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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you and your families all remain safe and well at the start of this new term and that you made the most of some downtime during the half term break.

As you are aware, following the government announcement earlier this week the wider opening of schools to all pupils will commence from 8 March 2021. I had hoped to share the updated risk assessment and detailed plans for this return to school with you today. However, following the unexpected arrival of the NHS testing centre on the castle car park I am delaying sharing our final plan with you until I can be confident that all risks around the positioning of this site and its impact on access into school have been addressed and mitigated against. At the time of writing I have not received any notification from the local council regarding the site or the safety measures that they will be putting in place. However, I do have an onsite meeting with representatives from the Department of Health and Social Care on Friday following which I will update our school plan and risk assessment accordingly.

I can confirm that all year groups will be returning to school on **Monday 8 March** and we look forward to welcoming all the children back into the building then. The detailed plan for drop off and pick up will now be sent out on Monday. Thank you for your patience and your understanding of the reasons for the unforeseen delay in sharing this information with you.

I have been asked to share an [open letter from the Secretary of State for Education to parents](#) about the decision to lift restrictions on education from Monday 8 March. This letter also provides information on the asymptomatic testing programme and safety measures. Please also find links to the updated guidance on [what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#) and [parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) for your information.

Also falling in to your inbox today is a letter from me regarding the election process for a parent governor here at Slade. I am delighted and grateful to the four members of our parent community who want to offer their time and service to the school in this way; thank you. Since there have been more nominations than vacancies we now need to hold a ballot, details of which are outlined in the separate letter. Please can I encourage all parents to read the personal statements that the nominees have taken the time to provide and cast your vote following the Covid-secure process that has been put in place.

Finally, huge congratulations to Tim in Hippogriff Class for his amazing car washing fundraising efforts during half term which saw him raise a huge total of £330! Tim was inspired to raise funds to support the purchase of a new school laptop; I'm delighted that the amount raised will enable us to do that. Well done and thank you Tim and thank you too to those of you who supported him with his efforts.

Have a restful weekend all; only one more week of home learning!

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Keeping Safe on our Roads: KCC Project Vision Zero

Kent County Council have recently launched a consultation for Vision Zero – The Road Safety Strategy for Kent.

The consultation runs until Monday 15 March and papers are published on www.kent.gov.uk/visionzero. You will be able to download the full draft strategy as well as supporting documents such as the Equality Impact Assessment, Executive Summary, a data pack and links to the questionnaire where you can have your say on the proposals. Rory McMullan, who is part of the team leading the project wrote to us to ask for feedback on the proposals from parents and anyone else who has an interest in them. He tells us:

'This strategy proposes that KCC set a target of zero road fatalities on the Kent Highway Network by 2050. While meeting this ambition may not be possible, we hope to get as close as possible to zero and propose that zero deaths is the only appropriate target for us to have.

The success of this strategy will depend on engagement with Kent's communities to work together towards safer roads, towns and villages. To achieve this, we are proposing a proactive approach to community engagement, which we are calling Community CIRCLE. This approach proposes research and pilot studies to align community concerns about safety with data on recent injury collisions.

We are proposing to follow the Safe Systems approach, which is designed with the human being at its core, accepting that even the most conscientious person will make a mistake at some point. The goal of Safe Systems is to ensure that these mistakes do not lead to a crash or, if a crash does occur, it is sufficiently controlled to not cause a death or a life-changing injury.'

The consultation is open until 23:59 on Monday 15 March.

More & to complete the Questionnaire > [KCC Vision Zero](http://www.kent.gov.uk/visionzero)



Slade Primary School: Parent Governor Election

You will have received earlier today, notification that we are holding a ballot for our parent and carer community to vote for the candidates who have put themselves forward for the one vacancy we have for Parent Governor on our Governing Body.



Please read the letter carefully in order to vote correctly, which will allow for your vote to count in electing one of the candidates to this important role within the management of the school. A copy of the letter from Mrs Slade can be found here: [Parent Governor Election Letter - February 2021.pdf](#)

A reminder that your vote must be received by email or via postal or courier service by Midday (12:00) on Monday 15 March and written in the format described in the letter.

