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Thankyou to Mrs Vokes for this stunning picture of this rainbow over Slade this week.

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# From the Headteacher

## Karen Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back everyone!!

There are no words to capture the joy of having the school open to all our children, families and staff this week. The sounds and sights that filled the school on Monday are some that I have never experienced before and I'm sure that I will never experience again. The school buildings were alive with the sound of children laughing and chatting, reconnecting with their friends and classmates as they quickly settled back into the familiarity of their school routines. Classrooms, dining halls and playgrounds were full of beaming, smiling faces with children and staff alike excited to be back together again embracing all that the week had to offer. It really has been quite a special, unforgettable week for all involved and a memory that I will hold dear for years to come.

Many thanks to all the parents and carers for all that you have done during lockdown to support your child with their remote learning. Thank you too for the way in which so many of you have prepared them for their return this week enabling them to return to school with confidence and independence. I know that for many parents the return to school has been a time of mixed emotions for you so please do reach out and get in touch if you need to talk to anyone at all during this time of transition; we are here to help and support in any way that we can.

Thank you for adjusting to the new drop off and pick up routines and timings: your promptness and punctuality at gate times really has helped ensure that all children have a calm, safe entry and exit into school so thank you to all involved; we do appreciate it. Please be assured that these routines are constantly under review by the Senior Leadership Team and that you will be notified of any changes as and when we make them. To further ensure the continued safety and well-being of all at these busy times of day we would ask you and your children to remember the following points from the start of next week:

- Face coverings should be worn at drop off and pick up times by all adults unless you are exempt from doing so
- When waiting in line at the school gates please keep into the side to ensure that the pavements remain as clear as possible
- Only 1 adult per family to be dropping off and picking up to help to limit congestion where space is limited
- When using the pavements please keep to the left wherever possible

Many thanks to those who drive to school for using the Lower Castle Fields car park and walking your child to the school gate. However, a small minority of parents continue to endanger the lives of many with their insistence on driving their child to the school gate, particularly at the Hawden Road entrance, with no due care or consideration for others. Therefore, I will now be writing separately to parents who continue to do this and informing the local [Civil Enforcement Officers](#). Thank you too to those parents who have individually contacted the local councilors and raised your concerns about this issue with them; your support is very much appreciated.

I hope that you all enjoy a restful, relaxing weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back into school next week.

**Take care, stay safe and be kind x**

**Karen Slade**



# This Week at Slade

## Welcome to Slade, Emily

This week, we were delighted to welcome Emily to Slade. Emily joined Miss Meers and the rest of Dragon Class in Year 5. We all hope you have enjoyed your first week with us Emily, especially as your first day saw you joining in with Forest School, quite the introduction to your new friends!



**We look forward to a happy and successful relationship with Emily and her family over the next year and a half, and to who we extend our warm welcome.**

## PTA News: Easter Raffle

The pandemic has put PTA events on hold for a year now, but that hasn't stopped them from raising money and contributing to much needed funding across the school during that time.

It will not be possible to hold the annual Easter Egg hunt again this year, so instead we are pleased to say that they will be holding a raffle, in a similar fashion to that at Christmas.

In order to furnish the raffle with prizes, co chair Jo will be collecting donations of Easter goodies.

**She will collect any donations you may have for this event from the Swimming Pool (Lower Castle Fields) car park next Monday, 15 March and Tuesday 16 March from 08:30 to 09:15.**

Please be mindful of social distancing rules and wear a face covering when making donations.



The PTA do such a terrific job for all of the children at Slade and are very grateful for anything you can give towards the Easter Raffle.

[More > Slade PTA on Facebook](#)

## Next Friday: Red Nose Day 2021

We will be taking part in this year's annual Red Nose Day charity fundraising effort, next Friday, 19 March.

**Organised at Slade by Miss Lidlow and the Pupil Council, we invite every child to come to school next Friday in their own clothes, leaving the whole school uniform at home and to do something crazy with your hair. Lockdown and the subsequent closure of hairdressers may have made the crazy hair aspect of Red Nose Day a lot easier this year!**



If you wish to make a donation to the Red Nose Day charity, please do so here:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2744>

You do not need an active ParentPay account to make a donation via this link. Please do not bring cash to school as a donation as we will not be able to accept it.

