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# From the Headteacher

## Karen Slade

### Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the Prime Minister on Monday outlined the final roadmap step (Step 4) as we transition out of lockdown; subject to a final review of the data next week, legal restrictions will end on **Monday 19 July**. Following on from this announcement the DfE have since issued updated guidance to all schools outlining the implications for us of these changes for both the summer period (including holiday clubs) and from the start of the new academic year. We are currently awaiting additional guidance from the Local Authority in response to these changes.

The Senior Leadership Team have started to draft our own 'Slade roadmap', to ensure a smooth and safe transition out of lockdown for everyone in our school community in September. Once finalised, this plan will be shared with parents and carers in order that you can begin to prepare your child for the changes ahead. However, please note that all current bubble arrangements, including staggered start and finish times, will remain in place for the last 3 days of this term in order to minimise the risk of families needing to self-isolate at the start of the summer break.

Today was transition day across the school with all of the children enjoying spending time in their new classes and meeting their new teachers. There was a lovely hum of activity across the school as everyone settled into their new surroundings. It was good to see the children experiencing as many aspects as possible of the school day in preparation for September. Don't forget to talk to your child's current class teacher if you have any concerns around transition.

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the end of year reports for every child in school; huge congratulations to all of the children on their achievements and progress during this exceptional of years! Reports have been modified to reflect the DfE guidance for report writing that was issued to schools earlier this year and therefore includes a comment on your child's engagement with remote learning in addition to the next steps for their learning in the next academic year. This year reports will be emailed out to you on Wednesday for pupils in EYFS and KS1 and on Thursday for KS2 classes, rather than a paper copy being sent.

A reminder that we will be holding a non uniform day on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** for children in Years R-5. Children will be able to wear their own clothes to school for the day and make a voluntary contribution to the fundraising for the privilege of doing so! Donations can be made online at: [Help us make the Perfect Playground - JustGiving](#). Year 6 will be enjoying their planned activity week and wearing their own clothes to school throughout the week so no donation required!

Thank you to those parents who have already expressed an interest in using the new wraparound provision here in school from September. We had hoped to open the booking and payment system for September from Monday 12 July. However, we have today been informed by Tucasi, the online provider of this service, of some technical glitches that may prevent this from happening. They are confident that this will be sorted at the start of next week and we will of course keep you notified of when the system will go live.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend; Come on England...it's coming home?

**Take care, stay safe and be kind x**

**Karen Slade**



# This Week at Slade

## School Photographs from Matthew Walker

The deadline for ordering class group photographs in time for delivery to school has passed, however it is not too late to purchase your child's picture for home delivery.



Visit the Portrait Days website and use the class code available on your proof card. If you don't have the code to hand, please contact the school office and we will be able to advise you of the detail you require.

[More > Portrait Days Website](#)

## Moving On Up

**As Mrs Slade has mentioned, today has been Transition Day across Slade, where the children have had the opportunity to spend the day with their new class teacher.**

We hope everyone has enjoyed the day and is looking forward to September.

Furthermore, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock have been meeting our new children via a series of Zoom meetings this morning. We are looking forward to seeing you all in school very soon!

The Year 6 Transition Day to their new schools was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we know that many of the children have had an opportunity to join online events during the day or after school with their new schools. We all hope that you have enjoyed seeing some new faces and are excited about September.

### **A reminder of how the classes line up next year:**

EYFS Year R: Mrs Pearson (Elmer) and Mrs Hitchcock (Gruffalo)

Year 1: Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliot (Pixie) and Mrs Hill (Elf)

Year 2: Miss Taylor (Gnome) and Mr Louth (Sprite)

Year 3: Miss Redden (Pegasus) and Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill (Hippogriff)

Year 4: Mr Duffin (Phoenix) and Miss Lipman (Sphinx)

Year 5: Mr Osborne (Wyvern) and Miss Meers (Dragon)

Year 6: Mrs Burnside (Griffin) and Miss Lidlow (Hydra)

**We are delighted to introduce you to our newest member of the teaching team, Mrs Alison Burnside, who has met her new class over the last few weeks and has spent today with them.**



Mrs Burnside writes:

I am very excited to be joining the Slade teaching team in September. It isn't so long ago that I was on the other side of the school gates as a parent; my twins, Evie and Dylan, have such happy memories of their time at the school and I feel very fortunate to have another opportunity to be part of the Slade family. During the last couple of years, I worked at Woodlands Primary School as both teaching assistant and student teacher after which I completed my training at Ightham Primary School. I really haven't looked back since deciding to change careers and that has a lot to do with the privilege it is to be around children as they learn and grow.

Outside of school, I love to read and write fiction as well as keep fit – I recently joined Tonbridge Canoe Club and now paddle regularly up the River Medway (though rarely in a straight line!).

