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Primary School

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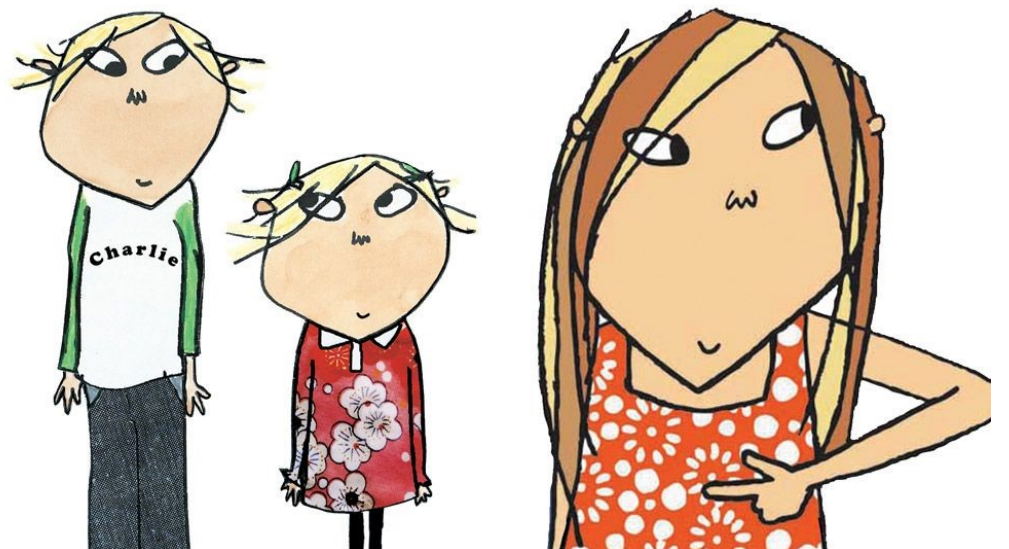
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Which of Lauren Child's characters do you think features as Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week?

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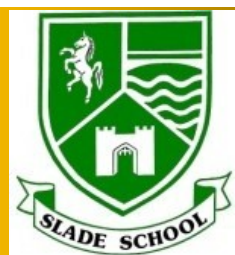
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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that everyone is well and that you have all managed to make the most of the sunshine when it has put in an appearance this week.

Another week has once again flown by with all children now settled into Term 5 and busy enjoying their daily learning opportunities. Do read on into the newsletter to see read of the fabulous learning that has been happening across the school this week!

A note for your diary; we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings during Week 1 of Term 6, on 8 and 10 June. As in Term 1 these meetings will be held virtually and will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled back into school post lockdown in addition to outlining the next steps for your child with their learning. Further details will follow as to how this will work and how appointments can be made nearer the time. In addition, an end of year report will be shared with you during the penultimate week of Term 6, week beginning 16th July; again, more details to follow nearer the time.

As I shared with the parents of children in Wyvern Class earlier today, Mr. Watts has informed me that after nearly 3 years with us he will be leaving Slade at the end of this academic year to explore other opportunities outside of teaching and education. I'm sure that you join with me in wishing Mr. Watts all the very best at the start of this change in career direction and wish him well for the future.

As I have shared in previous newsletters, with existing Covid 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. We have therefore been 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. Unfortunately, we have currently been unable to source a solution to this situation that does not increase the level of risk to the class bubbles which, I'm sure you agree, we do not wish to see having to close again. Therefore, there will be no wraparound provision for the remainder of this term; an update will be provided to parents by half term regarding plans for the remainder of this academic 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.

A reminder again please that when dropping off or collecting pupils, parking is not permitted opposite the school car park entrance, outside the former Power Station. We would also ask that parents do not use the junction at Stafford Road and Hawden Road as a turning circle for cars at these times. Thank you for your co-operation with these matters as we aim to keep all of our community safe.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and see you all back at the school gates on Tuesday.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Welcome to Slade, Vinisha

This week, we were delighted to welcome Vinisha and her family to Slade.

Vinisha has enjoyed a happy first week with us as she teamed up with Mrs McFerran, Miss Elliott and Pixie Class in Year 1.

We extend our warm welcome to Vinisha's family, with who we hope to have a long and happy relationship.

Welcome

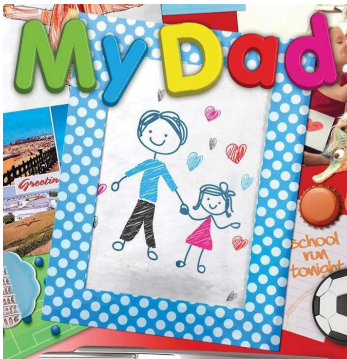
My Dad, For Fathers Day with the KM Group

The KM Group, whose charity arm organise Walk on Wednesday and Buster's Book Club and who are Kent's local print newspaper, news online via Kent Online and on air with their radio station KMFM are pleased to inform us that their popular My Dad supplement will be published in all KM newspapers to coincide with Father's Day in June.