Thanks to your donations, Comic Relief continues to make a difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world.

The organisers tell the official website, ' We believe that a just world, free from poverty, is possible, and that those closest to the issues have the best solutions. So we partner with amazing projects and organisations that are working to tackle four of the biggest challenges society faces today, which you can read about below.

In each of these areas, the Covid-19 pandemic has made people's lives even harder, so your support is as important as ever. Thank you.'

[More > Find out about Red Nose Day, Comic Relief and the way your donations help](#)





# Around School

## Last Call: Parent Governor Election

There are just over two days remaining 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. If you are planning on casting a vote and haven't done so yet, please do so by email to ensure your vote counts, it is unlikely that postal votes will reach the school in time for the deadline at this stage.

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](#)

## Please Drive and Park Responsibly

**We have been made aware of and are concerned by some irresponsible driving and, in some cases illegal, parking since the return to school. This has resulted in complaints from our neighbours and situations that have been dangerous for our children and their families.**

Please remember that the only safe and responsible place to park is in the Swimming Pool Car Park (Lower Castle Fields). We are very lucky to have the support of Tonbridge and Malling Council, who continue to offer free parking at drop off (valid 08:25 to 09:10) and collection time (valid 14:45 to 15:30) in this parking facility, just 200m from the main playground entrance to the school and even closer to the School Office entrance and Deacon House Gates.

Tonbridge and Malling Council and Kent Police would like to remind all parents, carers and visitors to Slade that:



There should be NO PARKING anywhere in Castlefields. This includes the mouth of this road opposite the School Office entrance to school. The rest of Castlefields is a Private Road.



There should be NO PARKING in parking spaces attached to the new apartments adjacent to Castlefields. These are private parking bays for owners of the apartments.



It is advised to perform NO U-TURNS along Stafford Road during drop-off and collection times. This practise has led to near miss road traffic accidents this week.



**Avoid Trouble >** [Get Your Free Permit for Lower Castle Fields Parking from Tonbridge & Malling Council](#)

Thankyou from everyone at Slade for your co-operation with this.



# Forest School

## Woodland Timetable for Next Week:

**Monday 15 March:** Griffin (Mr Osborne), Elmer (Mrs Pearson), Hydra (Miss Lidlow)

**Tuesday 16 March:** Pegasus (Mr Louth), Elf (Mrs Hill), Hippogriff (Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens)

**Wednesday 17 March:** Phoenix (Mr Duffin), Wyvern (Mr Watts)

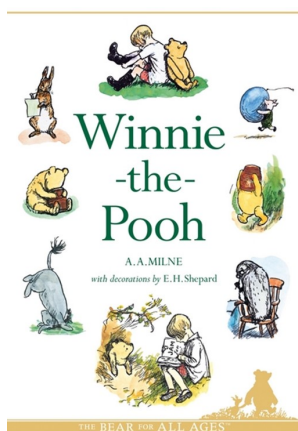
**Children should come to school in their school uniform with their Forest School kit in a bag to change into for their Woodland Sessions.**

# Reading Corner



## Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

### *Winnie the Pooh, by A. A. Milne*



**Another classic from Mrs Mawson this week and a favourite of Mrs Dolley: Winnie the Pooh, by A A Milne.**

Meet the Bear for All Ages in this delightful collection, in which Pooh gets into a tight place, nearly catches a woozle, and discovers the wrong sort of honey- amongst other things!

## The School Library Reopens

Mrs Mawson is delighted to inform parents that the **School Library is back up and running and ready to welcome back all your lovely children.**



The library has all of the same safety measures in place from before Christmas and will welcome small groups only.

The children have to sanitize before entering the library, with class teachers signing the children in for any track and trace requirements, a strict one way system. Any books taken off of the shelves and not wanted are placed on an available table and along with any returned books left in the familiar box and then be quarantined for 3 days.

