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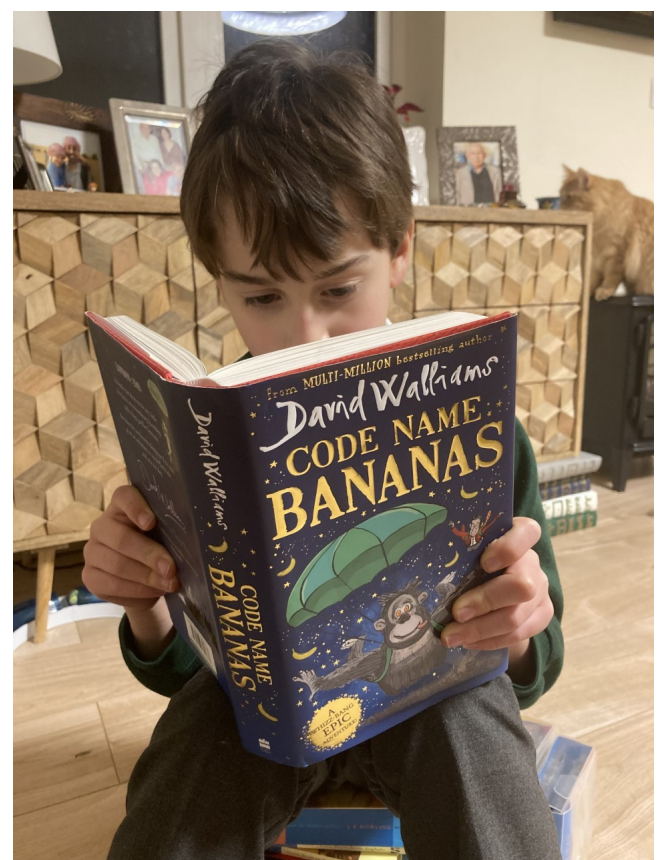
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# From the Headteacher

## Karen Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As always, I do hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

I'm conscious that I have written to you a couple of times already this week so am going to keep this short and sweet in order to avoid information overload.

Hopefully you have all read and received the updates regarding February half term and the delay to the wider opening of school in Term 4. These letters were sent via Arbor on Wednesday and Thursday for anyone who may have missed them previously. Email the school office if you would like either of these letters resent to you. We will of course be providing further information regarding the planned wider opening once new updated guidance has been received.

A heads up that next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week during which we have planned activities for children working both at home and in school. Do read on into the newsletter to learn more of what's planned including information regarding our 'Dress to Express' day planned for next Friday.

A reminder too that we are here for each and every one of you if you need a listening ear at any time or signposting to another support agency, particularly on the back of the announcements this week. Do get in touch via the school office following which one of us will get back to you.

Finally, Miss Garrett and I look forward to catching up with some of you at one of our Zoom coffee afternoons, either today or in the coming weeks!



Have a restful weekend all, away from your laptops.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

**Karen Slade**





# This Week at Slade

## Welcome to Slade, Bodhi

A very warm welcome to Bodhi, who started at the school on Wednesday, joining Elf Class remotely and joining in with our Year 1 learners on the Microsoft Teams learning and registration with Mrs Hill, who had a lovely introduction chat via Zoom with Bodhi earlier in the week.

We look forward to the time when Bodhi and the rest of his class can meet together safely in school and we look forward to a long and happy relationship with him and his family as we welcome them all to Slade.



## Chat and Catch Up Every Friday

Due To the success of the inaugural Catch Up via Zoom events held in mid January and of the one held this afternoon, Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett are looking forward to holding these virtual events which give parents a chance to unwind and have a catch up and a chat every Friday afternoon.



To be a part of this opportunity to replicate pick up time from the comfort and warmth of your own living room, use Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/94617817063?pwd=WDZCR0JSYmZXSUhxTkZVbmhOUl4UT09> from 14:00 next Friday.

## Children's Mental Health Week

**From 1-7 February 2021, we're taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. Place2Be is the UK's leading school-based children's mental health charity: 'Our mission is to improve children's mental health, and we believe that no child should have to face mental health problems alone.'**



This year's theme is 'Express Yourself' and we're encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can express ourselves and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas. With schools partially closed and lots of uncertainty, children and young people's mental health has never been more important.

