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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year and what another year it's been!

This week our fabulous Year 6 pupils have enjoyed an exciting activity week which has seen them braving the rides at Chessington, climbing the walls at Clip n Climb and lighting woodland fires down in the forest to name just a few of the activities that were experienced! Do check out the photos on our Twitter feed or read on further in the newsletter to find out more! It has been delightful to see how much fun the children have had together as their time at Slade draws to a close before they head off onto the next phase of their learning journey. All of us here are incredibly proud of each and every one of the year group on the progress that they have made and all that they have achieved during their years at Slade Primary School. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to hearing of all their fabulous achievements in years to come. Enjoy your pizza and ice cream this evening everyone!

On Wednesday we will also be saying goodbye to some pupils in other year groups who are also leaving us at the end of this academic year, some who are relocating to destinations far and wide others who are staying a little closer to home. To all who are leaving, we wish you every success and the best of everything as you move on to pastures new and hope that you will be taking away happy memories from your time here at Slade.

In addition to saying goodbye to some of our children we also bid farewell at the end of term to some of our staff team too. From the teaching team we say goodbye and good luck to Matthew Watts who is taking a break from teaching to explore a career in sports journalism; we wish you well with your future venture Matt. Goodbye too to Thomas Clarke and Sarah-Jayne Paige, members of our support staff team, both whom will be beginning their teacher training in September. Finally, farewell to Samara Jones, teaching assistant in Dragon Class, who is also having a change as she pursues a career in copywriting. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all in the Slade community to thank all of you for the contributions that you have made to the lives of the children with whom you have worked. With all good wishes to you all as you each begin your new adventures!

A reminder 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; we thank you in advance for your co-operation with this. Details of arrangements for September will be shared with parents and carers at the start of next week in order that you can begin to prepare your child for the changes ahead. In addition, we will also be sending out on Monday details of extra-curricular clubs and activities that we will be offering from the start of the new academic year.

May I take this opportunity to thank all children, staff, parents and governors for the part that you have all played in another exceptional year here at Slade Primary School. It really has been a whole team effort, working together to successfully navigate the challenges that have presented themselves throughout; thank you and well done everyone. I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Welcome to Slade, Lottie and Johnny

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome Lottie and Johnny to the school following their recent relocation to Tonbridge. We hope that you have enjoyed the time you have been with us this week.

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



End of Year Reports

Every parent should have received their child's End of Year Report on Wednesday (EYFS through to Year 4) or Thursday (Year 5 and 6). If you have any questions regarding the content of the report, please contact your present class teacher via the class email address.

Wraparound is Back!

It has been a busy week of information. Following the school reports, every parent in EYFS (presently and as part of our new intake) and Years 1 - 5 will have received up-to-date details with regards to booking places at the relaunched wraparound care at Slade from September. This email was sent on Thursday afternoon.

If you are interested in using any sessions of either or both Breakfast and After School Clubs from September, please note that the Tucasi SCOPAY booking system will go live at 19:00 on Monday 19 July.

Please let us know by 11:00 on Monday if you propose to use childcare vouchers to pay for these sessions. In your email to wraparound@slade.kent.sch.uk please include your child's name and the childcare voucher provider.

If you have any questions about this provision, please contact us via email to wraparound@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Due to space and staffing, each session is restricted to 35 children at present.

Parents will be informed if any arrangements change due to updated COVID-19 restrictions or regulations issued by the Department for Education before or during Term 1.

Do You Have Second Hand Kit?

Mr Duffin is looking to set up a system for children at Slade to have access to spare kit and trainers if they have left theirs at home. We would really appreciate any donations of PE kit or trainers to help with this.

In September we will organise collection of any items you are able to donate.

If you find any kit that no longer fits and is still in good condition over the summer holidays, please bring it in the new academic year in September as we will find a new home for it.

Thankyou in advance for any donations you are able to make.



Around School

2020/21: Another Year to Remember

The Summer Term ends, with our last day of school next Wednesday, 21 July.

This is the last school newsletter of 2020/21 and we would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our weekly digest of everything Slade.

This year particularly, we are very proud to have brought you up-to-date news, information and stories of interest from school and involving our children each week of the school year, including every week during the various lockdowns and in school provision suspensions. We are incredibly pleased to have maintained that normality whilst uncertainty ruled the everyday lives of our families, children and friends.

All of the thanks during those times goes to our parents and children for sharing their lockdown learning, as well as the things they were getting upto away from the curriculum. We were fortunate to see some outstanding art, inventive play, fantastic ideas for everyone to try at home as well as some beautiful pieces of learning presented in so many different styles from all corners of homes across Tonbridge.

We have also been fortunate to hear about some amazing stories, such as children appearing on James O'Brien's morning and lunchtime radio show on LBC and also attracting the attention of millions of Twitter users with retweets from stars such as David Walliams and JK Rowling.

