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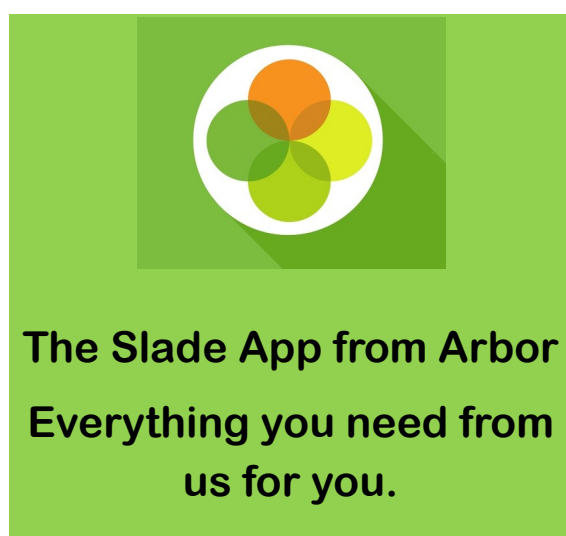
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Slade Primary School Newsletter 2020/21 Term 6 Issue 2 / Friday 18 June 2021





From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I trust that you are well and have managed to survive the heat of the week!

Class bubbles this week have been making the most of our fabulous school grounds as they themselves sought to keep cool during the week too. They have enjoyed taking their learning outside whether that be training for the Slade Olympics, whittling wood in the Forest School or simply reading a story in the shade of the trees. Lovely!

As you are aware, the Prime Minister announced on Monday that the easing of the coronavirus restrictions in England would not be lifted on 21 June but instead would be delayed until 19 July. This decision has unfortunately impacted on some of the plans in place for the end of term. You will have already received a letter from me earlier this week outlining the decision to postpone the introduction of after school enrichment activities this term for this reason.

In addition, the Prime Minister's announcement and the directive that schools have since received from the Local Authority, will impact on the transition arrangements planned for those children leaving and joining Slade at the end of the academic year. Parents of children in Year 6 will be contacted directly by your child's secondary school with updates regarding transition arrangements for July. Here at Slade, changes are now having to be made to the induction plans for our new Reception children later this term; these arrangements will be shared with families next week. We look forward to welcoming our new children into the Slade family in the coming months!

To date, we have received no indication of what changes will be made to Department for Education (DfE) guidance for schools from September. The Senior Leadership Team are therefore planning ahead for all possibilities with regard to timetabling, including drop off/pick up arrangements and timings, in order that we can promptly share this information with parents as soon as guidance has been received. Watch this space!

We have also been planning the class and staffing arrangements for September with the aim of sharing this information with children and parents next Friday. As in previous years, you will receive a letter outlining any changes including notification of who your child's class teacher will be and information of some of the planned transition arrangements for the remainder of the term. All internal transition arrangements will be carried out safely in line with all current DfE guidance.

Finally, Public Health Kent have notified all headteachers of the increase in cases of COVID-19 in schools in recent days, with a growing number of schools having had to send significant numbers of pupils home to isolate. Thank you to all in our community for playing your part in following the government guidance and keeping to the protective measures as we work together to minimise the risk of this happening at Slade. Thank you.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend; enjoy the football those of you that will be watching!

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Prepared for Summer

Although the later part of this week has seen a return to the familiar sight of clouds and rain, we expect the sunshine and hotter weather to return next week and into July.

A reminder that on days where the sun is out and hotter temperatures are expected that all children should come to school with a sun hat and a full water bottle. Additionally, sun protection cream should be applied in the morning before drop off at school.

On Forest School days, the children will need to be wearing long sleeves and trousers even when the weather is very warm. This will help to protect them from stings, scratches and sunburn. Fortunately on the hotter days it is much cooler in Forest School under the trees. The children can wear wellies, sturdy boots or trainers when it is dry, but school shoes are not suitable.



