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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone!

School today has been a carnival of colour as children and adults alike embraced the 'crazy hair' theme that our fabulous Pupil Council selected for our Red Nose Day celebrations this year. It was heartening to hear the sound of children's laughter ripple across the school as they all enjoyed having fun in the spring sunshine with their friends whilst admiring their crazy hair creations. A huge well done and thank you to everyone for supporting us with our fundraising for Comic Relief today and for the online donations that you have made. Donations can still be made at: [SladeRND21 Donations](#). More details and photographs of today's events follow on in the newsletter, including news of the funds raised individually by some of our children in addition to some entertaining photos of staff! Well done and thank you everyone!

This time 12 months ago the opening line of my newsletter read: *"Gosh! What a week it's been; unlike any other before and hopefully any week to come."* Little did I know back then, as I closed the school on Friday 20 March 2020 at the start of the first national lockdown, that we would be re-emerging from another school closure one year later! So I just wanted to mark our lockdown anniversary by recognising all that we have achieved as a school during this time and to reiterate to all children, staff, governors and parents how amazing you all are! Thank you and well done to each and every one of you for the part that you have played during this unprecedented year. You are all amazing!

Thank you too to all the parents and carers who took the time to vote in our recent parent governor election; it is very much appreciated. Following yesterday's counting of the votes I am delighted to inform you that Eleanor Hoyle has been elected to the position of parent governor. We very much look forward to welcoming Eleanor to the governing body and working with her during her time in office. Thank you too to the other candidates for standing for election and being prepared to support the school in this way.

Many thanks for the positive response to my newsletter last week where I shared my frustration around the issue of inconsiderate parking and driving in the school vicinity. I'm delighted to report that there have been huge improvements this week so thank you to those of you who have now changed your school-run routine in the interests of everyone's safety. Long may this continue! Once again a reminder that parking permits are available online for use in the Lower Castle Fields car park.

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

Celebrating and Supporting Sign Language Week

Here at Slade we are proud to have supported Sign Language Week.

Titans SRP (Specialist Resource Provision) continue to support all our HI (Hearing Impaired) and mainstream children by raising deaf awareness throughout the school and teaching BSL (British Sign Language) on a regular basis.

The British Deaf Association website has a huge range of information available if you wish to explore further with your child. Below are links to two videos which you might like to watch to see the history of this beautiful, expressive language and also to see how a school in Camden support their deaf students by using BSL.

Please contact Mrs Taylor ataylor@slade.kent.sch.uk if you would like any additional information.

[More > Sign Language in Schools](#)

[More > Sign Language Through History](#)

[More > The British Deaf Association Website](#)



This Week at Slade

Red Nose Day 2021

Today has been Comic Relief Red Nose Day across the country and everyone at Slade has been proud to have been taking part, with the children and adults leaving their school clothes at home and doing some crazy things with their hair; in turn learning about and consequently raising awareness of the vital work the people behind Red Nose Day do to improve lives in need. We are delighted to share with you these stories:

Firstly, Eleanor spent last Saturday baking cookies, blueberry muffins, lemon drizzle cake, cupcakes and dog biscuits!

She then sold them on a stand outside of her house for the rest of the day. From just looking at the pictures that Eleanor sent us, we are not surprised to tell you that she has developed a real passion for baking and has applied for the Bake Off competition, so is getting lots of practice in. Which means lots of lovely goodies for all of her family, they are certainly the lucky ones!



The sale of the treats that Eleanor baked raised a totally amazing £119.00!

The baked delicacies have mum's seal of approval, even if she did end up paying for hers as well, good for the charity and also shows Eleanor's excellent business sense!

For her part, Eleanor has chosen her favourite: the blueberry muffins have been voted as the tastiest!

Many congratulations to Eleanor and thank you to her mum for sharing the story .



Also out charity fundraising last weekend were friends Peony and Albert.

Following their class Video Call during Lockdown when the Year 1 children were asked to think about how you can raise money, they had a discussion at home. Peony was keen to do something special, so as a family they came up with the idea of a sponsored bike ride - and what better way to get out, raise funds and keep active than with a buddy!