Please use electronic voting where possible and do not try and hand deliver postal votes to the school office. If you require a printed version of the ballot form for postal voting, please contact us via email office@slade.kent.sch.uk to arrange one to be posted to you.

If you require any assistance casting your vote, please email us and we will be happy to help.

Celebration Assembly

Click on the Slade Stream link below to enjoy today's Celebration Assembly.

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/7310ef16-36a5-4353-a6af-fc970869187f>

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 both this past week and through next week.

Monday 22 February: Jacob (Griffin), Ewan (Wyvern)

Tuesday 23 February: Finnegan (Hippogriff), Matilda (Pegasus)

Wednesday 24 February: Lucas (Dragon)

Today, Friday 26 February: Scarlett (Elf)

Saturday 27 February; Mrs Clark

Sunday 28 February: Dexter (Gruffalo), Stanley (Phoenix)

Monday 1 March: Ellis (Gruffalo), Jing Yi (Phoenix)

Tuesday 2 March: Charlie (Wyvern)

Wednesday 3 March: Ollie (Sphinx), Blake (Gnome), Aquilina (Phoenix), George (Hippogriff), Lily (Pixie), Francesca (Sprite) and Isla (Gnome)

Thursday 4 March: William (Gruffalo)



Literacy Mark 2020: Gold Winners

We are delighted to have been awarded the Gold Literacy Mark for the third consecutive year - an award we are all very proud to retain.

The Literacy Mark is given by local media leaders, the Kent Messenger Group, through their charity arm, the KM Charity Team, in recognition of the work Slade has done during 2020 to develop reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, despite the very challenging circumstances facing schools during the past year.

Thankyou to Kay Devine from the KM Charity Team for the award and to Miss Redden, Mrs Mawson and all of the teachers at the school for their hard work in producing activities suitable for the Gold standard and for the support of the adults at home for helping the children with their reading all of the time, especially during lockdown; and especially still, those stories we are pleased to have shared in our weekly newsletters.



Love to Bake?

Love Productions are delighted to say, that they have recently opened applications for the 7th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, we are encouraging all of our children to consider taking part in this fantastic opportunity.

The production company are looking for young budding bakers between **9 - 15 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2021, but **applications close on Sunday 28 March 2021**.

More > [Watch Last Years Final via All4 from Channel 4](#)



More Information and Apply here > [Love Productions](#)

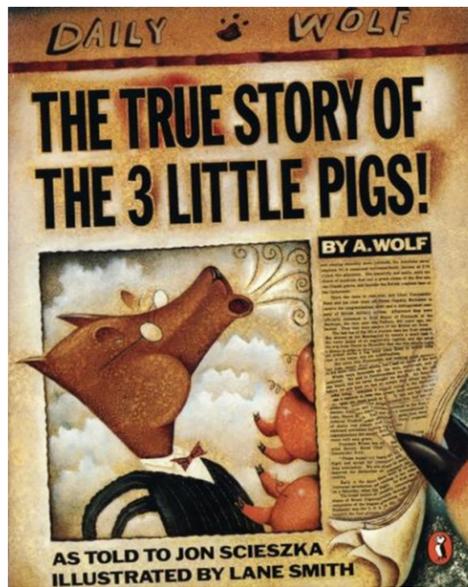


Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, by Jon Scieszka



In this hysterical and clever fracture fairy tale picture book that twists point of view and perspective, young readers will finally hear the other side of the story of "The Three Little Pigs." This is a hilarious retelling of the traditional tale by Jon Scieszka:

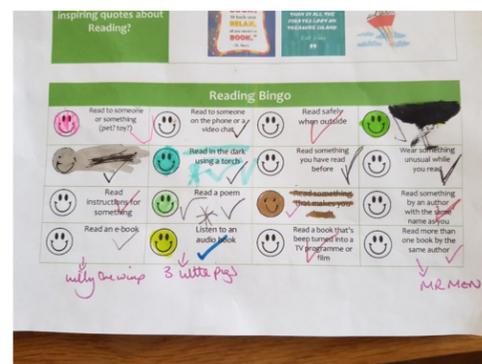
You may think you know the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - but only one person knows the real story. And that person is... A.Wolf.

