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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term break. Term 6 has got off to a flying start with lots of fabulous learning taking place across the school.

Today it was the turn of the staff to participate as online learners as we all enjoyed our virtual INSET Day, led by the Literacy Consultant Dean Thompson on the topic of 'Talk for Reading'.

Thank you Dean for sharing your knowledge and passion for reading with us today and to all the staff for being so engaged throughout! We look forward to sharing some of the learning from this day with the pupils during the coming term as we further develop the teaching of reading across the school.

Looking ahead to next academic year, the dates of the 2 remaining INSET Days have now been set for Tuesday 4th January 2022 and Monday 6th June 2022 when school will be closed to pupils on these dates. Dates of all other INSET days can be found on the school website.

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended the virtual parent consultation meetings that were held this week; it was lovely to hear so many of your voices around the school! If you were unable to attend then please do contact your child's teacher at the class email address in order to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time. All parents and carers will receive an end of year report, capturing your child's achievements this year, week beginning 12th July.

On Monday we welcome Matthew Walker school photographer back to Slade to take class photos of your child and their peers at the end of their extraordinary year together. Please be assured that protective measures have been put in place, both by Matthew and us as a school, to ensure your child's safety during this process including class photos being taken outside. There will be no photographs taken of any other teams or groupings this year.

A letter outlining a skeletal timetable of enrichment after school clubs for Term 6 will be sent out in a separate letter at the start of next week. Furthermore, a letter outlining the arrangements in place for the provision of wraparound care from the start of the next academic year, including booking arrangements, will be sent out by the end of next week.

This week has seen an increase in requests for absence during term time. A reminder that the school attendance policy, including a Covid addendum, can be found on the school website and also includes information regarding requests for absence in term time and why such absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Once again, a reminder that protective face masks **must** be worn by all adults at drop off and pick up times. A reminder too that gathering at the school gate and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is strictly **not** allowed. Therefore please only arrive at the school gate within your allotted time and leave the vicinity of the school gate immediately after drop off or pick up.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Welcome to Slade, Bobby and Ahaan

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome Bobby and Ahaan to the school.

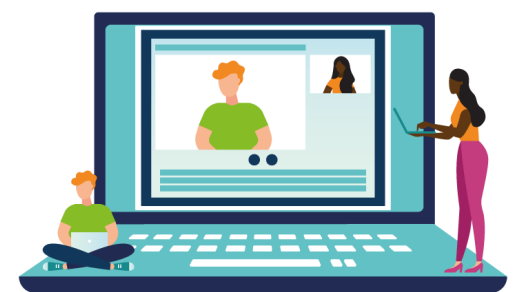
Both boys started with us on Monday and have settled in fantastically, with the help of their new friends in Sprite and Dragon Classes respectively.

We would like to extend our warm and special welcome to the families of Bobby and Ahaan as well and we look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship with them.



Parent - Teacher Consultations

Thankyou to all of the parents and carers who have joined us online this week to discuss the progress of their child with the class teachers and part of the Term 6 Parents Meetings. We hope that you found the meetings useful. Thankyou too, for the feedback given in relation to the booking system or the sound quality of the Teams meeting. This greatly helps our planning for next year.



Year 6 Safety in Action

On Wednesday, Hydra and Griffin Classes welcomed SALUS into their classrooms via the big screens as the annual Safety in Action Day happened, albeit virtually.



Safety in Action aims to prepare the children for the transition to secondary education and forms the first part of their transition events which also include visits from the Year 7 team at their new school and the transition days themselves at the schools in early July.

The children, who were joined on the call by other local schools, also learnt general safety skills including fire safety, toxic and positive relationships, as well as direct and indirect peer pressure.

The sessions also linked to the present Year 6 classroom lessons throughout our 'Safety in Action' week.

More > [Find out more about SALUS via their website salusgroup.org.uk](https://salusgroup.org.uk)

PTA News: New Playground Fundraising

Kerry Taylor-Smith, PTA Chair

We know you haven't seen it in a while, but the playground markings are looking a little tired and we'd love to be able to refresh them in time for the children's return in September.

