



# Slade

## Primary School

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From the  
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all of our new Reception children and their families who joined our school at the start of this week. The children have all settled in fantastically well and have been busy discovering lots of new exciting things during their half day sessions. It has been lovely to see them getting to know each other and growing in confidence throughout the week! We hope that everyone soon feels settled and part of the school family here at Slade.

It has also been lovely to see the children in other year groups continuing to reconnect with their friends and classmates in the September sunshine as they settle back in to the more familiar routines of school life. We have seen some fabulously active learning taking place across the classes this week: from Forest School activities to swimming to hopscotching and to re-embarking on our daily mile training! A very active week for everyone!

Many thanks to parents and carers for another successful week using the new drop off and pick up routines: your promptness and punctuality at gate times really has helped ensure that all children have a calm, safe entry and exit into school so thank you to all involved; we do appreciate it. To further ensure the continued safety and well-being of all at these busy times of day please can I reiterate the importance of driving with due care and consideration around the school at these busy times. A reminder that car parking is available at both the Upper and Lower Castle Field Car Parks and parking or car-turning at the school entrances is not permitted; thank you.

Last night was the first of this year's virtual 'Parent Teacher Association' (PTA) meetings with this one being the Annual General Meeting. Many thanks to all those who attended, with special thanks to the group of parents who also stood for election into committee roles; we really do appreciate you all giving of your time and energies in this way. The PTA meetings are open to all parents of children in our school and are an opportunity to find out more about the plans for the coming year and how you too can get involved. Moving forward, meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of every term so a special invitation to all parents who are new to Slade this year. The PTA makes such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money, even during a pandemic! We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas and the next meeting in Term 2.

Fingers crossed for fine weather next Friday morning as we look to host our Macmillan coffee morning outside on the school field. Hawden Road gate will be opening at 9am, following drop off, when parents are invited to join us on the field for cake, a cuppa and a catch up whilst raising funds for this important charity. More details to follow at the start of next week but in the meantime save the date as we look forward to seeing some of you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

Karen Slade.

# Around School



## Welcome to Slade

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome Maya and Shaarav to the school who joined us this week.

We hope you have enjoyed your first week with your new classmates and teachers.

Our welcome is extended to their family, with who we look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship.



## School Milk at 5

School milk is free up until a child turns 5 during their Reception Year in EYFS.

If you would like to continue receiving the daily 189ml serving after the child's 5th birthday and at any time through their time at Slade, you should register them on the Cool Milk website.

School milk at mid-morning break is an important part of a child's diet. Milk provides a number of health benefits that ensure children get the most out of their school day.

Cool Milk will inform you of the cost and once payment is received, the rest will be organised directly with the school.

**Cool Milk**  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

[More and to Register for Cool Milk > www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

## Headlice

There have been instances of headlice in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that pupils are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

As there have been a couple of cases, we would ask you to check your daughter or son's head as soon as possible.

Please also ensure that all long hair is tied back for the school day.

**For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or follow the NHS link below.**

[More via the NHS website > Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of one of a selection of benefits, you may be eligible to receive Free School Meals and/or Pupil Premium funding. Family circumstances change all of the time, especially during the pandemic and altering financial situation in the country. If you want to check your eligibility, please follow the link below; you will be informed quickly of the decision of the funding authority, Kent County Council.

In addition, If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

[More and to check eligibility > https://www.kent.gov.uk](https://www.kent.gov.uk)

# Around School



## After School Activities Resume

Our new range of After School Activities have started this week and it was lovely to hear the buzz of excitement around school continue after our normal hours.

Children from across the school enjoyed trying out gymnastics, football, athletics and cricket as well as basketball and netball yesterday evening. All of this, and more to come with Karate due to return tonight and Chess, Art and STEM clubs to follow next week.

A number of the activity providers still have spaces if your child is interested in trying something new, or wishes to practise skills in their favourite sport or pastime.

Please contact the activity provider directly for booking and payment, or with any questions you have regarding age suitability, cost and dates that the club runs.

For a full list of activities already on offer along with their contact details, please see our website by clicking the link below.



More > <http://slade.ovw4.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=25&action=saved>

## Learn to Play The Violin at Slade

We are pleased to say that our resident violin teacher, Madeleine Butcher, has added extra lesson time at Slade for any child in Year 2 to Year 6 who would like to start, or continue violin lessons.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity with violin lessons taking place during the school afternoon, please contact Madeleine on 07960 878616 or via email [madeleine.butcher@icloud.com](mailto:madeleine.butcher@icloud.com).