Richard Parkinson, who leads the group who put the supplement together, wrote to us this week inviting our children to get involved and submit a picture of their dad to be part of the pull out that will appear in KM newspapers in the week beginning 14 June. Richard says:

'We are asking parents to help children submit their pictures directly to our website. Children can add their own special message to their dad, and the pictures will appear in time for Father's Day in week commencing 14 June. This is open to all primary school aged children and pictures must be submitted by close of business on Monday 24 May 2021.'

If you have difficulty submitting pictures online, please call us on 0800 525450 by 7 May, and we'll do our best to help.'



The team at the Kent Messenger have also sent us these hints and tips to make your picture look great when reproduced in the newspaper:

- **Use bold colours.**
- **Try to get the picture in the centre of the photo.**
- **Make the picture as large as possible.**

More Information and to Submit Pictures > [Self Service \(kmmydad.co.uk\)](https://www.kmmydad.co.uk)

Kent County Council SEND Policy

The Director of Education at Kent County Council (KCC), Christine McInnes, is pleased to announce that their policy on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) has been published.



We are equally pleased to say that there is a direct link to the policy for the information of all parents and carers up now on our website.

The aim of the SEND strategy is to improve the educational, health and emotional wellbeing outcomes for all of Kent's children and young people with special educational needs and those who are disabled.

More > [The KCC 2021-2024 SEND Policy via the school website Inclusions Section](#)

More > [Guidance on the Equality Act 2012 via gov.uk](#)



Around School

Kent Reconnect

The last year has been extremely difficult for all children and young people. Every aspect of their lives has been affected, from their learning and wellbeing to their friendships. These effects have been significant, and it is recognised nationally and internationally that children and young people have sacrificed more than most over the course of the pandemic.



We are delighted to be supporting an exciting programme that is being developed by Kent County Council (KCC), who are leading a community-based programme of positive, engaging and exciting opportunities and activities that help the County's children and young people reconnect with different aspects of their lives, such as education, healthy activities, friends and future opportunities.

The idea behind Reconnect comes from young people in Kent, who told KCC they would prefer a positive programme focusing on opportunities rather than emphasising the 'damage' that may have been done to them or their futures by the pandemic. The ambition is that every child and young person will be able to engage with the type of activity that will benefit them the most since everyone will have different needs and desires after the pandemic.

To ensure the programme meets the needs and wants of children, young people and their families, Kent County Council is asking as many people as possible to answer some questions that will inform the design of the programme.

Everyone at Slade encourages you to fill in [this form](#). It will take you about 10 minutes to complete. Your input will help Kent County Council understand what the wants and needs are of the children, young people and families of the County. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

More > [Complete the 10 minute questionnaire to help inform the Reconnect Programme](#)

More > [Find out about the Reconnect programme, including a short introductory video \(KCC website\)](#)

Forest School



Woodland Timetable for Next Week

Monday : National Holiday (School Closed)

Tuesday : Gruffalo (Mrs Hitchcock), Gnome (Miss Taylor), Dragon (Miss Meers)

Wednesday : Sprite (Miss Redden), Sphinx (Miss Lipman)

Please note the additional date for Gnome and Dragon Classes, who would have had their session on Monday, but are unable to do so because of the National Holiday. A separate Arbor email was sent to parents in these classes on Tuesday.

Pixie Class will be planting seeds in the allotment area on Tuesday as part of their Forest School programme.

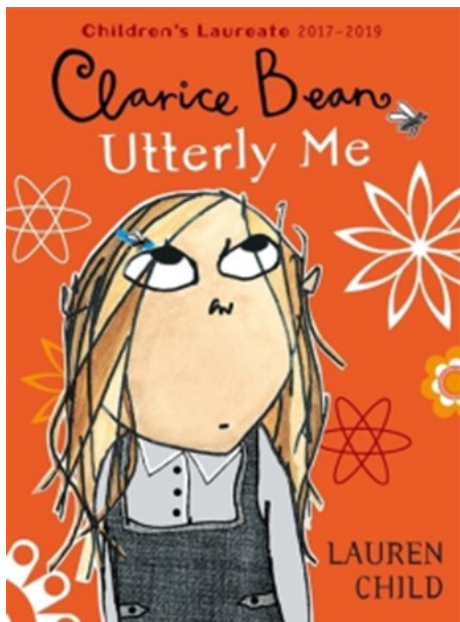
A reminder to parents of children in all classes; please make a note of the date of Forest School sessions so that the correct clothing can be brought into school with the children at drop off time and not during the day.