In School Medication

There has recently been a large increase in requests to administer medication in school. We are able to carry out such requests at present, but please be mindful that most medication can be taken before school if it is a one dose per day prescription and if it is required three times a day this can normally be done before school, immediately after school and before bedtime to avoid unnecessary trips around school as we maintain our secure bubbles within the buildings.

We would like to remind all parents that we cannot give non prescribed medication such as liquid paracetamol and anti-histamine unless its an emergency.

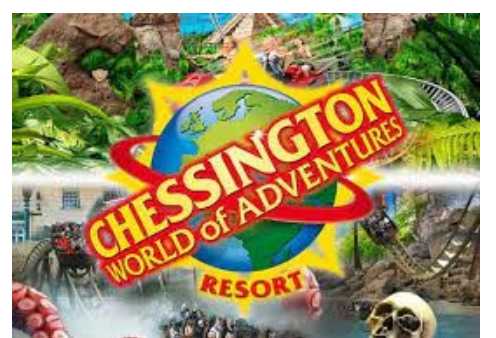
Year 6 Activity Week

Miss Laker was very excited to share the timetable of activities with the children and parents in Year 6, who are looking forward to their special week of fun in July, taking the place of the residential trip which was cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic.

Activities include trips out to Caroty Wood, Chessington and nearby Haysden Lake as well as other venues around town and in school. More details such as what to wear and bring as well as drop off and collection times were sent to parents in Year 6 earlier this week. Please contact the class email addresses if you have any questions.

The children should have a face mask with them for all of the events which can stay in their bag in case any of the venues require them to be worn. Sun cream should be applied in the morning before being dropped off at the venues or at school.

Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to receive packed lunches from Nourish.





Around School

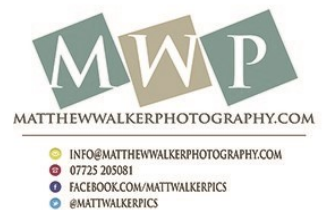
Class Photographs From Matthew Walker Photography

We were really pleased to welcome Matthew Walker back to Slade on Monday for the annual class photographs. The photographs, as you will have seen from our Twitter updates on the day, were taken in the warm sunshine out on the school field. The photographs were taken in a fully COVID-19 safety protocol compliant nature.

Your child will have brought home with them today, a proof card showing you the picture which is now ready to purchase.

All orders are to be made online, quoting the code on the card. We are unable to accept either orders or payments to the school office.

The deadline for ordering for free delivery to school is Tuesday 6 July.



More > [Order your photographs via portraitdays.net](https://www.portraitdays.net)

PTA News



Kerry Taylor-Smith, PTA Chair

[Join Us on a Slade Bear Hunt](#)

The PTA would like to invite all children to this fantastic afternoon in the park.

Join us on Saturday 26 June for the first Slade Bear Scavenger Hunt.

Follow the path from the park, around Barden lake and back again, hunting for images of Slade Bears and solving the clues for your chance to win a super prize.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (EYFS to Year 2) will start at 2pm, and Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6) at 3pm.

There will also be refreshments and a bake sale.

All details - including entry form and map can be found on our Facebook page. Entry is free, but all donations to the Perfect Playground fundraising drive greatly appreciated.

[Slade PTA Via Facebook](#)

The Bear Hunt is part of the Perfect Playground fundraising effort, which featured in last week's newsletter

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.

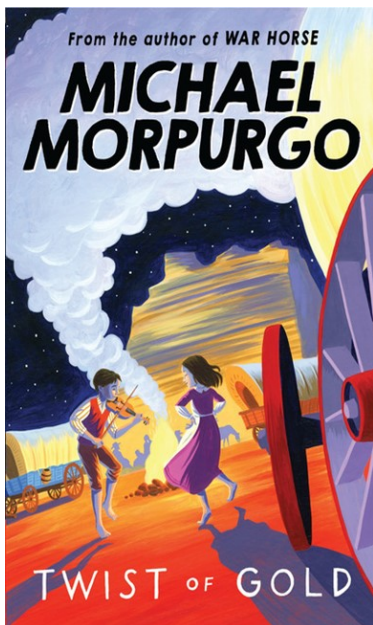
[Donate here, via justgiving.com](#)