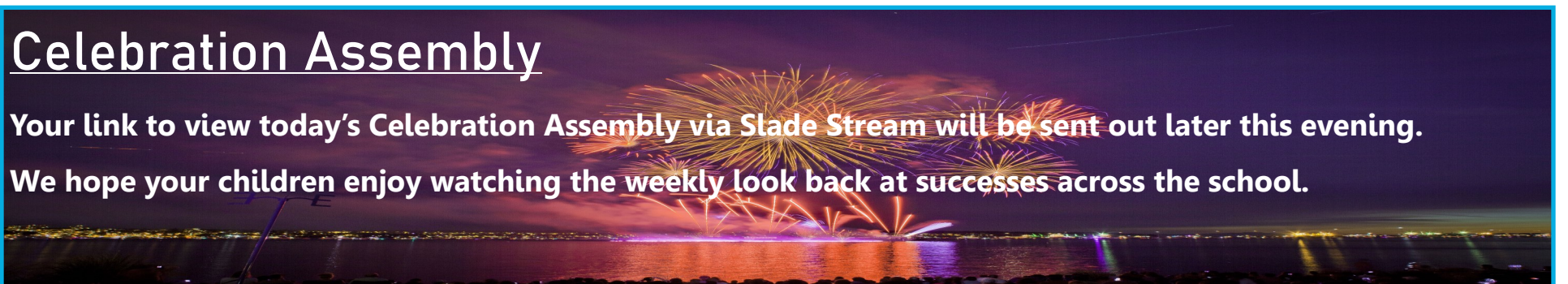
Place2Be has created some activities and an assembly and Mrs Knee has been busy sourcing further resources for the week. These will be set via Teams as usual every day next week.

Additionally, we are encouraging everyone, whether in school or at home to 'Dress to Express' on Friday 5th February. The idea is simple: use colour to express yourself by wearing a colourful outfit. Our lives are full of colour and we can use colour to help make sense of how we're feeling, who we are and the world we live in. You could wear your favourite colour or choose a range of colours that express how you're feeling. Colour can be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions.

We are not charging for this own clothes day but should you wish to make a donation to the campaign, the 'Just Giving' link is as follows: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/CMHW2021>.

## Celebration Assembly

**Your link to view today's Celebration Assembly via Slade Stream will be sent out later this evening. We hope your children enjoy watching the weekly look back at successes across the school.**







# Around School

## Happy Birthday

Everyone at Slade would like to say happy birthday to the children and adults celebrating this week.

Saturday 30 January: Michael (Hippogriff)

Sunday 31 January: Drew (Elf), Marley (Pixie)

Monday 1 February: Ellie (Hydra), Mabel (Elf), Miss Lipman, Mrs Newman

Tuesday 2 February: Naveed (Hydra), Mrs Ludwig

Wednesday 3 February: Amalia (Griffin)

Thursday 4 February: Brandon (Dragon)



## Panda Play

Lucy in Hippogriff Class is making fantastic use of her time at moment, as she perfects her playing of the ukulele through plenty of practice.

Here she is in her panda onesie taking on the challenge of learning new tunes in lockdown. She told us that she has begun to learn songs such as [Riptide](#), [Somewhere Over the Rainbow](#) and [Happy Birthday](#), which is her favourite of the new tunes. Since beginning to learn to play the ukulele, she has a favourite tune: [I'm Yours](#), by Jason Mraz.



Dad Julian is proud of the progress that Lucy has made in the last couple of months and we can't wait to hear her play back in school later in the year. Lucy tells us that in the future she would like to take up piano lessons. Keep up the hard work, Lucy and keep enjoying your music!