A big, repeated well done to all 420 superstars at Slade and their parents and carers for making sure that there was so much to look fondly back on in this most desperate of years.

Our thanks also to Mrs Slade for her weekly notes, which always sum up everything that goes on at the school and in particular for the video messages during lockdown which cheered up many a family at the time. The newsletter would also like to thank all of the class teachers for sharing examples of home learning and all of the activities happening in school with our hardy bunch of key worker children and for providing us with stories and important information each week, especially since the reopening of in-school learning at the beginning of March.

School is back for Years 1-6 on Monday 6 September with our youngest learners popping in during that week for a special in school home visit before starting their journeys at Slade the week after in the normal staggered start. We hope they are looking forward to starting school as much as we, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock are at meeting and working with them.

Hope everyone has a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday, whatever you are up to with extra special best wishes to all of the children in Year 6 and to all of the families who will be leaving us this summer. The Year 6 children have had a wonderful Activity Week, detailed all over our Twitter feed this week and on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. The teachers and staff at the schools below are incredibly fortunate to be continuing the learning and growing of this group. Everyone wishes you all the very best of luck, most importantly that you continue to enjoy your learning and that you have fun with lots of success at your new schools.



Numbers in our Year 6 cohort this year will be joining: Bennet Memorial School, Bower Grove School, Hadlow Rural Community School, Hayesbrook, Hillview School for Girls, Hugh Christie School, The Judd School, St Gregory's Catholic School, New Line Learning Academy, St Olaves School, Tonbridge Grammar School, Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys and Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls.

Reading Corner



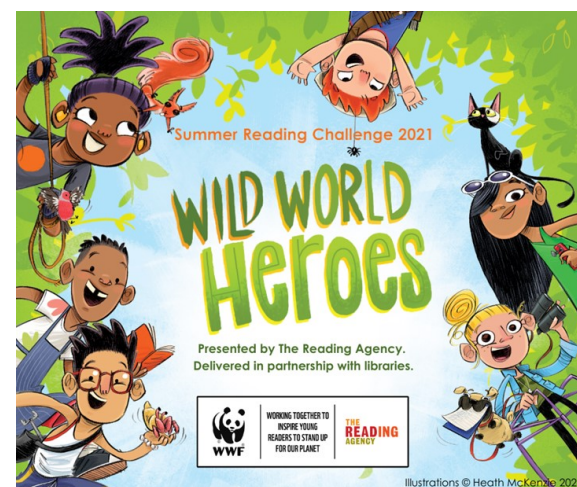
Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Get ready for the Wild World Heroes, as Summer Reading Challenge 2021 comes to Kent libraries!

Kent libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

Running from now to 11 September 2021, for the first time, children can choose to sign up and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge either by visiting a Kent Library to claim their joining pack, or by visiting wildworldheroes.org.uk to take part online.

Meet the Wild World Heroes - Carys, Marcus, Callum, Willow, Faiza, David and their trusted animal companions from Wilderville, who are all on a mission to take action and save their natural world.



Let us know how you get on through the summer via email or Twitter and we will feature our Summer Reading Champions in next year's newsletter.

[More > Find out all about the Summer Reading Challenge and to sign up](#)

Buster Returns in 2021/22

The children across the school were asked this week if they wished for Buster's Bookclub to continue next year and the votes showed a large majority were in favour - So Buster and his bookclub will be back in September. We will be delighted to partner up again with the KM Charity Team, organisers of the scheme. Look out for your bookmarks and be ready to count your reading minutes in the Autumn!



Buster's Special Prize

Congratulations to Miss Lipman and to Sphinx Class for being awarded Buster's Special Prize this week across the whole county. Kathy Beel, Education Co-ordinator at the KM Charity Team told the newsletter:

'We have chosen Sphinx class as our Buster's Book Club winner for this week - CONGRATULATIONS. We will be sending today a STEM activity for the class - levers and pulleys. We chose this class as we can see that they have increased their minutes by 60 minutes - well done!'

School Library: More Popular Than Ever

School Librarian, Caroline Mawson has let us know that this school year, there have been 10315 loans from the library. This is remarkable when 3 months were lost. The last figures for a full academic year would be 2018/2019 and the number of loans in that period was 5206.

We are so happy that the children continue to use and enjoy the library, borrowing books of their choice to enhance their love of reading for pleasure.

Year 6 Activity Week



Our Year 6 children in Griffin and Hydra Classes have enjoyed a wonderful week of activities in replacement of their residential week that was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We have featured each day over on our Twitter feed and are pleased to give you a flavour of what they have been up to here as well.