We aim to raise £3,500, which we hope will also cover the cost of a new covered sandpit for EYFS. In the future, we also hope to get the adventure playground resprayed.

Our team of volunteers are working hard on some fantastic events, including a Design Your Own Medal competition, and an exciting event to be announced next week. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details, and check out the JustGiving Page for photos of how the playground looks at the moment.

[Slade PTA Via Facebook](#)

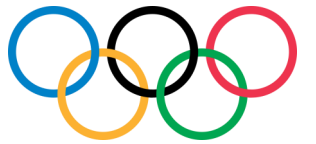
[Donate here, via justgiving.com](https://justgiving.com)



Around School

Slade Olympics

Mr Duffin is very excited to announce the very special version of Sports Day for this year.



To tie in with the 2021 games, all the children at Slade will be competing in the Slade Olympics.

Each child will represent their class in doing battle with their corresponding year group class. The children will take part in a variety of team games as well as taking part in different individual events. Every event and effort will count towards giving an overall winner for each year group.

The team events will take place between Monday 21 June until Tuesday 2 July. The individual events will take place on Wednesday 30 June and Friday 2 July.

Please ensure that your child has the following in school during the two week period: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.

We will still be following safety guidelines to ensure that the children are safe in competing throughout the games. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for parents and guardians to attend the events.

Kent Test Applications

The window for applications to be made for any Year 5 child wanting to take the Kent Test in September is open until the end of the month. The Kent Test is a Kent County Council organised assessment designed to show suitability for a grammar school education from Year 7.

Please see the KCC website for details about the test and to apply if you and your child are interested.

More > [Kent Test for Year 7 September 2022 Intake via KCC Website](#)

Forest School



Woodland Timetable for Next Week

Please make sure that your child has their Forest School clothing with them to change into on each of their Woodland Session days.

Monday 14 June: Elf (Mrs Hill), Griffin (Mr Osborne), Hydra (Miss Lidlow)

Tuesday 15 June: Elmer (Mrs Pearson), Pegasus (Mr Louth), Hippogriff (Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Wednesday 16 June: Pixie (Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott), Wyvern (Mr Watts)



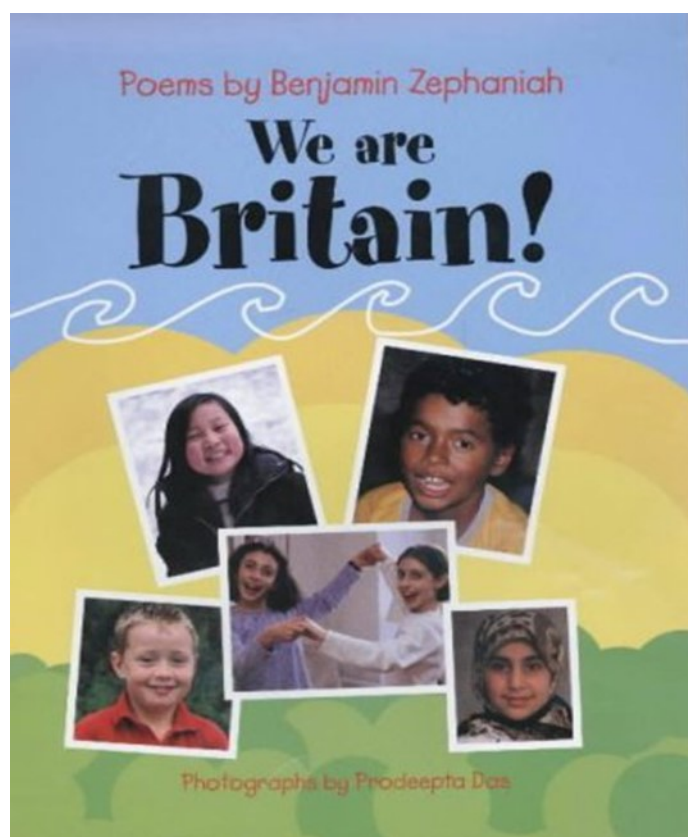
Recent Forest School fun

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

We Are Britain, Poems by Benjamin Zephaniah



A poetry collection from Benjamin Zephaniah highlights the diversity of British society through its children.