## Have Your Mother's Day Message Published

The annual My Mum supplement in the Kent Messenger group of newspapers will be published in their titles in the week beginning 8 March - Mother's Day in England this year is on Sunday 22 March

Michelle Hayles from the KM Group invites your child to get involved from home (if you are a mother, just pretend you haven't seen the artwork when helping your child submit their message!) Michelle wrote to us this week:

**'Whilst we normally work closely with schools to produce our My Mum publication - with classes sending in drawings to our offices - we have had to change our approach this year with so many children currently home-schooling. Instead, we are asking parents to help children submit pictures direct to our website at [www.kmmymum.co.uk](http://www.kmmymum.co.uk)**

**Children can add their own special message to their mum, and the pictures will appear in time for Mother's Day in week commencing 8 March.'**

The opportunity to upload a Mother's Day message is open to all primary school aged children this year. The deadline to get your drawing submitted to the KM is Sunday 28 February.

**For more information on how to submit pictures visit Kent Online:**

**<https://www.kentononline.co.uk/kent/news/send-us-your-childrens-drawings-for-my-mum-240985/>**



# Reading Corner



Well done to all of the children who are presently seeing which boxes can be ticked off of their reading bingo cards, we have featured three of them on page 6 of today’s newsletter.

For those of you after an additional, or different challenge, Miss Redden has scoured her resources and has given us some interesting reading related opportunities to extend our reading and use everything we have learnt when reading and in all of other subjects with some fun activities to have a go at.

Reading (and a bit of writing!) Online	
<p>Storynory <a href="https://www.storynory.com/archives/">https://www.storynory.com/archives/</a></p> <p>Storynory has been giving free audio stories to the world since November 2005. They have a podcast and a website with audio streaming.</p>	
<p>Top 10 Digital E-Books <a href="https://researchrichpedagogies.org/downloads/Top_Ten_Digital_Books.pdf">https://researchrichpedagogies.org/downloads/Top Ten Digital Books.pdf</a></p> <p>The Open University have collated ten ‘awesome’ digital e-books!</p>	
<p>ReadingZone Picture Book Competition 2021 <a href="https://www.readingzone.com/index.php?zone=sz&amp;page=picture_book">https://www.readingzone.com/index.php?zone=sz&amp;page=picture_book</a></p> <p>ReadingZone are challenging children and young people aged 4-18 years to create a picture book. Author and illustrator Mini Grey (The Last Wolf, Traction Man) will judge this year's competition. Check out the website above and the links on the page which explain further.</p>	

Just finished reading a book? Try some of these follow up ideas:

<p>DISC JOCKEY</p> <p>Choose pieces of music that you think capture different sections from the book. Explain your choices.</p>	<p>JOURNALIST</p> <p>Choose 3 current news items and explain how some of the characters could be interested in them.</p>	<p>FILMMAKER</p> <p></p> <p>Write the script of a video recreating a chapter or scene that you liked.</p>
<p>PUZZLE MAKER</p> <p></p> <p>Make a crossword puzzle about the characters, settings, events or any other details. Write clues for each of them.</p>	<p>PSYCHOLOGIST</p> <p>Analyse one of the themes in the story. How does it relate to the world around you?</p>	<p>DESIGNER</p> <p>Design an award for each of the main characters based on their actions. Why do they deserve the award?</p>

If you have a go at any of these activities, share them via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).

Look out for a Reading Treasure Hunt, coming your way very soon!

