



# Slade

## Primary School

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# From the Headteacher

## Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

An exceptionally warm welcome back to the start of this new school year! I do hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break spending time with family and friends and that you were able to find some sunshine somewhere!

A special welcome to new children and their families who have joined us; we hope that you soon feel part of the school family here at Slade.

Welcome too to the new members of staff who have joined our growing team at the start of Term 1. We hope that you all soon feel settled in your roles and part of the Slade family. A special mention to Grace Buswell who is undertaking her teacher training with us, teaching alongside Sarah Meers in Dragon Class. We are delighted to have you on board Grace and look forward to working with you in the coming year!

Next week we are very excited to be welcoming our Reception children and their families into school following their onsite 'home visits' this week. A separate letter will be sent out to you during your induction period regarding the arrangements for drop off and pick routines once your child joins us full time so please do look out for this when it drops in your inbox.

A special thank you to you all for quickly adjusting to and following the new arrangements and routines at drop off and pick up times. This has enabled all of the children to have a calm, smooth start and finish at the beginning and end of each school day. Many thanks to those who have also passed on their feedback regarding the new systems in place, all of which is very much appreciated.

A reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day. In addition, a number of parents have also raised concerns this week regarding the number of dogs that are being brought into the Year 1 and 2 'pen' area. Please ensure that all dogs, unless an assistance dog, are safely tied to the railings away from the entrance and not blocking entry and exit into the school grounds. Thank you for your support with both of these safety matters and in helping keep everyone safe at these busy times of the school day.

In addition to this newsletter you will also be receiving today information from your child's class teacher regarding the learning that will be happening this term. This includes a link to the pre-recorded 'Meet the Team' presentation for each year group. I would encourage each of you to take the time to view these recordings in the coming days to ensure that you have all the necessary information required for this term, enabling you to support your child with their learning during the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for taking the time to take a look.

I hope that you all have a restful, enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Karen Slade.

# Around School



## Welcome to Slade

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome our new children who have started with us over the summer holidays.

We are delighted to say hello to Ollie (Sprite), Nadiya (Pegasus), Swati (Hippogriff), Pranav and Charlie (Dragon).

We join with your new teachers and classmates to say that we hope that you have enjoyed your first week at Slade.

Our welcome is extended to the families of our new pupils, with who we look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship.



## COVID-19 Update

The Department for Education issued its new guidance for the management of COVID-19 cases in the school setting in the summer holidays. We continue to follow their guidance, which is always subject to change.

Your child is allowed to attend school in all circumstances unless they have received a positive result from a COVID test. If they have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, we strongly advise that they take a home Lateral Flow Test in order to protect themselves and their classmates and friends across the school.

If your child does test positive for COVID-19, please continue to alert the school immediately via email to [c19@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:c19@slade.kent.sch.uk) and [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).

## Chickenpox, Measles and Shingles

We currently have children in the school who are receiving treatment which affects the immune system.

**Everyone at Slade would like to ask all parents and carers to inform the school immediately if your child develops measles, chicken pox or if anyone in your household develops shingles.**

**This is as important at weekends and during school holidays as during the normal school week. Please email in the normal way to [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk) to inform us of any cases of measles, chickenpox or shingles in your household.** Any notifications will be treated in strictest confidence.

Your own child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupils is paramount and we depend on the co-operation of all of the school community to support us in this matter.



## KS2 Swimming Lessons Return



We are very happy that our programme of swimming lessons for all Key Stage 2 children has restarted after the enforced COVID break. Each class from Year 3 to 6 will have 6 sessions at Tonbridge Swimming Pool during the year as part of their statutory PE lessons.

Year 5 class Dragon had their first session yesterday, with Wyvern Class following on Monday. Massive thanks to every parent in Dragon who signed up in advance of the lessons. Anyone in Wyvern Class yet to give consent should do so over the weekend via your Arbor account, just look under Trips to successfully sign up.