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

Twist of Gold, by Michael Morpurgo



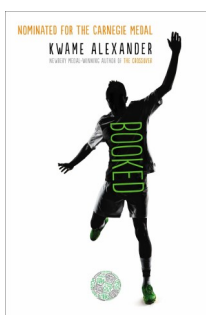
An epic journey through famine, hope and survival from War Horse author and former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo. Sean and Annie have one chance to escape the potato famine and plague in Ireland. They survive a shipwreck and land safely in America searching for their father. But their new land is one of hardship and they live in poverty on the streets of Boston. However, their adventure is just beginning. Follow them as they busk in a city street, run a riverboat, join a wagon train across the prairies, and dig for gold. A gripping historical adventure from the master storyteller of *An Eagle in the Snow*, *Listen to the Moon*, *Shadow*, and *An Elephant in the Garden*.

Michael Morpurgo has written more than one hundred books for children and won the Whitbread Award, the Smarties Award, the Circle of Gold Award, the Children's Book Award and has been short-listed for the Carnegie Medal four times.

Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Kwame Alexander

This week's Author of the Week is New York born, London living sports fanatic Kwame Alexander. With the Slade Olympics on the horizon and Euro 2020 tournament well underway, now is the perfect time to get stuck into a football-themed read.



This week's free book, *Booked*, is all about football star Nick, who also has a way with words. It's written in the style of poetry and we think you'll love it.

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

[More > Hear from Kwame and read Booked for free](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)

Welcome To Our New Families



We are looking forward to meeting our new families who are forming our new intake for EYFS Reception Year from September as soon as it is safe to do so as COVID-19 restrictions continue to affect mixing and meeting in school.

The children will know which class they will be in from Monday of next week when we will be emailing parents with all of the details of the first days at school. We hope that every one of our new children are excited and looking forward to joining the Slade family.

We are looking forward to sharing the streamed Parent Information Meeting next week which will be available on an exclusive New Entrants Portal Page.

Up-to-date information, amended from our welcome pack to reflect continuing COVID-19 guidance from the Department for Education, detailing induction plans and the timetable for September will also be sent early next week. If you are reading the newsletter as a new family and have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via email using admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Forest School



At Forest School, By Josh

Josh in Dragon Class has produced this newspaper report, detailing events at Forest School the last time his class visited the woodland.

The Slade News



We visited the beautiful forest school at Slade. Miss Hall has worked very hard to get it up and running for all the children to enjoy.

Our first stop was at the mud kitchen and digging area. We had great fun using the tools and digging for gold!!!

We then tested out the super slackline, we had to balance carefully to get across. We pretended that lava was flowing underneath.

We were allowed to climb the trees, but only 2 in at a time.

Next, we had a relaxing lay down in the hammock. My friend, gently pushed me to and fro.

We planted some seeds, then we were very lucky to be able to plant them into forest school, to grow into sunflowers!

Other areas to explore are the wooden see –saw, tyre swings, den building and muddy music which was very noisy.

On our way out we saw the marvellous bug hotel which was made by the pupils at Slade.

Bug hotels are important to the eco system, giving ants, bees, beetles and hedgehog a safe place to live.

We had an extraordinary time at Forest School learning about nature and the environment around us.

We can’t wait to return.

Joshua Lovell

Wild Reporter!

Thankyou Josh, this is a very informative report which will be useful to all of the parents of children at Slade who are always interested in what goes on during the day in the classroom and throughout the school day.

We wonder if the parents and children reading Josh’s report can spot all of the features of a newspaper that he has successfully used in his piece.

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 21 June: Gnome (Miss Taylor), Phoenix (Mr Duffin), Dragon (Miss Meers)

Tuesday 22 June: Gruffalo (Mrs Hitchcock)

Wednesday 23 June: Sprite (Miss Redden), Sphinx (Miss Lipman)

Slade Sport

Twin Superstars

On the eve of the Slade Olympic fortnight, we are incredibly pleased to share the fantastic sporting success of Year 6 twins, Ella and Eduardo.