And there the idea was born: Peony soon found out that her friend Albert was as keen as her to get on his bike to help the Red Nose Day effort.



They enlisted the support of their dads and rode a fantastic 10 miles from home to the village of Leigh and back and having set up a Just Giving page for donations have raised a huge £445, which is such super news. Of course, both children and their families are particularly proud of Peony and Albert. Peony's mummy put some further context to their bike ride, as if 10 miles wasn't enough. She says, ' They did incredibly well, considering their was also 20mph gusts that caught them every now and then and, because it had been very wet the day before , there was lots of mud which was collected along the way!'

Thank you to the parents of Peony and Albert for sharing this story and well done to both children for your magnificent ride.



More > [See our Red Nose Day Gallery on Pages 8 and 9](#)



Around School

Parent Governor Election Result

Thankyou to the four candidates who stood for the position of Parent Governor recently, and to the parents who voted in the election. After the count yesterday, we are delighted to welcome Eleanor Hoyle to the Governing Body at Slade Primary School. We look forward to Eleanor's contribution to the school as Parent Governor.

Remote Learning Survey

We are interested in your opinions on the remote learning during the school closures and on the support given for you and your child. If you haven't had chance to complete this survey, please do let us know what you think by next Friday, 26 March.

[More > Direct link to the Remote Learning Experience Survey](#)

A Must Read Donated to the School

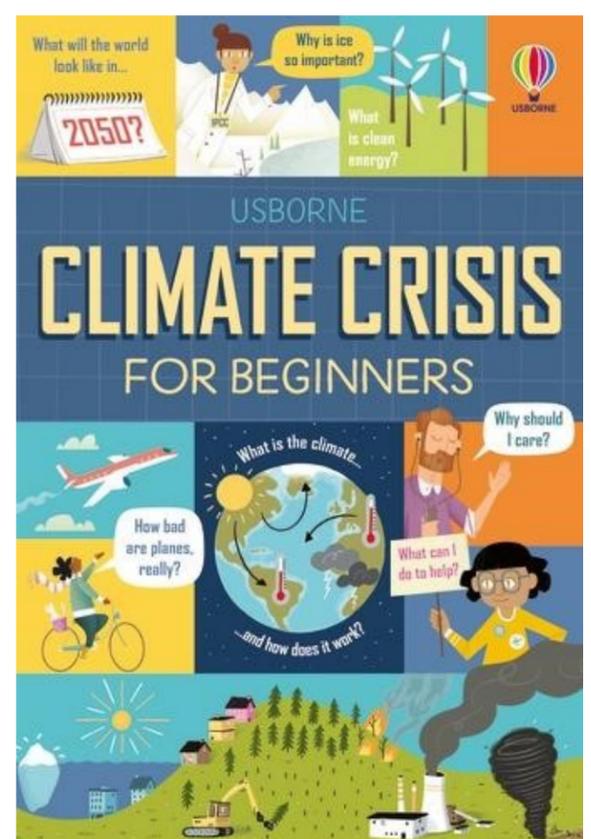
We are extremely grateful to the Gambhir family for their generous donation to the school library this week.

Parent at Slade, Dr Ajay Gambhir, contributed heavily to the information contained within the book, given his extensive experience researching and working on Climate Change. We were delighted that he spoke with us about this and how it is young people who are keen on learning more and who are determined to solve the crisis.

Dr Gambhir said, **'It was an honour for the authors at Usborne to ask me to be involved in putting together this book for children on the climate crisis. I've been working on climate change for about 15 years and it's becoming increasingly clear that many children, inspired by Greta Thunberg and other climate campaigners like her, are really interested in learning more about this issue. So I thought this would be a great opportunity to use my knowledge to help teach them what they need to know about the climate crisis and how they can help to solve it.'**

Climate Crisis for Beginners looks at the subject which is having an enormous impact on the world around us. The bookseller Waterstones describes the book on their website: 'This book uses simple language and vivid illustrations to explain complex questions clearly. How does the climate work? What are we doing to change it? What can we do differently to avoid the worst outcomes? Why do we all find change so hard? The Climate Crisis is a troubling and sensitive topic, especially for children, so the book includes vital tips on how to set realistic goals and not get overwhelmed by bad news.'