## Year 6 Secondary School Visits and Applications

The application window for making applications for KS3 transfer to Secondary School is now open. All Year 6 children must make an application via the Kent County Council website once you have considered your choices.

**The window opened at the beginning of the month and closes on Monday 1 November.**

Most local schools are holding open events this month, including Hayesbrook School, who entertained boys from Slade this afternoon. Check with individual schools for details of their open events or experience days or evenings. Please take advantage of these events, and if they fall within school time let us know via the class and office email boxes so we can make sure the register correctly marks your attendance at a secondary school event.

More and to apply > [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk)

# 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**

**95.5%**

**Attendance This Year**

**95.8%**

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**

**11**

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

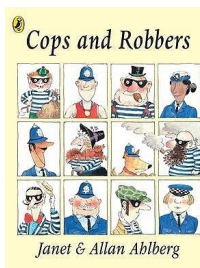
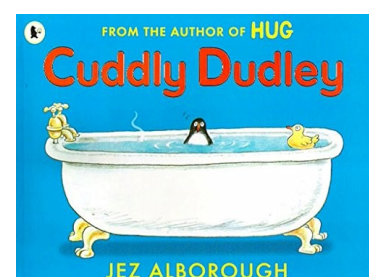


## Reading for Pleasure in Year 1

We were lucky enough to be invited into the Year 1 classes over the last two days as they celebrated their love of reading with each other.

Each child brought to school, their favourite book from home and read to themselves and to each other as they shared why the story or non-fiction book meant so much to them, and why they enjoy having it read to them at home.

Amongst those we spoke to was Harry; Harry has brought with him Cuddly Duddly by Jez Alborough. Cuddly Dudley is the story of Dudley the penguin who is so lovely and cuddly that his brothers and sisters just can't leave him alone! Harry loves penguins and the way they waddle. The pictures of Dudley make Harry laugh and he likes the way that his brothers and sisters keep following him around!



Melvin showed us his book, Cops and Robbers, by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. He was able to tell us what the illustrator does, and why he loves the illustrations in this book, especially those of our hero, Officer Pugh and baddie Grandma Swagg! Melvin always wants the police to win and catch the criminals, but in this book the criminals do make him laugh!

*Do you know what an illustrator does?*

Maggie had a special reason to love the book she shared, one she is also very proud of. The book, About That Queen Umbrella, was written by Maggie's mummy, SJ Molver. The main character also has reason to make Maggie smile. He blurb explains all: 'Maggie's world is about to become very magical when her imagination takes her on an unbelievable journey of self discovery..' We are tempted to jump on board and join Maggie in order to find our own magic. With good reason Maggie loves everything about the story and loved recalling the detail of what happens to us. It is a beautifully written story with fantastic illustrations that do take the young reader to the magic within themselves.



Our afternoon was complete with a chat with Artemis, who told us that her daddy's favourite book was Aladdin, which she still enjoys reading, even though she has read the book many many times, and Franki, who loves the pictures all throughout her favourite book and film: Anna, Elsa, and the Secret River, the story of Frozen 2.

Thankyou to all of the children in Year 1 who were really pleased and keen to explain what makes them love to read, just pick up a book, and as importantly, the times when they are read to at home.



# 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 13 September	This Week at Slade	
Monday 13 September	Elmer and Gruffalo Classes	
Tuesday 14 September	Reception Baseline Assessments	EYFS Year R Parents 
Tuesday 14 September	Music with Miss Pitt	
Wednesday 15 September	Favourite Books	Year 1 Parents 
Thursday 16 September	National Teaching Assistant Day	
Friday 17 September	Celebration Assembly	

# Forest School



This week classes from Year 1 and 2 have had their first Forest School sessions of the year.

Next week, Year 3 and 4 will be spending time with Miss Hall. The timetable is on the Diary page of this newsletter.

# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 20 September	<b>EYFS (Elmer&amp; Gruffalo) Classes: 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>
Tuesday 21 September	
Wednesday 22 September	
Thursday 23 September	<b>Swimming - Year 5 Dragon Class</b>
Friday 24 September	<b>MacMillan Coffee Morning</b> Further details to be released early next week

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)
TUESDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
FRIDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics, Learn Chess
TUESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket
WEDNESDAY	West Kent Athletics, Next Thing STEM (KS1)
THURSDAY	First Class Basketball, First Class Netball, The Art Trolley, Next Thing STEM (KS2)
FRIDAY	Sama Karate

## Further Ahead :

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 1 October	Reading Room Opening
Monday 4 October	EYFS Classes start Full Time - 08:40 - 15:15
Thursday 14 October	Harvest Festival <i>This is a date alteration</i>