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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this term!

Just a couple of things from me this week, keeping it short and sweet to allow you to get cracking with your Easter break!

Firstly, a reminder that during the Easter holidays school is still required to support the NHS Test and Trace process, and fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities when notified of any positive Covid test cases. Therefore, please would you ensure that you inform us of a positive case if symptoms have occurred within 2 days of your child being in school. Updates need to be emailed to c19@slde.kent.sch.uk Further information as to what steps to take should you or your child develop symptoms during the holiday can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. Thank you for your help in keeping all in our school community safe.

Many thanks to parents, staff and governors who last night attended the virtual 'Parent Teacher Association' (PTA) meeting. The PTA continues to make such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money, even during lockdown. So a huge thank you to everyone for your virtual and financial contributions these last 12 months. Do read on in the newsletter to discover the names of the lucky Easter raffle winners!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all children, staff, parents and governors for the part that you have all played in ensuring such a successful return to school this term; you have all been amazing, so thank you.

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing everyone back in school at the start of Term 5 on Monday 19 April.



Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

PTA Raffle Winners

Thankyou to everyone who entered the PTA Easter Raffle.

The PTA sold an amazing 749 tickets, raising an extra £340 to go towards resources for every child at Slade. Congratulations to Kerry and Jo for organising such a successful online event, and to the winners: Lisa MacGregor, Amy Pickard, Hannah Jackson, Amy Ah-Kine, April Clark, Kirsty Bridger, Rachel Kasbohm Bowden, Lauren Pau, Fran Baker and Hannah Mitchell.



Slade Community Hero

Everyone reading this will appreciate that Kent has a litter problem, discarded fast food packages, drinks cans and a vast assortment of other items that should have been binned properly lining streets, hedges and parks. These items make our town and county untidy, but also present a real danger to wildlife and human health alike.

It is uplifting therefore, to report on the much younger generation, who care about all of this enough to get up and do something about it. Step forward, Paul from Pixie Class.

Paul has been thinking about this for a while and last week, obtained his first litter picking stick and set to work. Paul's mummy tells us he was encouraged by the support of his friends from Slade, ' As he was wrestling with a tiny bit of plastic that was reluctant to get picked, one of his Pixie friends drove past and gave Paul a thumb up whilst shouting 'great job, Paul!'

The thing that has surprised Paul and his family has been the sheer amount of litter around, which when surveyed includes all the items we listed at the top of the story as well as cigarette ends, paper and plastic bottles. ' We've always had the feeling that there was quite a lot to pick but for Paul and the rest of the family it's been an eye-opening experience. Once you start to look actively there is SO MUCH more to pick than you originally thought.'

Paul's mummy tells us what Paul has found to be the biggest problem when out picking litter, 'Some items can be quite hard to extract, either because of their size or because they're stringy and get caught in brambles or soil. However, no matter the amount of time or effort required, Paul doesn't give up on an item until it's in the bag!'

Paul is looking to the future and has suggested fundraising events such as a sponsored litter picking school walk once it is safe to do so and to encourage anyone who has a litter picking stick to go litter picking around the Slade area. It is sure to be something we would support and promote on your behalf, Paul.



Many congratulations and thanks for your efforts Paul in tidying up Tonbridge, from everyone at Slade.

Starting School in September?

National Offer Day for children starting Reception Classes across England this September is Friday 16 April.

If you have applied to join Slade and are offered a place with us in the email from Kent County Council to be sent during the day on 16 April , please await a welcome email from us, this will detail clearly what to do next, whether you wish to accept or decline the offer.

Please check your Junk or Spam Email Folders for the emails from KCC and from us on Offer Day, they have a habit of falling in there and getting forgotten!

More > [EYFS 2021 Admissions at Slade via the school website](#)



Around School

Term 5 Topics

It's nearly Term 5 and therefore, the summertime at Slade! The teaching teams are pleased to be sharing with you, their topics for April and May. You may wish to discuss these topics over the Easter holiday, find out what your children would like to know about the subjects and what do they already know?



Year R: Growing

We are looking at growth, change and life cycles including growing our own vegetables and sunflowers. We will be using the stories of Jasper's Beanstalk and The very hungry caterpillar.

Year 1: The Great Fire of London

We will be exploring the key question; How do we know so much about what happened in the Great Fire of London? The children will describe and sequence on a timeline the most significant events that occurred in the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at Samuel Pepys diary entries and writing some of our own. Also, we will act out some of the main events of the Great Fire and give reasons for why the Great Fire spread so quickly and took so long to extinguish.



Year 2: Lots to Do in Term 5

English- We shall be reading and innovating some stories based on animals, continuing to include our writing ingredients.

Maths- We shall start the term by continuing with multiplication, leading us onto division.

History- WW1. Learning about life and times related to the first world war, both at home and overseas.

Art- Continue to explore local and famous artists, imitating and innovating their work.

DT- In the final week of term, we shall be learning about and creating our own moving pictures!

Year 3: Our School

For our English topic, we will be entering the world of Harry Potter (children might want to keep an eye out for a special letter arriving in the holidays!) Our topic is all about our school and Tonbridge - we will be looking at old school blue prints and discovering how the buildings have changed and also look at how Tonbridge has changed over the last 100 years. In Science, we will continue at animals including humans. In Art we will be making clay sculptures.



