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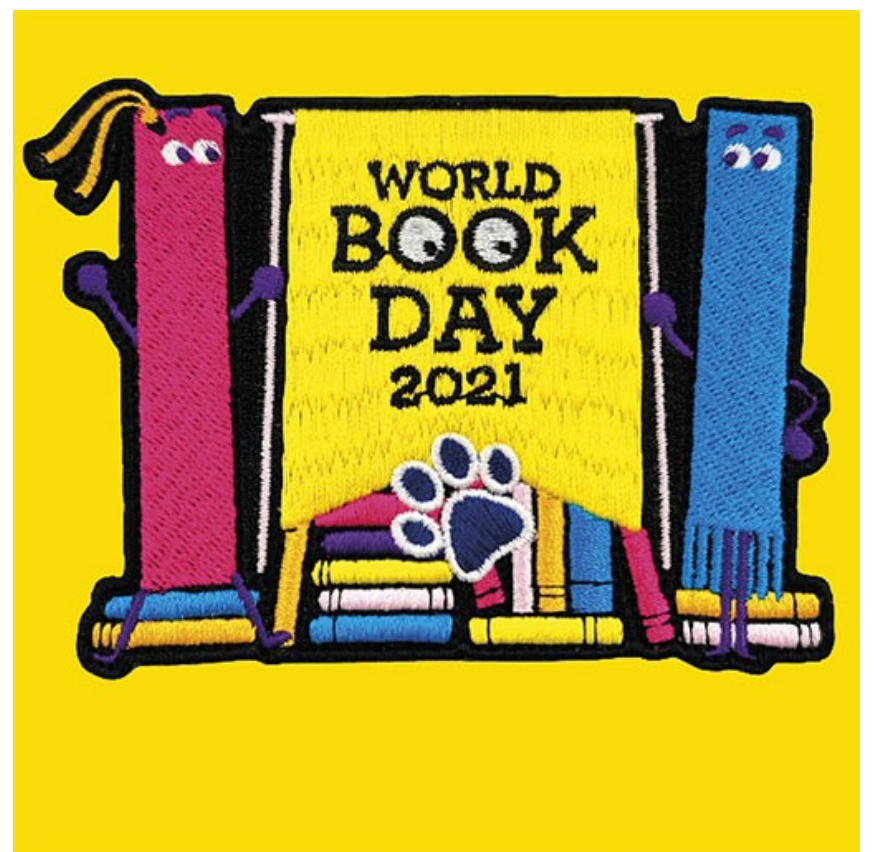
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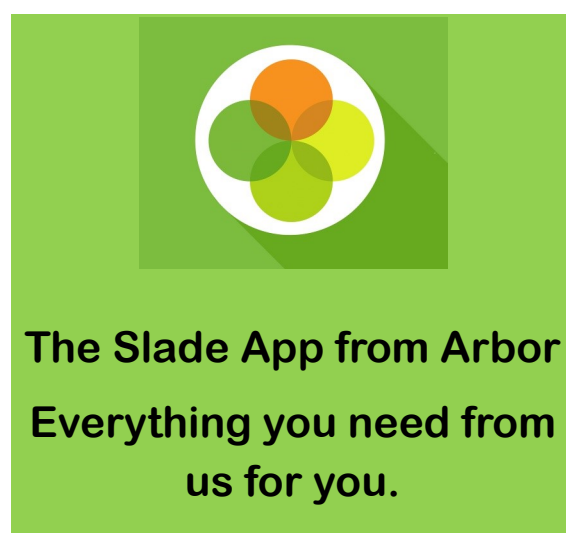
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Slade Primary School Newsletter 2020/21 Term 4 Issue 2 / Friday 5 March 2021





From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you and your families all remain safe and well and are looking forward to some sense of normality returning next week.

A huge thank you and well done to each and every child, parent and member of staff for the resilience that you have all demonstrated during these past 9 challenging weeks since the start of Term 3. You have all been truly amazing in the way that you have responded and adapted to the changes to schooling that we have experienced during this time. Whether accessing learning in school in critical worker bubbles or at home learning remotely I am extremely proud of each and every member of the Slade Community and you should all be very proud of yourselves too. I am excited to be welcoming all children back into the building on Monday as we start to reconnect and rebuild moving forward together. Here's to the good times ahead!