Thankyou to Ajay and Jo for the donation of the book and to Ajay for his words in this story and for his contribution to this really important read for us all.



[More > Order your copy of Climate Crisis for Beginners via Waterstones.com](#)

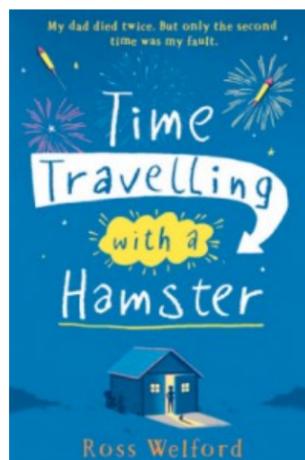
Reading Corner



Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Ross Welford

The Literacy Trust Oak Academy Online Library Author of the Week is Ross Welford. Ross has worked as a TV producer and has written for magazines. His first book, *Time Travelling With A Hamster*, was published in 2016. He has since seen 5 further books published, one per year - his latest, *When We Got Lost In Dreamland*, was released at the end of January.



It is his first children's novel that is the subject of this weeks free to listen to audio book. You can lay back and listen to the whole of *Time Travelling With A Hamster* by clicking on the link below. The total time of the audio book is nearly 2 hours, so maybe a good one to listen to in small chunks before bedtime!

As well as the audio book, Ross Welford talks to you in an exclusive video interview and provides his own recommended reads, including a fantasy adventure from Pippi Longstocking author, Astrid Lindgren and announces his favourite ever book: If we said it was written by Harper Lee, we wonder if the parents and carers can guess the title?

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

[Watch and Listen with Ross Welford](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)

PTA News



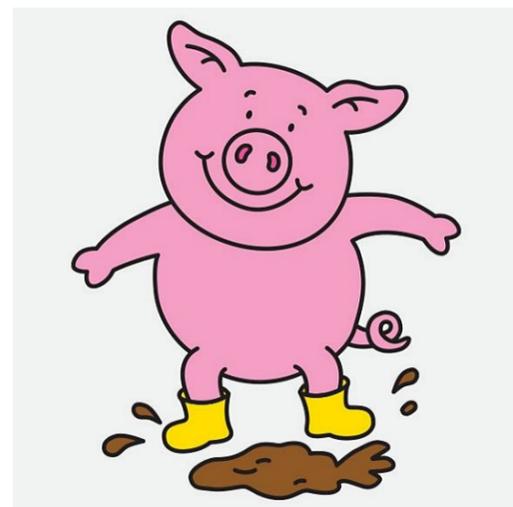
Be In It to Win It!

Firstly, a big thankyou from everyone on the PTA Committee to everyone who has donated prizes for the PTA Easter Raffle, happening this year instead of the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Raffle is now on!

Prizes include Easter Chocolate Selections, Sweet Selection and our favourite, a Percy Pig cuddle toy from Marks and Spencer.

You can buy your raffle tickets at only 50p per ticket online now through the Raffall Website to get involved with raising funds for every child at Slade via the PTA and to stand a chance of winning, just in time for Easter.



After the past year, everyone deserves plenty of chocolate!

You can buy your tickets now, right up until 19:00 on Monday 29 March., when the draw will take place.

Winners will be notified by email.

[Enter Now > The PTA Easter Raffle via raffall.com](#)

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.

97.3%

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.

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[More > Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup Winners, each Friday afternoon over 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 15 March	Headlice	Year 6 Parents 
Monday 15 March	Remote Learning Survey 	All School 
Wednesday 17 March	Families West Kent Magazine	
Thursday 18 March	Sign Language Week	
Thursday 18 March	Change to Menu	All School 
Thursday 18 March	Laptop Returns - Reminder	Selected Families 

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



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](#)



Red Nose Day 2021



Miss Redden and Mrs Smith



Miss Taylor



Miss Laker



Mr Clark

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

Slade Gallery



Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett



Mrs Hill and Mrs McFerran

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



For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 22 March	
Tuesday 23 March	
Wednesday 24 March	
Thursday 25 March	
Friday 26 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

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

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