Ella swims for the Junior County Development squad after impressing at Tonbridge Swimming Club based at neighbouring Tonbridge Swimming Pool.

And how she has impressed! Currently, Ella is the number 1 in Kent for the 50 metre freestyle event and 3rd across the county for the 50 metre butterfly. That's not all; nationwide over 50 metres she is 23rd fastest in her age group for the freestyle (front crawl), 37th fastest for backstroke and 31st in England in the butterfly stroke.

Her brilliant sporting attitude is illustrated by her eagerness to continue to improve her technique and times even further and we were struck when talking to Ella, how modest she is in light of her successes, a true superstar now and for the future.

Ella will be representing her club at the Kent Weald Meeting being held in Dartford in July, we can't wait to hear how she gets on as she beats county times, aiming always for the next step and the national competitions.

Eduardo is also catching the eye on the sporting front, in his case on the football pitch.

He plays for Tonbridge Juniors Under 12's, who play on the Tonbridge Showground and recently took a successful trial at local Vanarama National League South side, Tonbridge Angels. He will be part of The Angels' Academy Squad next season.

Eduardo is described by those who have been fortunate to see him play as a central midfielder, performing as the 'rock' in front of the defence, offering the ultimate protection of his back line.

This is a great achievement for Eduardo, whose decision to go for a trial and his subsequent performance at Longmead has been rewarded; he will be attending his signing on ceremony in July.



Everyone at Slade would like to congratulate Ella and Eduardo on their achievements to date and wish them both much luck and further success in the immediate and longer term.

Slade Olympics: 21 June - 2 July

The children across the school will be striving for their own Olympic sized fun and triumphs over the next two weeks. Mr Duffin is looking forward to the playing, competing, fun and learning that will accompany the Slade COVID friendly, but competitive series of sports events.



Next week we will see pupils from Year R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 take part in Team Sports, with Year 5 and 6 as well as the individual races happening the following week.

During this period, the classes will be learning all about the Olympics; every yeargroup will be given a different Games with a reason why it was special. The aim is for the children to be inspired to be passionate about the Olympics and about sport in general and in turn help to form an Olympics timeline to show off to the rest of the school running through the playground.

Unfortunately, to make the events as COVID secure as possible, we will not be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch the various events, however we will keep you updated throughout the week on Twitter and in next week's newsletter.





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.

96.4
%

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.

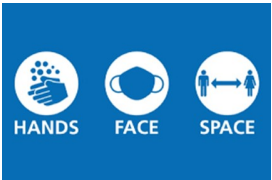
We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 14 June	Class Group Photographs	
Tuesday 15 June	Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 15 June	Year 6 Activity Week	Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 15 June	Hot and Sunny Days	All School
Wednesday 16 June	Enrichment After School Clubs: An Update	All School
Thursday 17 June	Term 6 Newsletter	Year 3 Parents
Friday 18 June	Sibling Drop Off - Coat Reminder	Selected Parents
Friday 18 June	Wraparound Care from September 2021	EYFS - Year 5 Parents
Friday 18 June	Photograph Release Consent	Year 6 Parents

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 21 June - Friday 25 June	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Parents in Year 4, please refer to email on 15 June for more details
Monday 21 June	Slade Olympics - EYFS Team Events (See Page 7)* Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.
Tuesday 22 June	Slade Olympics - Year 1 Team Events (See Page 7)* Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.
Wednesday 23 June	Slade Olympics - Year 2 Team Events (See Page 7)* Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.
Thursday 24 June	Slade Olympics - Year 3 Team Events (See Page 7)* Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.
Friday 25 June	Slade Olympics - Year 4 Team Events (See Page 7)* Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.

** In the event of bad weather, the events planned will be rearranged to the following day.*

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 28 June - Friday 2 July	Slade Olympics See Page 7 for details	
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 Most of these events are now cancelled. Please check with your allocated secondary school for details and for their planned alternative arrangements	
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

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