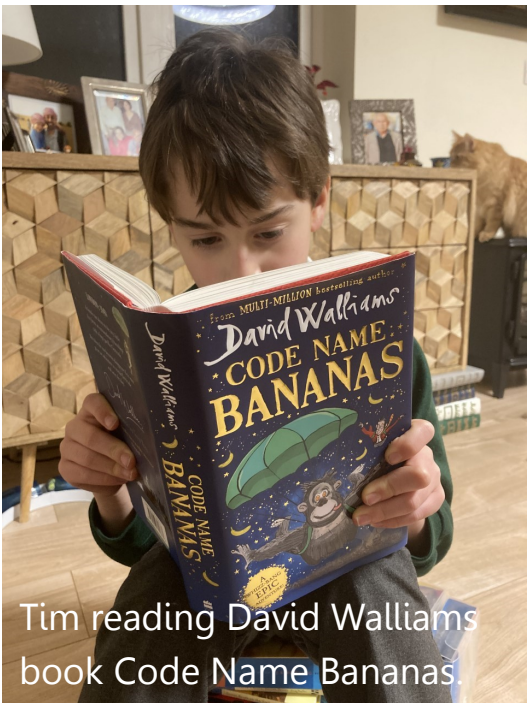




# Reading Bingo

**Reading Bingo has taken off all over Tonbridge!**

**Congratulations to the children who have managed to complete a line or four corners of their Key Stage Card that we featured a couple of weeks ago. Tim (Hippogriff Class), Ted (Wyvern) and Annabelle in Sprite Class have all shared their stories of success with us:**



Tim reading David Walliams book Code Name Bananas.

Tim has completed ten of the categories on his card when we caught up with him: 'My favourite book that I read during this challenge was Harry Potter and the Cabinet of Fire: J.K. Rowling is one of my favourite authors, along with David Walliams. I have read more than one book written by J.K. Rowling and by David Walliams including Code Name Bananas in my picture.

My favourite category to complete was listening to an audio book in bed. I listened to the first Harry Potter book on audio and to Bad dad by David Walliams more than once after reading the book itself. '

Tim plays close attention when he listens to audio books, evidenced when he continues, 'Stephen Fry was the narrator for the Harry Potter books, but mostly I liked listening to David Walliams read out his own book, Bad Dad.'

Ted is a keen and successful sportsman, so he used skills picked up on the football field to think strategically. This helped him to the satisfaction of completing a line of the card quickly.

Making breakfast one day recently, Ted decided to find out how the cooker worked, so he read through the relevant sections in the manual - this was written before his birth (tick!) Although he found it boring - and who are we to argue that home appliance instruction books were written to be thrillers! Much more to Ted's taste however were the instructions to Airfix models that he has taken up making. Reading these instructions, then transferring the knowledge learnt into correctly making the model requires lots of concentration and accurate reading - well done Ted.

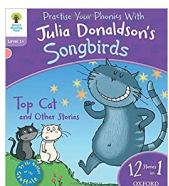
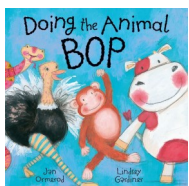
When he wants to relax, Ted has been indulging in his love of sport, listening to podcasts, especially those presented by Peter Crouch and carp fisherman , Ali Hamidi. (both, right)



Finally today, well done to Annabelle in Year2, our first Key Stage 1 winner.

In completing her line on the bingo card, Annabelle has been reading all over the place! She loves reading to her dog, Milo at home as well to her toy, 'baby'

Like many families in lockdown, Annabelle has been catching up with her family on video calls: she read to her Nanny on a call recently treating her to Peppa Pig goes Swimming - one of Annabelle's favourite books.



Besides Peppa Pig, Annabelle loves Songbirds, by Julia Donaldson and The Animal Bop Book, written by Jan Omerod.

Completing her line, Annabelle went outside to read - just before it started snowing during the last weekend. She described it to us as 'freezing'

**Well done to these three - please do follow their lead and let us know when you have completed some of your Key Stage bingo card, available on your yeargroup Teams page, in the newsletter from 15 January and from recent letters from Miss Redden.**