Here are 12 poems, each one about a child in his or her home environment. Along with the poem comes a brief text explaining the child's background and history. The subjects include a Kurdistan refugee, a Chinese pop star wannabe, a Grenadan boy who loves cricket, and nine others.

The book's lesson, rendered in fun, inventive rhymes, is that kids are basically the same regardless of their background. Illustrated with Prodeepta Das' vibrant photographs.

We Are Britain! is a fascinating and fun collection.

Buster's Benchmark Busted!

Mrs Mawson is thrilled to congratulate everyone at home and in school because through all your wonderful efforts we have managed to smash our target reading minutes for the summer term with still 6 weeks to go. Mrs Mawson: 'Our target minutes were 92,400 and currently we stand at 108,781. Let's see if we can reach 200,000 by the end of term! It's amazing, so well done and thank you.'

Furthermore, the prize this week for a lucky school is a Dot Kids Workshop interactive creative arts session and a book bundle for the class with most improvement in reading. Thankyou to all of the parents who let their class teacher know the reading minutes of home reading each week, these figures give us a chance to win with the KM Charity Team each term.



Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Harry Heape

Ever wished you could talk to animals? Or become a secret crime fighter? This week's free book, *Shiny Pippin and the Broken Forest* by Harry Heape and illustrated by Rebecca Bagley, has both! You can also check out an exclusive video with the author, find out Harry's favourite children's books and read a Q&A all about his favourite things to do with reading.



According to his own website, harryheape.com, Harry is Harry Heape is an artist, a visionary and a very successful none of your businessman. A shy and quiet man, Harry lives and writes in deepest, darkest Hahahahalifax where he spends any spare time that he has playing sweet bassoon music, collecting Crocs, and volunteering at his local monkey prison.

[Read The Broken Forest and find out more about Harry Heape](#)

[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

Attendance
Target.

97%

Attendance
This Week.

97.6
%

Attendance
This Year.

97.3
%

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

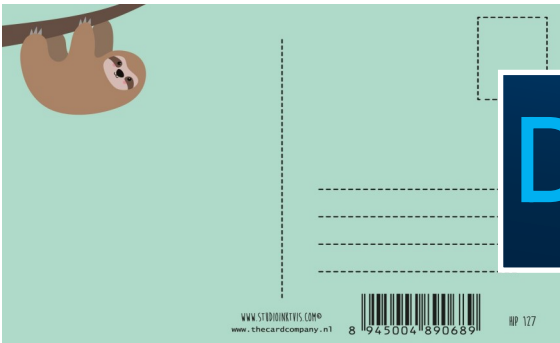
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the

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.

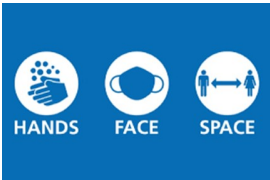
All we ask is one thing: please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 7 June	EYFS and KS1 Reading Books	Year R,1,2 Parents 
Tuesday 8 June	Teacher - Parent Consultations	Selected Parents 
Wednesday 9 June	EYFS21: 2nd Round of Offers	
Wednesday 9 June	Sibling Single Drop Off	Valid for Scheme Parents 
Wednesday 9 June	Year 6 Leavers Information	Selected Parents 
Thursday 10 June	Teacher Training Day Reminder	All School 

COVID-19: Important 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



Despite recent relaxations as part of the Government’s roadmap, COVID-19 restrictions are still in place in Tonbridge, the rest of Kent and across the whole of England.

The recommendations from the DfE with regard to provision in primary schools is largely unchanged from Stage 2 of the roadmap.



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

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



For your Diary


Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 14 June	Class and Group Photographs Matthew Walker returns to school for these annual pictures
Tuesday 15 June	
Wednesday 16 June	
Thursday 17 June	
Friday 18 June	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended

Further Ahead :

Monday 21 June - Friday 2 July	Slade Olympics See Page 4 for details	
Monday 21 June	Hillview School For Girls Visit to Year 6 to see their new Year 7 children	
Thursday 1 July	Science Day at Slade	
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 14 July - Friday 16 July	End of School Year Reports Released	
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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