



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all those parents and staff who supported our Macmillan coffee morning today either by providing or eating cake! It was heartwarming to tentatively welcome so many of you back onto the school field for a socially distanced cuppa! Thank you too to those parents who gave of their time serving teas and coffees. It was lovely to see you all there and supporting this very worthy cause. Watch this space for how much our charity tea drinking has managed to raise this year!

There was another return to 'normality' this week as we began the roll out of reading books across the school with children in Year 1 to be the first year group to bring home books from the school's Big Cat reading scheme. Please refer to the letter sent home from Miss Redden, English Leader, for more information and guidance regarding your child's reading, including information about additional reading initiatives running across the school this term.

It's been business as usual with regards to all things democratic here at Slade, albeit virtually! This week the ballot has been held for House Captaincy positions across the school. Well done to the Year 6 pupils who stood for election and for the time and effort that you put into your election presentations which were recorded and shared via video with each of the classes in school. Well done too to the children in all other year groups who carefully considered the campaign videos and the messages they heard before casting their votes in class. I was delighted to announce the winners in Celebration Assembly this afternoon during which the successful candidates were presented with their House Captain badges. We will share the names of our new House Captains in the newsletter next week. Well done and congratulations to all 8 of you; I look forward to working with you all during the coming year!

One of the first tasks for our new House Captains will be to help organize our Harvest Celebration which, Covid permitting, will be held on 14 October at the parish church. Unfortunately we are unable to open up this event to parents but we will be recording our time together should you wish to view it at a later date. We will require a small number of parent helpers to escort us to the church; more details to follow, including information about our food collections, next week.

Parent Consultation meetings for Term 1 will proceed as planned on 19 and 21 October and will remain as a virtual meeting with your child's new class teacher. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teacher, albeit remotely, and discuss how your child has settled into the new year. Further details will follow as to how this will work and how appointments can be made. A reminder that if you have any concerns or queries about your child in school then please do arrange a time to discuss these with your child's class teacher. This can be done by telephoning the school office to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time or by emailing the class email address.

Finally from me, next Thursday we welcome Matthew Walker school photographer back to Slade to take individual portraits of your child at the start of this academic year. Read on in to the newsletter to find out more!

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

Karen Slade.

Around School



Welcome to Slade

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome Nisha to the school who joined us this week.

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

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



Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was our privilege this morning to welcome parents on to the school site again as we enjoyed hosting the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning event, one of thousands that happened across the country as money is raised for the superb and vital work carried out by the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

Many thanks to all of the parents, carers and friends who donated cakes for sale this morning and to everyone who was able to pop in to meet friends old and new. Thanks also to Maxine Button, our Family Liaison Officer, who organised the Slade event.

You are still able to donate to the cause, just scan the camera of your mobile device over this QR code, which takes you directly to the secure Macmillan website where donations can be made.



In 1911, a young man named Douglas Macmillan watched his father die of cancer. His father's pain and suffering moved Douglas so much, he founded the Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer. Douglas wanted advice and information to be provided to all people with cancer, homes for patients at low or no cost, and voluntary nurses to attend to patients in their own homes. Find out more about the work of Macmillan and how your money helps by using the link below.

More > www.macmillan.org.uk



School Photographs with Matthew Walker

Matthew Walker will be back in school next Wednesday to take individual school photographs.

Matthew is trialling a new system where your child will bring home their proof card on Wednesday to allow for a speedier and even more efficient system of ordering and purchasing your photographs online.

We look forward to welcoming Matthew back to Slade.



Around School



Bike to School Week: 27 September - 1 October

The charity Sustrans have an aim: To create healthier places and happier people.



Next week we are supporting them as they hold their annual Bike to School Week. Every child in Years 1 - 6 is encouraged to take part by cycling or scooting to school for part or throughout next week.

You can make sure you are as safe as possible by preparing your bike before every journey with the simple checks and practices here:

[More > Ready to Cycle via sustrans.org.uk](#)

Children in Years 1-6 who wish to take part should also have sent in their agreement to safe and responsible cycling with the Slade Cycle to School Permit, thank you to everyone who has already done this. To read the terms of the permit, please refer to the Arbor email sent on Tuesday 21 September.

Certificates are awarded to children who are able to cycle or scoot to school each day next week, you can join them by completing the form here:

[More > Sustrans Pledge via sustrans.org.uk](#)

Submitting the form will see you entered into a prize draw to win a Frog Bike worth up to £400.

We look forward to seeing everyone riding, healthy and happy, next week!



Happy Birthday, Mr Nourish

It is always a pleasure to join with Nourish Contract Catering to wish their much loved mascot Mr Nourish a very happy birthday as we do at the beginning of every October.

Mr Nourish is looking refreshed and ready to celebrate after lockdown and we are inviting all children to his party on Thursday 7 October.



Clare and her new look team will be cooking up a special menu on the day (left, and on posters around school) designed to offer something for everyone.