# Around School at Home



## What Makes You Special?

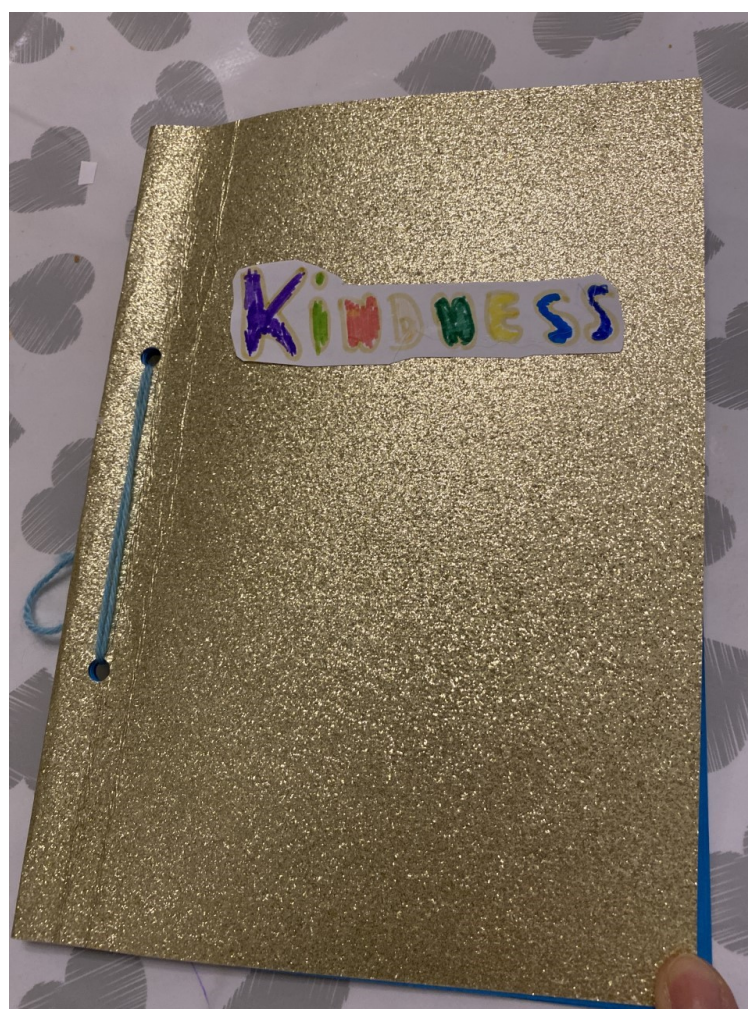
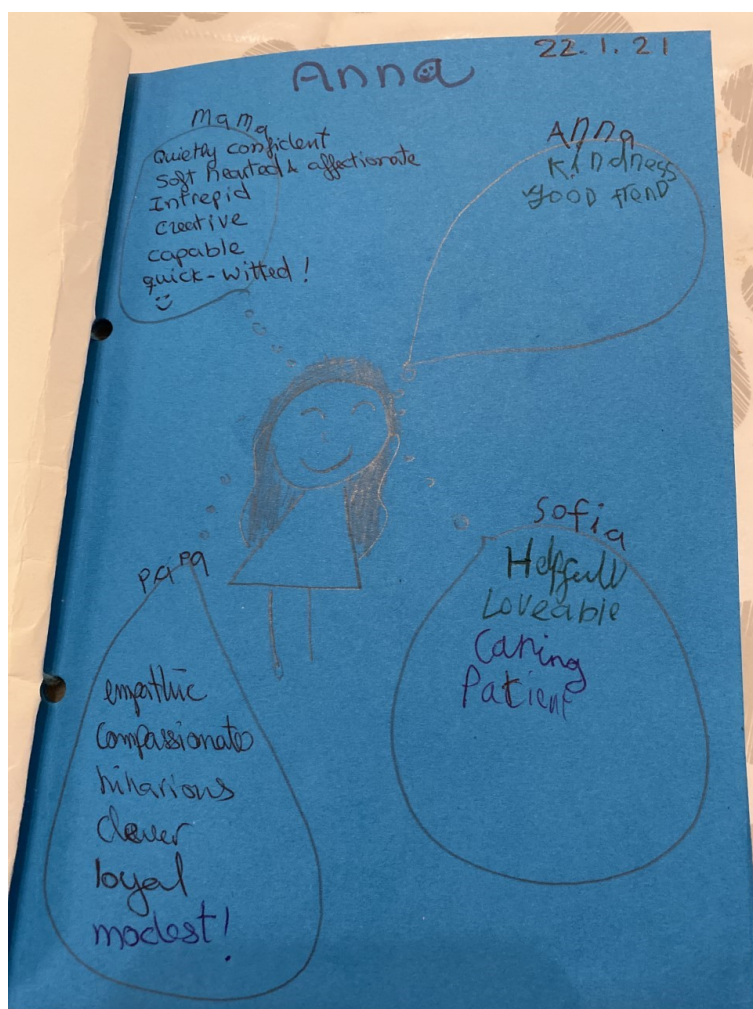
In their PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education) lesson last week, Year 1 were asked to think about what makes them special and their task was to think about the following:

- What is special about you?
- Draw a picture of yourself.
- Write a list of special qualities about you e.g. kind, caring, funny.

