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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done and thank you everyone for another successfully busy week here in school!

I am delighted to welcome Maxine Button to the staff team, joining us in her role of Family Liaison Officer (FLO). Maxine is an experienced FLO who will be working alongside Christina Ekperigin, creating a full time FLO position here in school and ensuring that a FLO is now onsite every day across the week. Maxine will be working Wednesday through to Friday and can be contacted via the FLO email address: flo@slade.kent.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office. Look out for Maxine on the school gates in these coming weeks!

As you are aware, Viki Garrett and I have been working since November in a supportive role at Waterringbury CE Primary School. This week pupils, staff and parents at the school were informed of the successful appointment of Miss Deborah Johnson to the post of substantive Headteacher with effect from September 2021. Therefore, Viki and I will be continuing in our roles working with the school for the remainder of this academic year. We are both looking forward to liaising with Debbie in the coming months in preparation for September and wish her and the school every success moving forward.

Earlier this week I was invited to attend the Slade Area Resident Association Meeting to discuss the impact of school traffic on the local residents at drop off and pick up times. There was lots of positive discussion of how we can work together to minimise disruption and ensure the safety of the whole community during these busy times. This included local residents now reporting any concerns that they have to the local council and the local PCSO. I assured those present that as a school we will strive to park and drive with due care and consideration at all times; thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.

Thank you too to those parents who responded to our recent survey regarding wraparound provision here at Slade. With existing COVID-19 restrictions in place we are currently unable to provide care for children outside of the school day in the way that we did prior to lockdown. Therefore, we are in the process of exploring other options that will enable us to safely provide childcare for those families that meet the criteria for a place, as outlined in the DfE out-of-school-setting guidance, without it impacting on the safety of the remainder of the school community. Therefore, there will be no wraparound provision at the start of Term 5. An update will be provided to parents by the end of Week 2 regarding plans for the remainder of the year. Once again, please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly and has been made with the safety of the whole school community at the centre. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this continues to cause for some of our families but thank you again for your ongoing understanding of this decision.

Finally, congratulations this week to Viki Garrett who has successfully passed her National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH), a professional qualification that supports the development of aspiring headteachers. Well done Viki!

I hope that you all enjoy a restful, relaxing weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday for the final week of Term 4.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Welcome to Slade, Venika

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome Venika to school. Venika joined Miss Redden in Sprite Class this week.

We hope your first week has been fun and that you have settled well alongside some new friends since Monday.

We extend that welcome to all of Venika's family, with who we look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship.



Medical Alert and Illness Reporting: Keeping Everyone Safe

Within school we have children who are immunocompromised or immunosuppressed either through pre existing conditions or because of treatment they are receiving.



It is very important therefore that if you suspect your child, or anyone in your family, has the following conditions, that you contact the school office immediately so we can put suitable measures in place to help protect these vulnerable children: **Measles Chicken Pox Shingles**

Please contact the school office via office@slade.kent.sch.uk if you believe your child or immediate relatives have any of these viruses.

We would also like to remind parents that you should contact the school office on each day of absence from school through any illness (apart from an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea, where we automatically mark the child absent for 2 days).

Paul Marchant's School Clothing

Our new and branded school uniform stockist, Paul Marchant's School Clothing, have released their 2021 price list.



Due to increased costs passed on by suppliers since January, there is a modest increase in the prices, the first increase for over three years.

A full copy of school clothing requirements for the classroom and for PE, as well as Marchant's price list and contact details can be found on the school website.

A reminder that Marchant's can deliver clothing free of charge to school. We can simply pass it on to your child to bring home.

More > [School Uniform list and price list from Paul Marchant School Clothing via the school website](#)

Still Time to Win Easter Goodies

The PTA Easter Raffle does not close until Monday evening at 19:00, which means there is still time to enter and win Easter prizes, just in time for the holiday.

It's easy to do, and the tickets are just 50p each!



Follow the link below and help the PTA raise funds for all of the children at Slade, whilst giving yourself a chance of winning some well deserved chocolate!

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



Around School

Term Dates 2021/22

We are pleased to say that the term dates for the next school year are now available on our website.

The first day back at school for the then Year 1 to Year 6 will be Monday 6 September.

The first day of the school year is, as every year, 1 September; however, to extend the summer by another week for our families, we have allocated the first three days as internal staff training (INSET) days. Every school will allocate 5 days of staff training. Our remaining two INSET days will be communicated as soon as they are decided.

The dates on the website are correct at the time you view them and will be amended immediately if any alterations are made. Alterations could be, but are not limited to any COVID-19 related closures or statutory changes (handed down by central government).