Lockdown did not hinder the World Book Day celebrating at Slade, remotely or in the building! School was still transformed yesterday into a colourful world of book characters as we celebrated World Book Day! It was great to see so many online registration sessions awash with children dressed as characters from their favourite books! Thank you for going above and beyond this year with resourcing costumes and helping your child to bring their book character to life. Special thanks to Miss Redden, Mr Watts and all the staff for the fun that you have created for the children. Book tokens will be emailed out to you which can be exchanged in any local book store or used online. We look forward to seeing the books that you buy!

As I shared in my letter on Monday, there will be no Breakfast Club, After School Club or extra-curricular after school activities on re-opening. Our aim has always been to reintroduce these services when satisfied that it is safe to do so and when it is not to the detriment of educational provision. There is now a short online survey for parents to complete, the results of which will enable us to ascertain the demand for this service as we continue to plan ahead. Thank you in advance for completing this: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtz0m47TuDL8aBohlUOtojuWxlj8LwmD_bv7FUQ1FQSIbGRjM3NVZHRIRPUIE2TzRBSzRUUS4u

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed by collecting a home test kit from a test site or by ordering a home test kit online. This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

Thank you to all parents who have already cast their votes in the parent governor election; a reminder to those of you still planning to vote that the closing date for this ballot is midday on Monday 15 March.

Have a restful weekend everyone and see you all on Monday!

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Welcome to Slade, Dylan

This week, we were delighted to welcome Dylan to Slade. Dylan will be joining up with our youngest learners in Elmer Class with Mrs Pearson.

We all hope you have enjoyed your first week with us in remote learning, Dylan and that you are excited to meet up with your new class on Monday.

We look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship with Dylan and his family to who we extend our warm welcome.



Local Road Changes

High Street - Lansdowne Road - Annison Street - The Slade

Following last week's story of Kent County Council's Mission Zero road accident prevention strategy, we would like to alert you of a recent change to the road layout close to Slade and how it may impact your walk to school, especially if your children walk or cycle to and from school on their own or in advance of you.

The removal of a barrier in Annison Street means that this is now an open through road from Stafford Road onto The Slade, through to the High Street

Vehicles are able to use this as a through way, sometimes unaware of junctions along the road. Parents who let their children walk along this route and along Bradley Street may want to their children aware of these changes and to make sure that they are double checking for safety before crossing any of the local roads.

Thankyou to alert parents who have let us know of this recent change and have seen the impact of it.



Slade Primary School: Parent Governor Election

There is just over a week to cast your vote for one of the four candidates who have put themselves forward for the one vacancy we have for Parent Governor on our Governing Body.

Thankyou to those of you who have already voted for this important position within the school.

Your vote must be received by email or via Royal Mail by Midday (12:00) on Monday 15 March.

More information and details on how to vote > [Parent Governor Election Letter - February 2021.pdf](#)

Celebration Assembly

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

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/357704dd-3339-4090-87a3-244f2685b61b>

We hope your children love watching the weekly look back at successes across the school and that you have all enjoyed our streaming service of these events during the latest lockdown.





Around School

Next Week: Back to School

So, that was Lockdown 3! Many congratulations to all of our children and their adults for coping so well and continuing to learn and thrive remotely throughout this time. Thankyou to everyone who has played a part in this.

From Monday, in school provision returns to all pupils as the first part of the government's roadmap out of the pandemic takes shape. However, in line with continuing COVID-19 safety protocols we still have the health of everyone at school at the forefront of our minds. Please be aware of your child's class entrance and exit gate and their school day timings, which are as follows:

EYFS Year R: Drop Off and Collection from EYFS Gate

Elmer: Morning Drop Off between 08:35 and 08:40, Afternoon Collection at 14:55

Gruffalo: Morning Drop Off between 08:45 and 08:50, Afternoon Collection at 15:05

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2): Drop Off and Collection from Main Playground Gate