Mrs Hill was really pleased with all of the ideas that came back, one in particular, from Anna in Elf Class, stood out. Mrs Hill continues the story:

*'Anna took this one step further and decided to think about the qualities of all the members of the family and create a kindness book.'*

*This book is now going to be a family tradition with them adding to it every year. The pictures of the book are below.'*



Mum, Anna, told Mrs Hill how the book came about;

*'It was Anna's idea to create a family book to add special family memories and our qualities and strengths as a family. We agreed the quality that describes us better as a family is 'kindness'.*

*Anna drew herself and chose two qualities and then papa, mamá and Sofia also added qualities we feel Anna embellishes.*

*Anna's idea was for all of us all to do a page for each other and add to it every year.*

*I love our new tradition!'*

And so do we, expect a few more family memory books to pop up around Mid and West Kent after hearing about this lovely story and idea.

## Need Exercise Indoors?

First Class Football, our after school football club provider have provided us with some fun ideas on how to exercise indoors through lockdown. Today's offering is from KIDZBOP for quick non high intensity dance moves. First Class Football tell us that these videos are particularly liked by boys who don't usually like to take part in dance activity. Follow this link to KIDZBOP dance along videos from the UK and Germany: <https://www.youtube.com/>





# 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.

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%

Attendance  
This Year.

97.3  
%

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
Monday 25 January	Monday Assembly 	All School 
Tuesday 26 January	Headlice in School	Selected Bubbles 
Wednesday 27 January	February Break Update	All School 
Wednesday 27 January	Narnians Refunds	Selected Narnians Customers 
Thursday 28 January	Catch Up and Chat Every Friday - Logon Details	All School 
Thursday 28 January	Reopening of Schools - Prime Minister's Update	All School 
Thursday 28 January	Monster Phonics	Year R & Year 1 Parents 
Friday 29 January	Children's Mental Health Week 	All School 
Friday 29 January	Become a...	

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## COVID-19

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


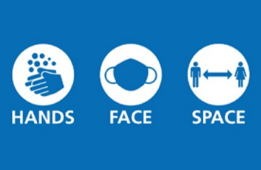
- Stay at home, do not attend any other place out of the household. This applies to everyone in the household. Telephone 111 if you require advice
- Get a COVID-19 test for the symptomatic person, via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website
- If the test comes back with a positive result, inform school 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](mailto:C19@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Any group who is sent a 10 day self isolation notification should continue their 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, the rest of Kent and the whole of England is now operating under Lockdown conditions**

**Please follow the law and stay home unless totally necessary. Click here for the guidance**












# For your Diary

## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 1 February 	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Tuesday 2 February 	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Wednesday 3 February 	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Thursday 4 February 	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Friday 5 February 	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children* <b>14:00 - Coffee and Catch Up via Zoom (see page 3)</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94617817063?pwd=WDZCR0JSYmZXSUhxTkZVbmhOUUnl4UT09">https://zoom.us/j/94617817063?pwd=WDZCR0JSYmZXSUhxTkZVbmhOUUnl4UT09</a>

\* Including vulnerable children and families. Places must be booked and approved in advance via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).

**In accordance with Government Lockdown guidance, please stay at home where at all possible .**

## 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 :

Until Notified Otherwise	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children* <i>* Places must be booked and approved in advance via <a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> .</i> <b>In accordance with Government Lockdown guidance, please stay at home where at all possible .</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 - School Closed to all pupils</b>
Monday 22 February	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>
Monday 1 March - Friday 5 March	<b>Book Week</b>
Thursday 1 April	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>
Monday 4 April - Friday 16 April	<b>Easter Holidays - School Closed to all pupils</b>
Monday 19 April	<b>First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade!</b> 
Monday 3 May	<b>National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils</b>

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