I look forward to getting to know everybody better over the coming year.



# PTA News

## Used School Uniform Collection and Sale

The PTA are holding one last sale of the school year and will be collecting any donations of used branded Slade uniform that you have at home that is now too small or unneeded for next year.

The collection buckets will be left at each of the school collection gates (Deacon Hildenbrook House, Playground and Hawden Road gates) in time for the afternoon collection of children on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

The team will appreciate items in good condition (no rips or tears) and with the Slade logo on, for example jumpers and cardigans, polo tops, and the PE tracksuits for all ages and sizes. Thankyou in advance for your kind donations.

Make an order for used uniform from the PTA Sale.

Please include which item you are interested in and the size required along with your child's class and a mobile number for contacting you post order.

Email: [sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk)

## Summertime Raffle

Don't forget to be in it to win it with the PTA Summertime Raffle; the prizes are stacking up and more continue to be donated from many local and regional companies. We are grateful to everyone who has donated a prize, the full list is available on the Raffall website by clicking the link below.

Tickets are £1.50 each and every one sold is money which is ploughed straight back into the school, for every child at Slade, now and in the future.

[Buy your tickets and view all of the prizes for the PTA Raffle via raffall.com](https://www.raffall.com)

**The draw for the PTA Summertime raffle will take place on Thursday 15 July at 19:00.**

## Ali-Baari is Growing for Slade

When Ali-Baari found out that the PTA was collecting money to make the playground nicer he wanted to help, he decided to pot up the extra vegetable plugs he has been growing at home with his family to sell to raise money for the playground, he potted up lettuce and tomatoes and has been looking after them for a few weeks now.

If you joined the PTA for the Bear Hunt recently, the chances are you have tasted some of Ali-Baari's fresh produce as he was selling it at the refreshment stand at the event.

Well done for all of your efforts for raising money for the school, helping out at a successful event and keeping yourself fit and well with your healthy eating choices Ali-Baari.

Thankyou to Ali-Baari's mummy, Sahar, for sharing this story and pictures and for all the work she puts in to help the school via the PTA and on the Governing Body.



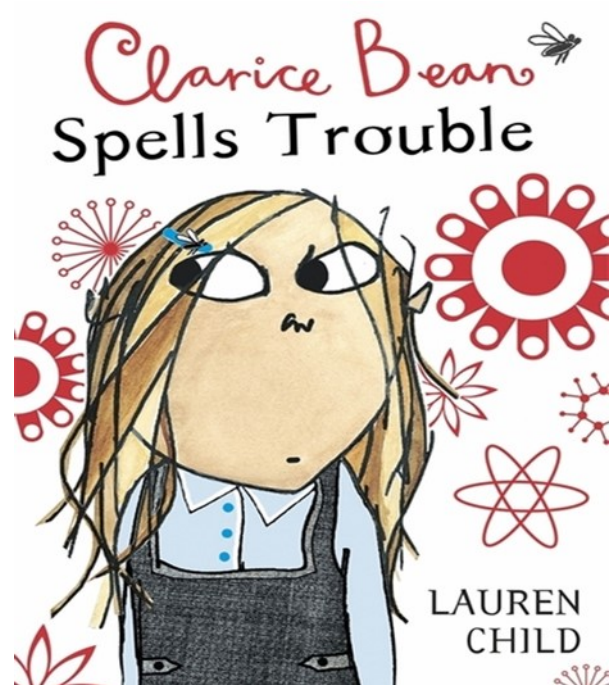
**More > [You can donate here for the Perfect Playground appeal, via justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)**

# Reading Corner



## Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

### *Clarice Bean Spells Trouble, by Lauren Child*



There are so many things in life you can't explain.

Like why isn't YOU spelt U? Why isn't WHY spelt Y? And why can just opening your mouth get you into some very BIG trouble?

Clarice Bean is in non-stop trouble these days - almost as much as Karl Wrenbury, and he is the naughtiest boy in school.

Clarice just wants to star in the school play and impress Mrs Wilberton in the spelling bee, but things aren't quite going to plan . . . '

Witty and charming. We can't get enough of Clarice Bean.' - Independent

## Do You Have a Library Book?

**If you have any school library books at home, could they please be returned to Mrs Mawson in the Library by the end of next week please.**

This will allow her time to consolidate the books we have in stock ready for the start of the new school year in September.

## Thankyou Family Gathercole

Mrs Mawson and everyone at Slade is very grateful to the Gathercole family who have recently donated lots of books to the school library.

A very big thankyou to mum Louise for sorting these books out, which will be in the library from September.

