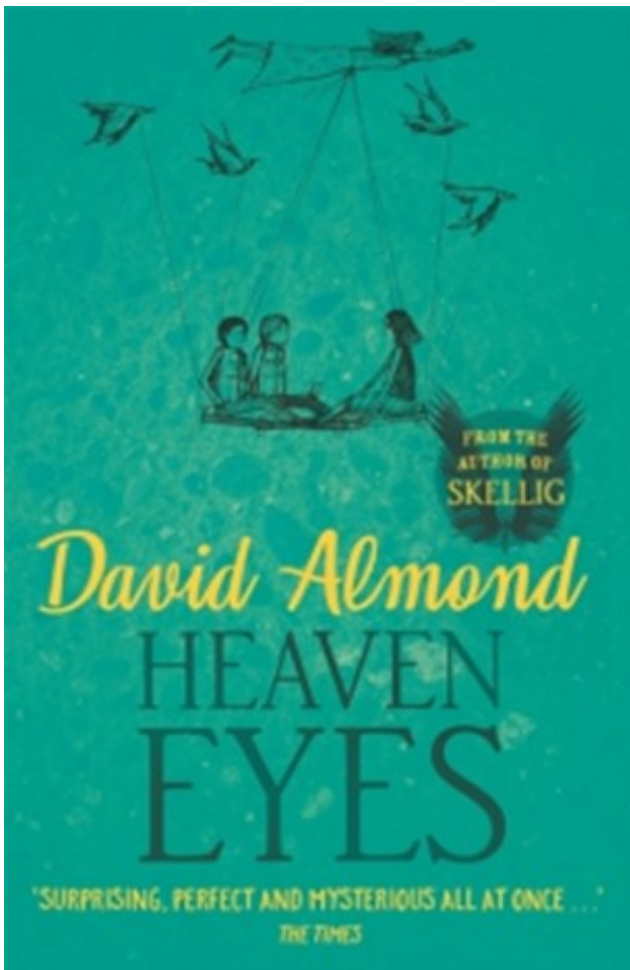
Our investigation focuses initially on the personal stories of real people around the world who are being impacted upon by changes in the usual weather patterns. The scale of study is local, whether the location is in The Gambia, Australia, the United Kingdom or Greenland (left) as children’s circumstances are similar wherever they are. The pupils will be encouraged to see these apparently unconnected examples in the broader context of the concept of global warming on a global scale. They investigate the main manifestations of global warming and also spend time understanding its causes, particularly in relation to greenhouse gas emissions from the increased burning of fossil fuels.

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

Heaven Eyes by David Almond



Erin, January and Mouse live in a children's home, Whitegates. They often dream of escape, and frequently journey into the outside world. Running away is something they know all about. But this time January builds a raft, and the three of them head precariously down river. Towards the Black Middens. This time they might never come back. When they stumble across a disused factory and its strange inhabitants - Grampa and Heaven Eyes - they wonder if they'll even have the choice. Heaven Eyes is the girl who should have drowned at sea. The mysterious girl desperately searching for her family, hoping that these three might be the family she has lost. She has a secret history only Grampa knows. And does he trust these three invaders enough to tell them? Erin feels a sisterly responsibility for Heaven Eyes, Mouse longs to belong anywhere and anyhow, but January thinks Grampa's a murderer. Whatever happens, all three have a part to play...

A stunning novel from the author of the modern children's classic Skellig; winner of the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award.

Let us know if you get any books for Christmas - We love to hear about everyone reading for pleasure
> [via Twitter](#) or [email us](#) any time.



Forest School

Woodland Timetable for Term 3:

Week 1 Groups

Monday 4 January, 18 January, 1 February: Dragon (Miss Meers), Gruffalo (Mrs Hitchcock)

Tuesday 5 January, 19 January, 2 February: Gnome (Miss Taylor), Pixie (Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott)

Wednesday 6 January, 20 January, 3 February: Sphinx (Miss Lipman), Sprite (Miss Redden)

Week 2 Groups

Monday 11 January, 25 January, 8 February: Griffin (Mr Osborne), Elmer (Mrs Pearson), Hydra (Miss Lidlow)

Tuesday 12 January, 26 January, 9 February: Pegasus (Mr Louth), Elf (Mrs Hill), Hippogriff (Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Wednesday 13 January, 27 January, 10 February: Phoenix (Mr Duffin), Wyvern (Mr Watts)



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.

96.1
%

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](#)



Slade PTA's Trek to Lapland

Trek to Lapland: Be Fit, Raise Money!

Did you know, it's 2,683 miles from school to Lapland? Help the PTA by supporting your children to walk, run or scoot just 6.5 miles and for them to raise £2,683 for lots of lovely things for the whole school!

Sponsor them over Christmas (up until 31 December). Rather than collect cash donations, please donate via Just Giving:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sladeptatrektolapland>



















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
Friday 11 December	Father Christmas pictured with Mr Dolley!	 
Saturday 12 December	Slade, innovative and caring	
Monday 14 December	EYFS Christmas Show Viewing Details	EYFS Parents 
Monday 14 December	Year 1 Christmas Show Viewing Details	Year 1 Parents 
Monday 14 December	Gnome Class Christmas Show Viewing Details	Gnome Class 
Monday 14 December	Sprite Class Christmas Show Viewing Details	Sprite Class 
Monday 14 December	Christmas Lunch	 
Tuesday 15 December	Carols by Candlelight Viewing Details	Key Stage 2 Parents 
Wednesday 16 December	Free School Meal Voucher Pre-Delivery Information	Selected Parents 
Wednesday 16 December	LearnChess Online Competition	
Thursday 17 December	Nuffield Early Language Intervention	EYFS Parents 
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Parties	
Thursday 17 December	Online Safety	Year 4 Parents 
Friday 18 December	Lightning Squad	Selected Children 

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COVID-19

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


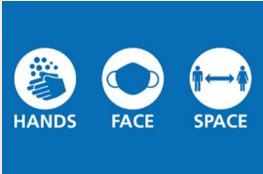
- Stay at home, do not attend any other place out of the household. This applies to everyone in the household. Telephone 111 if you require advice
- Get a COVID-19 test for the symptomatic person, via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website
- If the test comes back with a positive result, inform school immediately so we can invoke suitable measures. This can be via email if out of office hours, during the weekend or in the holidays: C19@slade.kent.sch.uk

Any group who is sent a 10 day self isolation notification in the new term 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.





For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 21 December Monday 28 December	Christmas Holiday School Closed
Tuesday 22 December Tuesday 29 December	Christmas Holiday School Closed
Wednesday 23 December Wednesday 30 December	Christmas Holiday School Closed
Thursday 24 December Thursday 31 December	Christmas Holiday School Closed
Friday 25 December Friday 1 January	Christmas Holiday School Closed

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3

Further Ahead :

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 Newsletter dated 11 December for full 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
Thursday 4 April	Last Day of Term 4

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