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

Clarice Bean, Utterly Me by Lauren Child



Lauren Child's best-selling first novel, introducing Clarice Bean to a whole new audience. The story revisits Clarice's family, and introduces Ruby Redfort, ace girl detective and star of Clarice's favourite books.

Ruby is always going on exciting adventures, but all Clarice gets to do is go to the local shop on her own. But when Clarice and her best friend, Betty Moody, decide to do their school project on the Ruby Redfort books, they suddenly start finding mysteries everywhere. Why are all the coats on the wrong hooks at school, and where has Granddad disappeared to?

'Very entertaining.' The Independent

'Feisty and freewheeling. Hilarious and irresistible.' Financial Times

'Packed with life and fun and fabulous to look at.' Bookseller

Collins E-Book Rollout Complete

Thankyou to all of the parents who have logged on and have started to take advantage of the E-Books from Collins, which are now available for all children across the school. Thankyou also to the parents who have offered feedback, which is invaluable to us to help both internally and in communication with Collins, to improve the system. Feedback from your experience using the Collins E-Book site is much appreciated.

If you have anything to say on the Collins E-Books, have any questions, or require assistance logging in to the system, please don't hesitate to contact us via your class email address or at office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Oak Academy Literacy Trust Authors of the Week

Katie and Kevin Tsang

This week's authors of the week are writers Katie and Kevin Tsang. Introducing themselves on their website, katieandkevintsang.com they say:

Hi! We are Katie and Kevin Tsang - children's authors, parents, and adventurers. Katie is originally from California, (USA) and also writes as Katherine Webber. Kevin was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, but grew up in Atlanta, Georgia (USA). We met many moons ago studying abroad in a magical place called Hong Kong. Since then, we've been lucky enough to travel around the world together, live on three different continents, and we even got married. We now live in London with our baby daughter. We spend our days making up stories and thinking about what we want for dinner.



Their book, Dragon Mountain, has been recorded for the Oak Academy Library and you can listen to the whole story in 34 chapter sized chunks for free by clicking on the link below.

The story starts 12 year old Billy, who is sent to a summer camp in the middle of nowhere in China. Whilst there he stumbles on an age old secret with fellow campers Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei.

There they find dragons that have been trapped and need the children's help urgently before an evil is unleashed upon earth.

Can the new friends save the dragon, and consequently, the whole of humankind?

[Meet Katie and Kevin & hear Dragon Mountain for free!](#)

[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.

97.6
%

Attendance This Year.

97.4
%

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

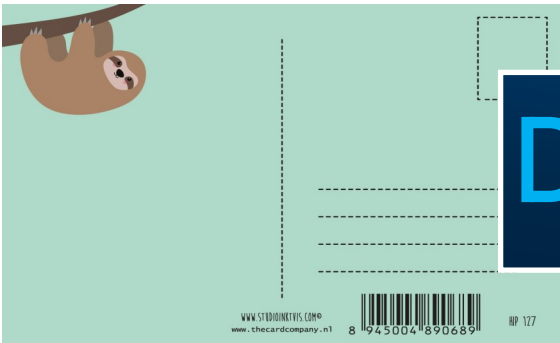
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

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 26 April	Collins E-Books	All School 
Tuesday 27 April	Forest School Sessions Next Week	Gnome & Dragon Parents 
Tuesday 27 April	Outside Planting Session Next Week	Pixie Class Parents 
Wednesday 28 April	Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter	Year 3 Parents 
Wednesday 28 April	Kent Test 2021 Information for Parents	Year 5 Parents 
Friday 30 April	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 30 April	Wyvern Class	Wyvern Class Parents 
Friday 30 April	Favourite Books	Gnome Class Parents 
Friday 30 April	LearnChess Free Taster Sessions	

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 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 3 May	National Holiday School Closed to all Pupils
Tuesday 4 May	
Wednesday 5 May	Primary School Offer Day Decision Deadline
Thursday 6 May	
Friday 7 May	Spring Concert Video Performances Submission Deadline

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 :

Friday 28 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June	Summer Terms Break - School Closed to all pupils
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 is on the admissions section of the school website .
Wednesday 9 June	Year 6 Safety in Action Day More information will appear nearer the time
Friday 11 June	Teacher Training (INSET) Day - School Closed to all pupils
Monday 14 June	Class and Group Photographs Matthew Walker returns to school for these annual pictures.
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
Thursday 8 July	EYFS21 New Intake Settling In Sessions
Wednesday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6

All events are subject to alteration, postponement and cancellation due to at time COVID-19 protocols.
Updates are sent via Email, appear here each week and on the school website diary: [slade.kent.sch.uk](https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk)

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