His tale starts with a birthday cake for his dear old granny, a bad head cold and a bad reputation. The rest (as they say) is history. An inventive retelling of the popular story which Publishers Weekly called the 'Funniest book of the year'

Reading Bingo: Full House for Jack

Many congratulations to Jack in Sprite Class who completed the whole of his KS1 Reading Bingo card just before the February Break.

One of Jack's favourite boxes to complete was to dress up in something unusual whilst reading - you may have already seen Jack today, without knowing - he is on our front cover, well Storm Trooper Jack is anyway!



We are sure that Biff and Chip adventures are much read in space (and if they're not, they should be!)



One of the trickier boxes to complete for Jack, was listening to an audio book. He showed great perseverance though to see it through to the end. Proving we don't just throw the newsletter together, Jack's choice of listening was the traditional tale of the Three Little Pigs, with a nod towards Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week!

Well done Jack and thank you to mum for providing the photographs and stories. It is great to see that you have used your imagination and love of reading to complete the bingo card successfully.

Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Dominique Valente

This week's free to read or listen to book is the first book in Dominique's 'Starfell' series, 'Willow Moss and the Lost Day.'

Dominique has also recorded a video interview and answers questions such as what she thinks is the best thing about reading and also tackles how to get better at reading. In addition to this, she has provided a link to lots of Starfell related activities to do at home.



The Starfell series is described by Google Books as being perfect for fans of Terry Pratchett, so do give it a listen.

Watch, Read, Listen and Do with the Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week:

[Meet Dominique Valente](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)



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.

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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 |
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| Monday 22 February | Monday Assembly  | All School  |
| Monday 22 February | Free School Meal Vouchers - Early Term 4 | Selected Parents  |
| Tuesday 23 February | Wider Reopening of Schools - An Update | All School  |
| Tuesday 23 February | World Book Day | All School  |
| Thursday 25 February | Lightning Squad | Selected Parents  |
| Thursday 25 February | Junior Bake Off |  |
| Friday 26 February | Parent Governor Ballot | All School  |
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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 should continue their home learning via the Microsoft Teams page, accessible through 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 |
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| Monday 1 March - Friday 5 March  | Book Week For more information see Tuesday's letter and register for free activities here: https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/scholastic-live-world-book-day |
| Monday 1 March | National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children |
| Tuesday 2 March | National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children |
| Wednesday 3 March | National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children |
| Thursday 4 March  | World Book Day Dress as your favourite book character, see letter sent on Tuesday for full information National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children |
| Friday 5 March | National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children |

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

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

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| MONDAY | All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narrnians Wraparound currently suspended |
| TUESDAY | All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narrnians Wraparound currently suspended |
| WEDNESDAY | All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narrnians Wraparound currently suspended |
| THURSDAY | All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narrnians Wraparound currently suspended |
| FRIDAY | All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narrnians Wraparound currently suspended |

Further Ahead :

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| Monday 1 March | Secondary School (KS3 2021) National Offer Day Year 6 Parents should await an email from 16:00. For more information on what to after the offer has been made visit the Kent Admissions Website . We will not be able to assist with any questions, please contact Kent Admissions or your allocated school if you have a query. |
| Monday 8 March | Return to In-School provision for all pupils See Mrs Slade's notes on Page 2 for latest updates |
| Thursday 1 April | Last Day of Term 4 |
| Monday 4 April - Friday 16 April | Easter Holidays - School Closed to all pupils |
| Friday 16 April | Primary School (EYFS21) National Offer Day More information will appear in our newsletters nearer the time |
| Monday 19 April | First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade!  |
| Wednesday 21 April & Thursday 22 April | National Child Measurement Programme and Vision Screening - EYFS Classes*** *** More information will be provided by the NHS team involved nearer the time |
| Monday 3 May | National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils |

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