Year 4: Tonbridge, A Special Place to Live

Our main topic will be looking at Tonbridge's local history and answering the question 'Why is it such a special place to live?'

In English, after completing our Journey Narratives, we will be looking at writing newspaper reports, poetry and playscripts. We will also be looking at living things and their habitats in science; and answering the question on what we can learn from religions in deciding right from wrong.



Year 5: Mountains

Wyvern and Dragon Classes will be studying Mountains – specifically how mountain ranges differ and why they are so important.

Can you find The Alps (left) on a map of Europe, and do you know the biggest mountain range in Britain?

Year 6: Why is Fairtrade fair?

Perhaps better than any other topic, Trade exemplifies for young geographers, in an accessible way, the interconnectedness and interdependence of the world in which they live – 45 per cent of everything that young people in the United Kingdom eat and 90 per cent of everything they wear comes from abroad.



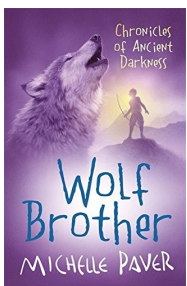
Reading Corner



Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Barbara Henderson

The Literacy Trust Oak Academy Online Library Author of the Week is Barbara Henderson, author of this week's free to read book, *Punch*, which is set in Victorian Scotland. The author, writing on her own website says of the book, 'I love Victorian times, I love Scotland, I love puppetry and performance. This story combines all of these, but also features an escaped prisoner and a dancing bear, with a bit of a murder story thrown in for good measure. Best of all, it begins with a real event: a huge fire which destroyed the Victorian market halls in Inverness in 1889. My hero, 12-year-old Phineas, finds himself in the wrong place at the wrong time.'



Barbara has also given a video interview, in which she talks about her new book, *The Chessman Thief*.

Like all of the Author's of the Week, there is also a written interview, this week Barbara Henderson recommends books by other authors, including *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver (left).

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

[More > Meet Barbara Henderson and read Punch](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)

Two Million Club



Caroline Mawson, School Librarian

Great news.. We are Buster's Book Club Millionaires! Together with other schools participating in Buster Book Club we have managed to reach 2 million reading minutes since September, which is an amazing achievement considering the challenges that children and families have been faced with. Congratulations to all everyone involved. Do continue to record how many minutes your child reads over the Easter holiday and let the teacher know in the normal way.



Forest School

Term 5 Woodland Timetable

Pixie (Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott) Gnome (Miss Taylor), Dragon (Miss Meers): Monday 19 April, Monday 17 May

Gruffalo (Mrs Hitchcock): Tuesday 20 April, Tuesday 4 May, Tuesday 18 May

Spite (Miss Redden), Sphinx (Miss Lipman): Wednesday 24 April, Wednesday 5 May, Wednesday 19 May

Elf (Mrs Hill), Griffin (Mr Osborne), Hydra (Miss Lidlow): Monday 26 April, Monday 10 May, Monday 24 May

Pegasus (Mr Louth), Elmer (Mrs Pearson), Hippogriff (Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill):

Tuesday 27 April, Tuesday 11 May, Tuesday 25 May

Phoenix (Mr Duffin) and Wyvern (Mr Watts): Wednesday 28 April, Wednesday 12 May, Wednesday 26 May



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.

97.1
%

Attendance This Year.

97.3
%

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

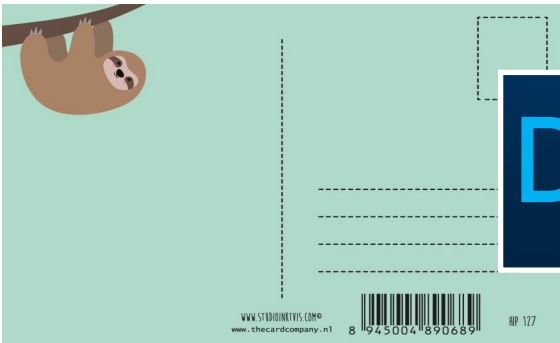
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

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
Monday 29 March	Lightning Squad	Selected Parents
Monday 29 March	Nuffield Early Language	Selected EYFS Parents
Monday 29 March	E-Books Channel	Elmer Class
Wednesday 31 March	Cycling to School: New Permit Scheme	All School
Thursday 1 April	Gnome Home Learning	Gnome Class
Thursday 1 April	Cycling to School: Update to Permit Scheme	All School

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

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.

Despite recent relaxations as part of the Government’s roadmap, most COVID-19 restrictions are still in place in 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 5 April Monday 12 April	Easter Holiday School Closed to all pupils
Tuesday 6 April Tuesday 13 April	Easter Holiday School Closed to all pupils
Wednesday 7 April Wednesday 14 April	Easter Holiday School Closed to all pupils
Thursday 8 April Thursday 15 April	Easter Holiday School Closed to all pupils
Friday 9 April Friday 16 April Friday 16 April	Easter Holiday School Closed to all pupils Primary School National Offer Day. See Page 3 and our website

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5

Further Ahead :

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
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
Monday 14 June	Class and Group Photographs Matthew Walker returns to school for these annual pictures. <i>This is a rearranged date</i>
Thursday 8 July	Kent Year 7 Induction Day Year 6 children should receive information about various events on this day from their allocated Secondary School