



# Slade

## Primary School

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From the  
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome our Reception Classes to the final Celebration of Term 2 and to see their smiling faces beaming back at the rest of the school on Zoom whilst we all celebrated one another's achievements this week. We hope that you enjoyed your first whole school assembly Elmer and Gruffalo classes!

Well done and congratulations to George D. in Gnome Class who is the winner of the design a logo competition for Yetis wraparound club here at Slade. The regular attendees of the club were invited to enter a competition to design the new club logo which will be used on all promotional paperwork and correspondence. Look out for the winning design around the school in the coming weeks. Well done and thank you too to all the other children who took the time to enter and to the office admin team who had the difficult task of choosing the winning entry; thank you!

Many thanks to Jo and Kerry, Co-Chairs of our Parent Teacher Association, who visited school yesterday to meet some children from years 2, 3 and 4 to talk about the new playground markings and hear of the difference that it has made to the children not just during their break times but during their learning times too. It was a great opportunity to publicly thank the parent community for their financial contributions to last year's fundraising without which we could not have made the changes that we have. It was also lovely for the children to share their ideas for future improvements to the playground too! Well done and thank you everyone.

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our virtual parent consultation meetings this week. We hope that you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher from the comfort of your own home and hearing about how your child has settled into their new class. For those that were unable to attend then please contact your child's class teacher at the class email address to arrange a meeting or a telephone call during the school day at the start of Term 2.

Thinking ahead into Term 2, the Senior Leadership Team have already started to plan for Christmas here at Slade considering all possible options available to us whilst also being mindful of the health, safety and well-being of the whole school community. Without knowing what the month of December has in store for us with regards to Covid rates it is tricky to provide a definitive answer at this moment in time to the format of this year's celebrations, including Christmas performances. However, please be assured that all staff wish to provide the children here at Slade with as many of our usual Christmas traditions and events as possible. Therefore, we will be providing an overview of our provisional plan by the end of the first week of next term with the caveat that any plans may be subject to change nearer the time. Thank you all for your patience and understanding of this matter.

I want to finish this last newsletter of Term 1 by saying a huge thank you to all children, staff and parents for your help and support in keeping school a safe and healthy place during this first term, ensuring that all children are in school and enjoying their learning. I hope that you all have a restful half term break next week and look forward to seeing you back in school at the start of Term 2 on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Take care and stay safe.

Karen Slade.

# Around School



## There's More Online

### Phonics Webinar

Monster  
Phonics

monsterphonics.com

Our selection of Parent Webinars available via our website has been boosted this week with the addition of a video and presentation from EYFS teachers Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock on how we teach Phonics in the early years and KS1 at Slade using the Monster Phonics programme.

In addition, there is helpful advice on how to support your child at home with phonics. Please do have a look at the site:

[More > Parent Webinars via slade.kent.sch.uk](#)

## Online Safety at Home

A digital family agreement is one way in which parents can strike up conversations with their children and agree online boundaries, such as time, phones at the table amongst other things. The agreement sets clear rules for children and if they are broken, they know there will be consequences.

London Grid for Learning have put together a new digital family agreement which you can view and use at home from our website:

[More > Digital Family Agreement via slade.kent.sch.uk](#)

### Digital Family Agreement



LGfL DigiSafe®

## School Council Meeting

The newly elected School Council met for the first time at lunchtime today.

Miss Lidlow invited us to the meeting to see how the children, chosen by their peers to represent the classes across the school, conducted their first discussion together.

After the introductions, they set straight down to work with planning for the upcoming Children in Need charity fundraiser top of the agenda. The council agreed to take a selection of fundraising activity ideas back to their classmates for discussion and ultimately voted on by the council before being implemented in time for the November event. Watch this space for details on what is decided and how your child can take part.



Secondly, Miss Lidlow asked the council to start to think about Playground Rules. Although there are not many incidents at break and lunchtimes, we don't have any formal rules for the children about how to keep safe and well at these times and the School Council are now tasked with putting together a set of rules to make sure that each of the children are aware of the expectations of them and their friends in order to minimise the chance of any accidents or incidents.

Attending the meeting were: Ollie, Jacob, Harriet, Artemis, Sid, Dexter, Macie, Imogen, Benjamin, Emilia, Bryher, Milo, MJ, Akshara, Olivia, Mia-Rose, Ed, Jake, Iris, Ethan, Momo, Benjamin, Wyatt and Lena. Everyone present participated by sharing their ideas and listening to each other incredibly well.

# News from the PTA



## PTA Haunted Hunt and Pumpkin Carving Competition: Tomorrow! Saturday 23 October

Join the PTA on a Haunted Hunt tomorrow (Saturday 23 October) and just in time for Halloween.

There will be a Bake Sale, Competitions, Glow Sticks for the children and the all important winter warming Hot Chocolate Station in addition to the main attraction; the Creepy Cauldron Scavenger Hunt.