# Around School



## Keeping in Contact

A new year brings reminders on the best way to contact the correct people at Slade to ensure you receive a speedy and reliable answer to any question you have.

### **General and Urgent Enquiries: The School Office**

The office is open and happy to help with anything you are unsure about. The best way to contact the team is via email through [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk) at anytime or on the telephone between 08:00 and 16:30 on 01732 350354. You should also use these methods to let us know of any absences (before 08:30 if possible) or if you require clarification on any communication that we have sent.

### **Our Website**

The school website is maintained throughout the year and includes a wealth of information that can answer a lot of general questions. There are links to all external partners such as Paul Marchant School Clothing, Nourish Contract Catering and Tonbridge and Malling Council Parking Team for parking permits. It also hosts special parent webinars, which we hope to add to this year.

**More > [www.slade.kent.sch.uk](http://www.slade.kent.sch.uk)**

### **Class Specific and Non-Urgent Class Related Questions**

If you have any direct questions for the class team or which to raise a point with the class teacher, every class has an email account. Please be aware that these accounts are not monitored throughout the day so should not be used for urgent questions or requests.

#### **Year R**

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#### **Year 5**

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[dragon@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dragon@slade.kent.sch.uk)

#### **Year 6**

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# Forest School



Miss Hall is delighted to be back in our even larger than before Forest School. This year, the children will have whole morning or afternoon sessions with Miss Hall and their half of their class.

In order to fully enjoy Forest School, the children will need to be wearing long sleeves and trousers even when the weather is very warm as it has been this week. This will help to protect them from stings, scratches and sunburn. It is much cooler in Forest School under the trees.

They can wear wellies, sturdy boots or trainers when it is dry, but school shoes are not suitable.

The Term 1 timetable is below, reminders of the dates appear on the diary page of the school newsletter each week and are always on the online calendar on the school website.

**Monday 13 September: Pixie**

**Tuesday 14 September: Elf**

**Thursday 16 September: Gnome**

**Friday 17 September: Sprite**

**Monday 20 September: Pegasus**

**Tuesday 21 September: Hippogriff**

**Thursday 23 September: Phoenix**

**Friday 24 September: Sphinx**

**Monday 27 September: Dragon**

**Tuesday 28 September: Wyvern**

**Thursday 30 September: Griffin**

**Friday 1 October: Hydra**

**Friday 8 October: Elmer**

**Monday 11 October: Gruffalo**

**Tuesday 12 October: Pixie**

**Thursday 13 October: Elf**

**Friday 14 October: Gnome**

**Thursday 21 October: Sprite**

**Friday 22 October: Pegasus**

The timetable will continue throughout the year, ensuring that every class visits Forest School during every season and all of the children receive a fair number of Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer sessions.

Children will also experience morning and afternoon sessions on a rotational basis (if your child is in the morning group for their first Forest School visit, they will go in the afternoon for the next time).

Miss Hall has been busy this summer and this week preparing the area for the first sessions next week. She is grateful to all of the parents who have helped, either by donating items, helping construct areas of the school or by helping to clear nettles and weeds. Everyone who has played a part has helped produce a wonderful space for all of the children at Slade to learn and enjoy.



# Slade Stats



Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:50 and after lunch in the afternoon.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

## Attendance Target

## 97.0%

## Attendance This Week

## 96.1%

## Attendance This Year

## 96.1%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close at 08:50.

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.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

## Pupils Late This Week

## 3

For more information on attendance and punctuality, please refer to the policies section on our website and to that of Kent County Council by following these links:

More > [via www.slade.kent.sch.uk](http://www.slade.kent.sch.uk)

More > [via www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)