Pixie: Morning Drop Off between 08:40 and 08:45, Afternoon Collection at 15:00

Elf: Morning Drop Off between 08:50 and 08:55, Afternoon Collection at 15:10

Gnome: Morning Drop Off between 08:45 and 08:50, Afternoon Collection at 15:05

Sprite: Morning Drop Off between 08:55 and 09:00, Afternoon Collection at 15:15

Year 3 and Year 4: Drop Off and Collection from the School Field Gate (Hawden Road/Stafford Road)

Pegasus: Morning Drop Off between 08:40 and 08:45, Afternoon Collection at 15:05

Hippogriff: Morning Drop Off between 08:50 and 08:55, Afternoon Collection at 15:15

Phoenix: Morning Drop Off between 08:45 and 08:50, Afternoon Collection at 15:10

Sphinx: Morning Drop Off between 08:55 and 09:00, Afternoon Collection at 15:20

Year 5 and Year 6: Drop Off and Collection from Deacon House Gate

Wyvern: Morning Drop Off between 08:50 and 08:55, Afternoon Collection at 15:15

Dragon: Morning Drop Off between 08:40 and 08:45, Afternoon Collection at 15:05

Griffin: Morning Drop Off between 08:45 and 08:50, Afternoon Collection at 15:10

Hydra: Morning Drop Off between 08:55 and 09:00, Afternoon Collection at 15:20

Despite schools reopening, the rest of lockdown regulations and laws are still in place. We kindly remind all parents, carers and friends that face coverings should be worn when waiting to drop off or collect children and that social distancing should be respected, where possible at a distance of 2 metres from other families. We also ask that you are mindful of social distancing rules when walking to and from school as well.



You should also continue to avoid all unnecessary visits or non-booked appointments into the school office. If you have any questions that would normally see you visit the office, please continue to use email

(office@slade.kent.sch.uk) or, through our telephone line 01732 350354 at this time.

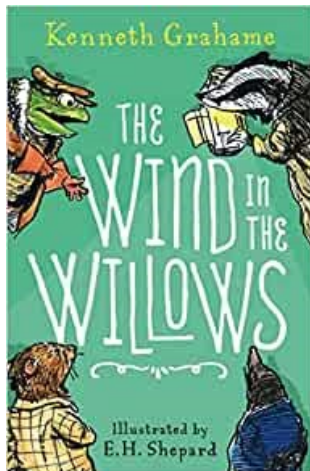
Please refer to Mrs Slade's letter, sent via Arbor Email on Monday afternoon, for all of the details about the return to school from Monday and for the rest of Term 4.

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

The Wind in the Willows, by Kenneth Grahame



A classic from Mrs Mawson this week:

Spring is in the air and Mole has found a wonderful new world. There's boating with Ratty, a feast with Badger and high jinks on the open road with that reckless ruffian Mr Toad of Toad Hall. the four become the firmest of friends, but after Toad's latest escapade, can they join together and beat the wretched weasels?

World Book Week

We hope that you have enjoyed the activities relating to Book Week and World Book Day, which was yesterday, including the free extra sessions organised by Scholastic UK.

You should also have received your £1 Book Token, sponsored by our friends at National Book Tokens by email yesterday. The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers, who fully fund the cost of the £1 book token redemptions.

The £1 book token can be exchanged for one of the exclusive, new £1 books or for getting £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating bookshops and supermarkets. The tokens are valid until Sunday 28 March.



More > [Find your nearest participating bookseller](#)

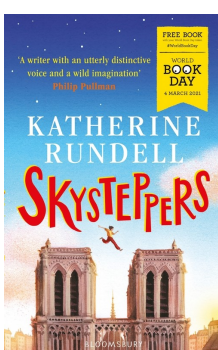
More > [The full range of £1 books](#)

Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Katherine Rundell

This week, Katherine Rundell speaks to the Literacy Trust Oak Academy Online Library about her favourite books and has some reading tips for everyone.

The free audio book is Katherine's novel, The Good Thieves. Follow Vita Marlowe's adventures as she takes on a lawless, death defying plan as she aims to see her grandfather happy again.



As a World Book Day bonus this week, there is also a video, produced by Katherine of her World Book Day read, called Skysteppers. Have a watch and see if this could be the book you choose to swap your £1 voucher for!