Remember if your child is in an EYFS (Year R) or KS1 class, you do not need to pay as the meal is free to all children in these yeargroups. All you need to do is leave the packed lunch at home and the meal will be served!

Prices for children in KS2 (Years 3-6) are charged £2.20 for the meal, which should be booked via your Nourish ParentPay account.



Competition Time

No birthday would be complete without Clare's Card Competition. Design your own birthday card for Mr Nourish at home and send a photograph of it to office@slade.kent.sch.uk and it could win a super prize courtesy of our fantastic kitchen team. Entries will be judged on Mr Nourish's birthday (Thursday 7 October) and prizes awarded in celebration assembly the following day.



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

95.6%

Attendance This Year

95.7%

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

14

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



Junior Librarians Start Work

Without doubt, the love of reading amongst the children across Slade continues to flourish. The library is fully stocked, bolstered by a number of brand new books that have been bought out of our National Book Tokens win a couple of years ago and from incredibly kind donations from parents past and present, including a number from our pupils now in Year 7, who left us for secondary school in the summer.

This year, due to an obvious demand, we have decided to extend the role of Junior Librarians to include all yeargroups in KS2 rather than just Year 6. There were no shortage of applicants, so the children will be taking turns on a termly basis, with one yeargroup a day helping Mrs Mawson each lunchtime.

The role includes preparing all of the books and making sure the library is neat and tidy so that visitors and class groups can easily use the facility as well as scanning any books that are being borrowed and returned.

All of the volunteers have taken to their tasks very well this week; we caught up with the Year 4 Junior Librarians on Tuesday afternoon.

The group of 4: Charlotte, Zac, Leo and Bridget were put in charge of some brand new science books. They had to stamp the inside cover with the school logo and learn how to scan the books in and out of the library. They all enjoyed their first session with Mrs Mawson and having the responsibility of looking after the books.

For Charlotte it was an extra special treat as she, 'absolutely loves the smell of new books!' We totally agree, Charlotte!



Thankyou to all of our Term 1 Junior Librarians:

Year 3: Francesca and Myles

Year 4: Bridget, Zac, Leo and Charlotte

Year 5: Jing Yi, Frannie, Ed and Lucien

Year 6: Lucas, Tabitha, Ramya and Lottie

Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

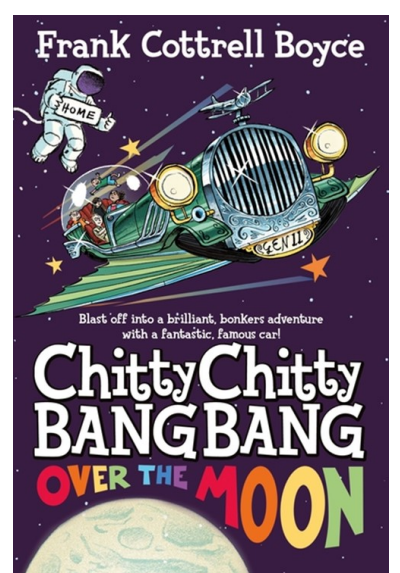
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Over the Moon,
by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Something mind boggling has happened.

Big Ben has been stolen and is hurtling over England like a rocket!

Is Chitty fast enough to stop the clock from blasting into space? And can the world's most magical car catch the criminal clock-napper?

Buckle yourself in for another out-of-this-world adventure!



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 20 September	This Week at Slade	
Monday 20 September	Home Reading	All School 
Tuesday 21 September	PTA Minutes	All School 
Tuesday 21 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	All School 
Tuesday 21 September	Bike to School Week	KS1 and KS2 Parents 
Wednesday 22 September	Swimming Lessons	Sphinx Class 
Wednesday 22 September	Swimming Lessons	Phoenix Class 
Wednesday 22 September	Letter from Mrs Slade: Full Time arrangements	EYFS Parents 
Wednesday 22 September	Macmillan QR Code	All School 
Friday 24 September	Celebration Assembly	

Forest School



Phoenix Class at Forest School yesterday





Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 27 September	EYFS (Elmer& Gruffalo) Classes: Morning and Lunch Sessions For times and drop off and collection details see email sent earlier this week Swimming - Year 5 Wyvern Class
Tuesday 28 September	
Wednesday 29 September	Individual School Photographs Matthew Walker Photography - See page 3
Thursday 30 September	Swimming - Year 5 Dragon Class
Friday 1 October	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)
TUESDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
FRIDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

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

Further Ahead :

Monday 4 October	EYFS Classes start Full Time - 08:40 - 15:15
Monday 11 October - Friday 15 October	EYFS22 Pre Application Tour of Slade See our website for more details
Thursday 14 October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 19 October	Parent - Techer Consultations <i>Information on how to book and attend will be sent nearer the time</i>
Thursday 21 October	Parent - Techer Consultations <i>Information on how to book and attend will be sent nearer the time</i>