# Reading Corner



## Buster is Back!

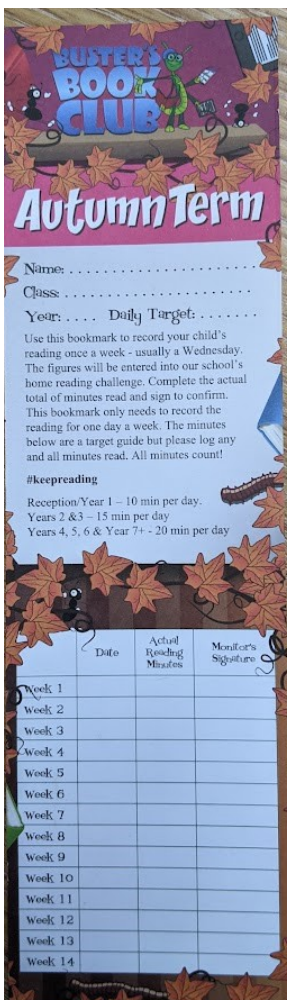
We are delighted to say that we have renewed our partnership with Buster's Book Club for another year.

The reading incentive scheme organised by the Kent Messenger Charity Team is designed to help children reach reading targets for their age group.

Each child will be coming home with their Autumn Term bookmark shortly. All we ask for you to do at home is to mark the number of minutes that your child has read on a chosen day each week. It doesn't matter which day you record, but the figures are collated in school each Wednesday.

There are class prizes up for grabs each week - over the course of the last three years, classes at Slade have been the lucky recipients of Buster's special prize a number of times, including a class trip to KidZania London and a Science Activity Day.

It doesn't matter what your child reads; school book, library book, magazine or anything else that catches their reading imagination at home. Each week Mrs Mawson will award the class of the week as part of Friday's celebration assembly. Winners are also announced on our Twitter account live from the assembly. The winning class in KS1 takes away the Buster's Bear and the KS2 Winners of the Week are awarded the glass trophy (both below).



## The Library Reopens its Doors

Mrs Mawson is very pleased to say that the School Library will swing open its doors to each class again during Term 1.

Each class will have a half hourly slot once a week for children to browse the selection of books and choose one to take, read and enjoy.

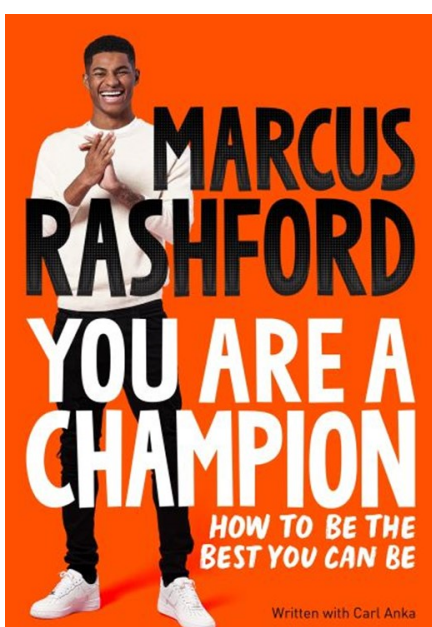
Later in the term, the lunchtime slots will return for different yeargroups. We will let you know when this happens and which day each year can take an extra visit into their very own reading adventure!



## Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

### You Are A Champion, by Marcus Rashford

Before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, Marcus Rashford was just an average kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester. Now, Marcus wants to show YOU how to achieve YOUR dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life. This book is packed full of stories from Marcus's own life and brilliant advice and top tips from performance psychologist Katie Warner.



# Dear Parents and Carers




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.

For your convenience, in each newsletter we include this reminder of everything sent out in the current week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 6 September	Welcome Back	
Monday 6 September	Note from Mrs Slade	Year 1 Parents 
Tuesday 7 September	KS2 Lunches	KS2 Parents 
Wednesday 8 September	Kent Test Arrival Time	Year 6 Parents 
Wednesday 8 September	Diary Dates 2021/22	All School 
Wednesday 8 September	After School Activity Timetable: Term 1 & 2	All School 
Thursday 9 September	Dragon Class Swimming	
Friday 10 September	Parking for Wraparound Care	All School 
Friday 10 September	Meet the Team and Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 1 Parents 
Friday 10 September	Meet the Team and Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 2 Parents 
Friday 10 September	Meet the Team and Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 3 Parents 
Friday 10 September	Meet the Team and Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 4 Parents 
Friday 10 September	Meet the Team and Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 5 Parents 
Friday 10 September	Meet the Team and Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 6 Parents 