**We wish the Gathercole's well, especially popular former pupils Darcey, Pip and Zara.**



## Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

***Kate Wakeling***

Kate Wakeling's first book of poems for children is full of curious characters and strange situations. The poems she writes are always musical, sometimes wistful, and full of wonder at the weirdness of the world.

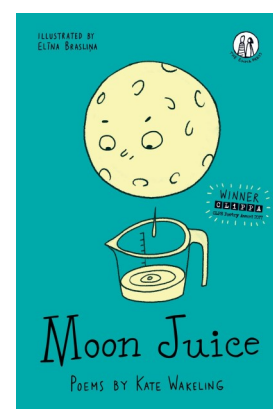
Kate loves performing her work, particularly for family audiences, appearances include at Shakespeare's Globe, the Cheltenham Literature Festival, the Cheltenham Music Festival, the Bridport Literary Festival, the Stratford-Upon-Avon Poetry Festival and the Imagine Children's Festival at Southbank Centre.

Kate also works regularly in primary schools and is part of an ongoing project with literary organisation Pop Up Projects to deliver creative workshops for children with special education needs and disabilities across Kent.

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

[Meet Kate and pick your favourite poem!](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)





# Forest School

## Tonbridge School Giving Day

**Miss Hall and everyone at Slade is very grateful to the staff and boys at neighbouring Tonbridge School for their work, efforts and help on their recent Giving Day.**

The first ever Giving Day has been run by Tonbridge School at the end of June and the beginning of July and aims to raise funds for their Foundation Award programme.

Each of the Houses at Tonbridge were set a range of challenges, lots involving local schools. In addition to visiting Slade, boys went out to Long Mead, Cage Green, Royal Rise, St Margaret Clitherow and Woodlands Schools as well as our friends at Hillview School and at Nexus School.

We were lucky to receive the help of a large group of boys from Welldon House, who in helping out with a number of tasks and improvements in Forest School - in doing so they unlocked a further £5000 for their appeal.

**More > [Find out about the aims of the Giving Day at Tonbridge School via vimeo.com](#)**

**More > [Find out about the different challenges locally completed by Tonbridge School Boys](#)**

This gallery shows some of the work carried out at Slade by the boys of Welldon House last Wednesday.



# Woodland Workparty



## Woodland Timetable for the rest of Term 6

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

Monday 12 July: Elf

Monday 19 July: Gnome, Phoenix, Dragon

Tuesday 13 July: Year 6 Activity Week Event

Tuesday 20 July: Elmer, Pegasus, Hippogriff

Wednesday 14 July: Pixie, Wyvern

Wednesday 21 July: Sprite, Sphinx

[The Woodland Timetable is also on our online calendar](#)



# 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.



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.



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 5 July	Tonbridge-on-Sea: Monday 19 July	Year 1 Parents 
Tuesday 6 July	Slade Olympics: The Results Year by Year	
Tuesday 6 July	Nuffield Early Language Intervention	Current EYFS Year R Parents 
Thursday 8 July	Year 6 Activity Week Reminder	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 9 July	In School Settling In Sessions and Home Visits	EYFS21 Parents 

## Governors Parent Survey 2021

**Thankyou to all of our parents and carers who have given their views via the annual Parent Survey from the School Governors.**



We would still encourage anyone who hasn’t yet completed the survey to do so before 17:00 on Monday 12 July, when it closes. Simon Griffiths, Chair of Governors (right) says:

An Important part of the governor’s role is to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to give feedback on the school’s performance.

While this has obviously been a very different year for everyone at Slade, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey behind the link below:

The survey is entirely anonymous and, if you wish, you can provide further comments. You do not need to include your contact details, but it may help the school respond to comments if you are willing to provide these. We have added some pandemic specific questions to this survey and slightly amended some of the questions used in previous years to reflect the unique nature of the period covered by this survey.

Thankyou for your time and help,

Simon

[Complete the Governors Parents Survey 2021 Here](#)



# For your Diary

## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 12 July - Friday 16 July	Year 6 Activity Week
Monday 12 July	PTA Second Hand Uniform Collection - See Page 4 Deadline for 2021 Governors Survey to be submitted - See Page 7
Tuesday 13 July	PTA Second Hand Uniform Collection - See Page 4
Wednesday 14 July	PTA Second Hand Uniform Collection - See Page 4 Reports Sent Home (via Arbor) - EYFS and KS1
Thursday 15 July	PTA Second Hand Uniform Collection - See Page 4 Reports Sent Home (via Arbor) - KS2
Friday 16 July	Non Uniform Day Donations for the Perfect Playground Fundraising Appeal

## 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 :

Tuesday 20 July	EYFS21 In School Settling In Sessions Parents should refer to email sent on Friday 9 July for times and other details
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](http://slade.kent.sch.uk)