Along with the class teachers Mr Osborne and Miss Lidlow, the children have been joined by Mrs Sandell, Mrs Abisoye, Mrs Buckland and Mrs Pearson for the week long set of events as well as organiser Miss Laker. Everyone at Slade would like to thank Miss Laker for putting together a varied and much enjoyed week of activity that has hopefully made the last week of school at Slade memorable for our very special Year 6 children who have overcome the difficulties of the last couple of years amazingly well.

Monday: Carroty Wood

The children joined the teachers at outdoor adventure park, Carroty Wood for a day of geocaching, kart riding, high rope walking, archery as well as taking turns on the swinging trapeze.



Tuesday: Forest School Camp and Inflatable

Back in school, the children learned how to safely make a campfire before enjoying a deserved hot chocolate around their fires before having the chance to have a great time in the inflatable, which had obstacles to bounce into and around all the way through.

There were also team sports such as rounders on the school field and woodland art in the classroom

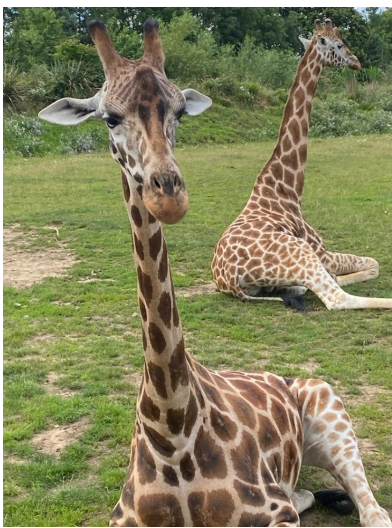
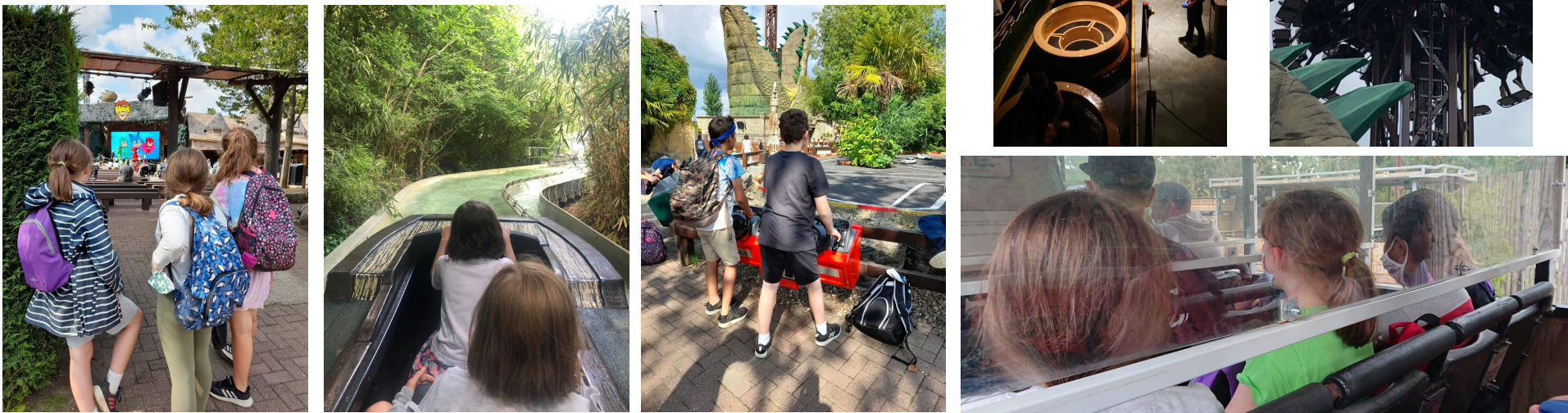


We'll Miss You All!



Wednesday: Chessington

We travelled to Chessington World of Adventures on Wednesday, with turns taken on the Vampire Ride, Gruffalo Adventure, Croc Drop and Tiger Drop amongst others before enjoying the Zufari animal kingdom.



Thursday: Clip 'n Climb & Movie Night

The children had a great time climbing at the Clip 'n Climb centre in Tonbridge.

After the fun, the children had a McDonalds dinner and film night, where they watched Mr Bean's Holiday as voted by them earlier in the day. Mrs Slade was really pleased to join them for their evening activity.



Friday: Haysden Lake Picnic

Today, the children have made the short walk over to Haysden Lake for a countryside stroll and picnic today. They have had a chance to explore the beautiful surroundings on our doorstep with their friends.





PTA News

End of Year Notes from The PTA

Kerry Taylor-Smith, PTA Chair

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting us this year, whether it be helping arrange an event of uniform sale, buying raffle tickets or donating to our Perfect Playground Fundraiser. Here are a few things we've managed to achieve this year, with your help:

- A £5,000 donation towards laptops to help Slade families with their home learning during lockdown.
- Gifts for new starters and year 6 leavers
- Dictionaries and thesauruses for year 3 and 5
- Christmas gift and ice cream treat for every child in the school
- Raised over £2,000 towards new playground markings
- Received a grant for over £3,000 to help establish our fantastic new Forest School.