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

[Meet Katherine Rundell](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)



Forest School

Miss Hall is thrilled to be bringing Forest School back next week.

There will be sessions for every class over the next two weeks as we continue our interrupted first year of Forest School at Slade.

Please remember to come in to school with full Forest School kit on the day your class is due their session.

We are in that awkward time of year, where waterproofs, warm layers and sunhat all need to be on standby! As a reminder, Miss Hall has provided us with a copy of the kit list:

Forest School Kit

- full waterproofs (all in one or two piece)- all year
- warm layers (old clothes/thermals)- winter
- accessories- gloves hats scarves- winter
- wellies/sturdy outdoor shoes (school shoes or trainers are not suitable)- all year - wellies are still needed as it is very wet and muddy down there.
- long sleeved and long-legged old clothes - all year
- all clothes and wellies must be labelled in a labelled bag
- sun hat and sunscreen - summer

Woodland Timetable - Term 4

- Monday 8 March: Dragon**
- Tuesday 9 March: Gnome, Pixie, Gruffalo**
- Wednesday 10 March: Sphinx, Sprite**
- Monday 15 March: Griffin, Elmer, Hydra**
- Tuesday 16 March: Pegasus, Elf, Hippogriff**
- Wednesday 17 March: Phoenix, Wyvern**

If you have any questions about the kit required or which sessions your child is in, please don't hesitate to contact the school using your class email address.
classname@slade.kent.sch.uk

Miss Hall would like to pass on the thanks of everyone at Slade to these local companies for their kind donations to the Forest School at Slade, their donations will continue to enhance the experience the children have in these sessions. Do please consider these local companies when thinking of your own tyre or home and garden purchases.



Watling Tyres, 1 Lamberts Road, Tunbridge Wells, who donated lorry tyres.



Stephen Moss at B&Q, Longfield Retail Park, Tunbridge Wells, who donated 7 125 litre bags of compost and 2 rolls of weed control fabric for the allotment.

Around School at Home



One of the positives to have come out of this lockdown year has been the opportunity to share with everyone at home the wonderful home learning and other achievements of the children at Slade.

A massive thankyou to all of the children and parents who have submitted stories and pictures of learning, sports achievements and everything else over the past year, there were lots of highlights that prove that even in the darkest of times, fond and lasting memories are made. We hope this is the last collection of lockdown Learning we have to share with you, for obvious reasons- but do continue to send us those successes that you have outside school, whether in a sport, in a competition, performing or playing, we love to share these stories with the school.

Send your stories to office@slade.kent.sch.uk



Today, we are delighted to share these beautifully crafted ice sculptures from Hippogriff Class in Year 3.





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. - %

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. -

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 1 March	Welcome to Book Week & @scholasticuk events	
Monday 1 March	Book Week at Slade	All School
Monday 1 March	Monday Assembly	All School
Monday 1 March	Wider Reopening of School: 8 March 2021	All School
Tuesday 2 March	Nourish Menu	All School
Wednesday 3 March	Forest School Timetable	All School
Thursday 4 March	World Book Day e-Voucher	All School
Thursday 4 March	World Book Day 2021	
Friday 5 March	School Entry Hearing Screening Survey	Year 2 Parents
Friday 5 March	Laptop Returns - Important Information	Selected Parents

More > Follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/SladePrimarySch>

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 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 8 March	In-School Provision Re-open to all Children Please refer to Mrs Slade's letter on 1 March for full details and to page 4 of today's newsletter
Tuesday 9 March	
Wednesday 10 March	
Thursday 11 March	
Friday 12 March	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 4
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 4
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 4
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 4
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 4

Please see Mrs Slade's notes today and complete the survey into Breakfast and After School Club provision here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtz0m47TuDL8aBohlUOtojvWxlj8LwmD_bv7FUQ1FQSIbGRjM3NVZHRIRPUlE2TzRBSzRUUS4u

Further Ahead :

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 on what to do once an offer has been received will appear in our newsletters nearer the time and on the admissions section of the school website from Monday 29 March
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
Monday 5 May	Class and Group Photographs Matthew Walker returns to school for these annual pictures
Friday 28 May	Last Day of Term 5