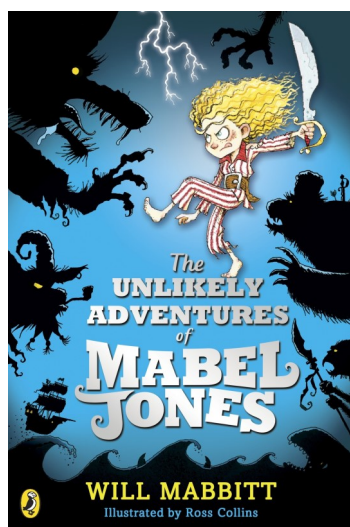
If you have any library books at home from before Lockdown, please return them as soon as you can so they can be quarantined and put back for loaning.

## Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

### *Will Mabbitt*

**The Literacy Trust Oak Academy Online Library Author of the Week is Will Mabbitt. Will is the author of the Mabel Jones series of adventures as well as the This is NOT a... books.**

Will loves writing stories: he writes on trains, in cafés when they reopen, in his head when an idea pops up, even on the toilet!



Will's story, The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones is this week's free listen audio book.

As well as a fun video with Will Mabbitt, the website also has links to activities he has put together, including a recipe to make invisible ink (great for seeing how to write down instructions) and you can design your own pirate!

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

[Meet Will Mabbitt](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)





# 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.

98.6  
%

## Attendance This Year.

95.7  
%

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

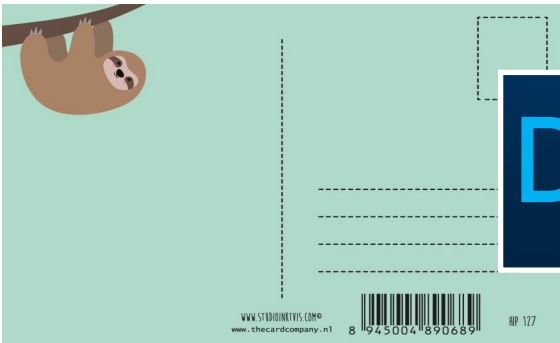
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

## Pupils late this week.

7

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
Tuesday 9 March	Laptop Returns Appointments	Selected Parents
Tuesday 9 March	Red Nose Day 2021	All School
Tuesday 9 March	Hugh Christie School Open Event	Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 10 March	KS3 Transition Open Events Brochure	Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 10 March	Breakfast and After School Clubs	All School
Thursday 11 March	Wolfwalkers Viewing	Dragon Class
Thursday 11 March	Home Learning and Reading Update	Sprite Class
Friday 12 March	Letter for Year 6 Parents	Year 6 Parents

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

## COVID-19: Updated Information

**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 individual or group sent a 10 day self isolation notification should continue their home learning via the familiar 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.

**COVID-19 restrictions are still in place across Tonbridge, the rest of Kent and across the whole of England.**

Please make sure you are aware of the current regulations and laws to keep yourself and your family safe as well as respecting our request to maintain a 2 metre distance between yourself and other families when walking to and from school as well as wearing a face covering when waiting at the school gates.

**More > [The latest COVID-19 Regulations from the Government 'Roadmap' out of Restrictions](#)**



# For your Diary


## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 15 March	<b>PTA Easter Raffle Donation Collection</b> 08:30 - 09:15 in the Swimming Pool Parking. See Page 3
Tuesday 16 March	<b>PTA Easter Raffle Donation Collection</b> 08:30 - 09:15 in the Swimming Pool Parking. See Page 3
Wednesday 17 March	
Thursday 18 March	
Friday 19 March	<b>Red Nose Day</b> Non School Uniform and Crazy Hair Day! See Page 3

## 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

## Further Ahead :

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>
Friday 16 April	<b>Primary School (EYFS21) National Offer Day</b> 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	<b>First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade!</b> 
Wednesday 21 April & Thursday 22 April	<b>National Child Measurement Programme and Vision Screening - EYFS Classes</b> More information will be provided by the NHS team involved nearer the time
Monday 3 May	<b>National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils</b>
Monday 5 May	<b>Class and Group Photographs</b> Matthew Walker returns to school for these annual pictures
Friday 28 May	<b>Last Day of Term 5</b>