We are keeping everything crossed that we will be able to hold lots more events next year, including fireworks in November! And don't forget to look out for details on our AGM; we are looking to expand the team so if you are considering volunteering for the PTA please drop us a message to sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk.

Thanks again, and have a wonderful summer.
Kerry

Summertime Raffle

Congratulations to all of the winners of the Summertime Raffle, with the winning tickets being drawn yesterday evening.

Each winner will be contacted by the PTA and advised on how to claim their prize.

[See all of the winners and the individuals and companies who sponsored prizes via raffall.com](#)

Thankyou to everyone who sponsored prizes or bought a ticket. All of the proceeds of PTA events are immediately ploughed straight back into numerous projects at Slade that benefit all of the children now and in the future.

Lunchtime Opportunities at Slade

We have vacancies for two Midday Supervisors to join the growing team starting during Term 1 in September.

The positions are both for 1 hour 15 minutes, 5 days a week and during term time only.

These opportunities, along with all vacancies at Slade are advertised on the Kent Teach website where you can view the job requirements and upload and submit your application.

The closing date for applications for these positions is Tuesday 31 August, with interviews taking place on Friday 3 September.

If you have any questions, please email office@slade.kent.sch.uk or use the contact form on our website.

More > [To view the Midday Supervisor role and to apply, via Kent-Teach.com](#)

Nourish News



Year 2 ParentPay Accounts

Each Year 2 parent and carer will receive a letter from Nourish and ParentPay next week.

Universal Free School Meals end when children enter Key Stage 2 (Year 3). Nourish use ParentPay as their payment partner and parents will be required to set up an account with them in order for their child to continue to receive school meals.

Please note that Nourish ParentPay accounts are administered by Nourish and all questions about payments or creating an account should be addressed to them. For the quickest and most direct answer, you should contact Teresa Adonis-Taylor, Nourish's Regional Account Manager.

Teresa can be contacted via teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk.

Meals for KS2 children continue to be great value at £2.20 per meal.

Meals will continue to be free next year to all children who are eligible for the Free School Meals scheme and every child in EYFS Reception Year and those in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2).

Menu Changes Next Week

There are a number of changes to the Nourish Menu next week.

Clare and her team will be serving choices from the following for the final two days of term:

Tuesday 20 July

Chicken Pie

Wedges

Jacket Potato

Pepper Tart

Jelly, Biscuits or Fruit

Wednesday 21 July

Tomato Pasta

Garlic Bread Slices

Jacket Potato

Sweetcorn and Pea Rice

Jelly, Biscuits Fruit or Ice Cream

The present menu will be served in Term 1 of 2021/22. Current menus can be found on our website.

Shake Up This Summer

Mr Osborne challenges each child to defend like Black Panther, play freeze tag with Anna, and travel 'to infinity and beyond' like Buzz Lightyear! Can you learn a Shake Up exercise routine with your favourite character? There's more exciting Disney, Pixar and Marvel games to keep your family active and entertained all summer long and beyond, whether it's in the garden, at the park, or even indoors on a rainy day – with new family games launching in early July provided by Change 4 Life from the NHS.

More > [10 Minute Shake Up Games via the NHS Website](#)



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.

96.1%

Attendance This Year.

97.2%

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 12 June	Year 6 from Carroty Wood	
Tuesday 13 June	Year 6 Activity Week	
Wednesday 14 June	Year 6 from Chessington	
Wednesday 14 June	COVID Close Contact Information	Elf Class
Wednesday 14 June	COVID General Case Information	All School
Wednesday 14 June	End of Year School Report	EYFS - Year 4
Thursday 15 June	Letter to Elf Class from Mrs Hill	Elf Class
Thursday 15 June	Year 6 from Clip ‘n Climb	
Thursday 15 June	End of Year School Report	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 15 June	Wraparound Care from September 2021	EYFS21 Parents and All School Year R -5
Friday 16 June	Year 6 from Haysden Lake	
Friday 16 June	Letter to Elf Class	Elf Class
Friday 16 June	Towels for Beach Day	Pixie Day

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 19 July: Gnome, Phoenix Dragon

Tuesday 20 July: Elmer, Pegasus, Hippogriff

Wednesday 21 July: Sphinx

The session for Sprite Class on the last day of term has been cancelled.



For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 19 July	EYFS Pirate Fun Day Year 1 Beach Day
Tuesday 20 July	
Wednesday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6
Thursday 22 July	Summer Holidays School Closed to All Pupils
Friday 23 July	Summer Holidays School Closed to All Pupils

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 6 September	First Day of Term 1 2021/22
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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