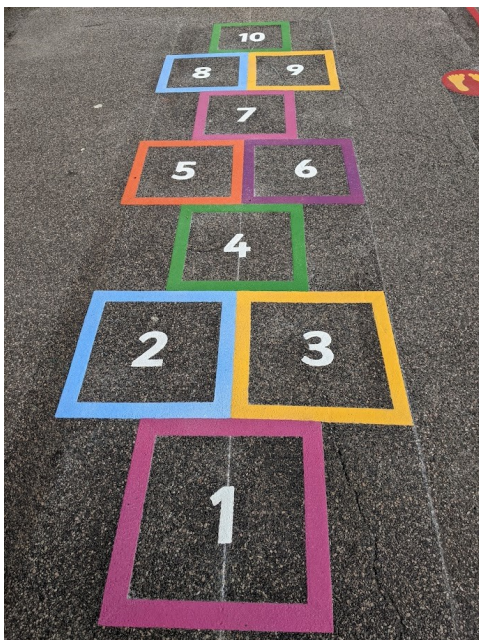
# PTA News



## Playing on the Perfect Playground

Over the summer holiday the PTA's Perfect Playground appeal reached its final goal with the painting of a number of new features on the school playground.

Thankyou to everyone who donated or worked on this project, which has already been enjoyed by children of all ages across the school this week.



## Be Part of the Fun

The PTA are reaching out to parents and carers who have been part of the school for a while, or have joined us this summer - Welcome to Slade, and to the various and successful Slade PTA!

PTA Chair, Kerry Taylor-Smith, would like to invite all parents and carers for the first event of the year, the Annual General Meeting, a chance to find out all about the fantastic opportunities being part of the PTA brings. This is a virtual meeting, so can be done from the comfort of your own home without needing to find child sitters or coming back out again in the evening. Kerry writes:

**Join the PTA at their AGM where we'll be reviewing the last year's fundraising activities, and planning what's to come this year. We'll also be appointing new treasurers and are on the lookout for more volunteers – find out how you can help raise lots of money for our fabulous school by coming along (virtually), next Thursday, 16September from 7.30pm.**

If you have any questions or would like to introduce yourself, please contact Kerry via [sladepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sladepta@yahoo.co.uk).

**To join the meeting, use this link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7336186264?pwd=aEhYT1QyaWVUdjBhei9QV08yV2tyZz09>



# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 13 September	<b>EYFS (Elmer&amp; Gruffalo) Classes First Day: Morning or Afternoon Sessions</b> For times, see individual time email sent in July and Information provided at Home Visits this week <b>Swimming - Year 5 Wyvern Class</b> Please make sure you have consented via your Arbor account
Tuesday 14 September	
Wednesday 15 September	
Thursday 16 September	<b>Swimming - Year 5 Dragon Class</b> <b>PTA Annual General Meeting - 19:30</b> See Page 9 for login joining details
Friday 17 September	<b>House Captain Elections</b>

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott)
TUESDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)
FRIDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics
TUESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket
WEDNESDAY	West Kent Athletics
THURSDAY	First Class Basketball, First Class Netball
FRIDAY	Sama Karate

## Further Ahead :

Monday 20 September - Friday 24 September	EYFS Classes - Morning or Afternoon Sessions Only
Monday 20 September	Pupil Council Elections
Monday 27 September - Friday 1 October	EYFS Classes - All pupils in school for Morning plus lunch (08:40 to 13:00)
Wednesday 29 September	Individual School Photographs Matthew Walker Photography
Monday 4 October	EYFS Classes start Full Time - 08:40 - 15:15
Thursday 7 October	Harvest Festival