Each school year consists of 190 school days or 380 sessions (morning and afternoon sessions). We continue our commitment to encourage attendance at each of these sessions in order for each child to fully reach their academic and social potential. Please arrange family holidays (once it is safe to do so) to fall within the school holidays published and routine medical appointments outside of school hours where you can - we understand that this is not always possible.

More > [Term Dates 2021/22 via the school website](#)

More > [Slade Attendance and Punctuality Information via the school website](#)



Forest School

Forest School will be back in the Summer Terms

The Woodland Timetable for Term 5 will be sent out as soon as it is available.

On Forest School days, your child should attend school in their normal school clothes, with their woodland kit in a spare bag to change into during the day.

Thankyou to Miss Hall for providing this insight to last week's sessions, the children had lots of chances for free play and an opportunity to explore new activities such as slack line, hammock, the digging pit and the giant tractor tyre.



Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

Boy Giant, by Michael Morpurgo



War has forced Omar and his mother to leave their home in Afghanistan and venture across the sea to Europe. When their boat sinks, and Omar finds himself alone, with no hope of rescue, it seems as if his story has come to an end.

But it is only just beginning.

Because in the end, a little hope makes a big difference...

A thrilling adventure inspired by the classic story of Gulliver's Travels, this is also a gripping modern narrative of rescue and refuge, from a writer at the height of his powers. A book about breaking down walls, at a time when many are trying to build them. And a timeless reminder of humanity's infinite capacity for good... even when those humans are very small indeed.

E-Book Home Reading

After a successful trial, the whole school now has access to the Collins Big Cat E-Books to read at home. Login details will be provided between now and Week 1 of Term 5.

See your Arbor Email for full information. We look forward to making this new approach to home reading effective and enjoyable. If you have any questions or queries, email your child's teacher using the class email.

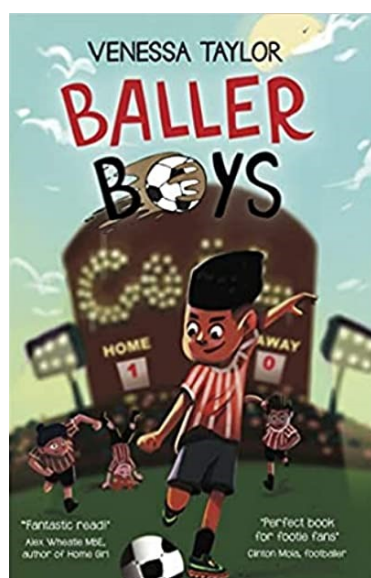


Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Venessa Taylor

The Literacy Trust Oak Academy Online Library Author of the Week is Venessa Taylor.

Venessa spent over twenty years working in her home city of London as teacher and Assistant Headteacher, and counts amongst her career highlights as successfully seeing reluctant readers, particularly the boys, engaging in reading for pleasure.



Venessa uses that experience and her love of seeing everyone enjoying reading via her book Baller Boys, aimed at encouraging young boys to find pleasure in reading; the football themed stories are written with young readers in mind.

You can read Baller Boys for free, by clicking below - it really is an excellent book as you get to meet football crazy best friends Shay and Frankie. They eat, sleep and breathe football, love a kick-about in the park and watch all the big games on TV...all that's missing is the chance to play for a real football team. Will they do enough to get a run out with AC United?

Behind the link below, you can read Baller Boys for free, watch a video by Venessa Taylor who tells us the inspirations behind the ideas in the book and an interview where she lets us know her recommended reads.

[Meet Venessa Taylor and Read Baller Boys](#)

[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.

97.3
%

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
Tuesday 23 March	Arriving in Correct Time Slot	Year 6 Parents 
Tuesday 23 March	Lightning Squad	Selected Parents 
Wednesday 24 March	Lightning Squad	Selected Parents 
Thursday 25 March	PTA Raffle	
Thursday 25 March	E-Books Home Reading	Selected Classes 
Thursday 25 March	Kent County Council Free School Meals	 @kent_cc
Friday 26 March	Free School Meal Vouchers	Selected Parents 
Friday 26 March	Year 1 Science Learning	Year 1 Parents 

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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](#) 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 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 29 March	
Tuesday 30 March	
Wednesday 31 March	
Thursday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4 School Open
Friday 2 April	Easter Holiday School Closed to all pupils

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

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

Further Ahead :

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
Monday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Wednesday 9 June	Primary School (EYFS21) Reallocation Offer Day More information on what to do once an offer has been received will be on the admissions section of the school website.
Wednesday 9 June	Year 6 Safety in Action Day More information will appear nearer the time