In addition to the Hunt, the PTA will also be hosting a Pumpkin Carving Competition.

Hopefully the supermarkets will be stocked with pumpkins to create your own carvings for the competition to be judged by members of the PTA.

**Just bring your pumpkin with you to the Haunted Hunt on Saturday 23 October for a chance to win!**

For more details visit the Slade PTA on Facebook.



Slade PTA Haunted Hunt Pumpkin Carving Competition

It's time to get your creative skills into action.

If your child would like to enter the competition. Please bring your carved pumpkins to the Haunted Hunt on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 2-4pm.

The pumpkins will be judged by the PTA and prizes given to the very best carvings.



**HAUNTED HUNT**  
AT SLADE SCHOOL  
HAWDEN ROAD ENTRANCE

MAGICAL MYSTERY PRIZES  
**SLADE PTA PRESENTS**

CREEPY CAULDRON SCAVENGER HUNT | BAKE SALE | GLOW STICKS  
HOT CHOCOLATE STATION | PUMPKIN COMPETITION  
LOTS OF FIENDISH FUN!

**23 OCT** | **FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!** | **£2.50 PER CHILD**  
**2-4 PM** | **MAX. £5 PER FAMILY**

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

SLADE SCHOOL

# Forest School



## Winter Terms Clothing

Each class will have one or two sessions every term in order to experience the changing of the seasons. The sessions will last around two and a half hours. We will be outside in rain, sunshine or snow, so in order for the children to enjoy and get the most out of Forest School, they will need to bring in appropriate clothing. Their kit is likely to become wet and muddy therefore it will return home the same day as the session. We are now entering the late Autumn, Winter phase of the year, so the kit the children bring in should reflect the change in temperature. Please make sure that the children are wearing long sleeved shirts under their waterproofs - even adding another layer with a fleece or similar coat. Gloves, hats and scarves should also be worn as temperatures drop.



- Full waterproofs (all in one or two piece) all year round.
- Long sleeved top and long trousers all year round. These can be thinner in the summer months but due to the nature of the activities in Forest School, they will need to cover up to protect from stings, scratches and grazes.
- Warm layers (old clothes/thermals) in the colder months.
- Wellies or sturdy outdoor shoes/trainers (school shoes are not suitable). Wellies are needed in the wetter months. We are on a flood plain so it does get very water logged.
- Gloves, hats and scarves in the winter months.

## Term 2 Timetable

Tuesday 2 November - Phoenix (Year 4)

Thursday 4 November - Hippogriff (Year 3)

Friday 5 November - Sphinx (Year 4)

Monday 8 November - Wyvern (Year 5)

Tuesday 9 November - Dragon (Year 5)

Thursday 11 November - Griffin (Year 6)

Friday 12 November - Hydra (Year 6)

Monday 15 November - Elmer (EYFS)

Tuesday 16 November - Gruffalo (EYFS)

Thursday 18 November - Pixie (Year 1)

Friday 19 November - Elf (Year 1)

Monday 22 November - Gnome (Year 2)

Tuesday 23 November - Sprite (Year 2)

Thursday 25 November - Pegasus (Year 3)

Friday 26 November - Hippogriff (Year 3)

Monday 29 November - Sphinx (Year 4)

Tuesday 30 November - Phoenix (Year 4)

Thursday 2 December - Wyvern (Year 5)

Friday 3 December - Dragon (Year 5)

Monday 6 December - Griffin (Year 6)

Tuesday 7 December - Hydra (Year 6)

Thursday 9 December - Elmer (EYFS)

Friday 10 December - Gruffalo (EYFS)

Monday 13 December - Pixie (Year 1)

Tuesday 14 December - Elf (Year 1)

Thursday 16 December - Gnome (Year 2)

Friday 17 December - Sprite (Year 2)



# 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

94.4%

Attendance This Year

95.0%

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

23

## Attendance Matters

### Procedure if your child is unwell

If your child is not well and not able to come to school then we ask that parents telephone the school office on 01732 350354 **everyday** of their child's absence. With the current COVID pandemic, please follow government guidelines, but please still let us know if your child will be absent from school. If they are having to self-isolate but are well, then they will need to be taking part in home learning.

Please see below some guidance from the government regarding illness and your child's education.

<https://www.gov.uk/illness-child-education>

### Procedure for appointments during school hours

If you have to take your child out of school for **any** reason, including a medical, dental, school visit appointment. Please could you inform the school office **prior** to the appointment along with any supporting evidence of the appointment. This is so that we can authorise the absence where we can and your child is not marked as unauthorised in our register. Please see below guidance from the government regarding school attendance.

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Please refer to our attendance policy for further details: [Attendance Policy 2021/22](#)

# Holiday Help



Family Liaison Officer, Maxine Button, has been in touch with local and national charity projects to see what help is available to families this October break and beyond. Here, she reports from FEAST, Place2Be, Our Place and Kent County Council.

FEAST (Families Eating And Sharing Together) is a food project based in Kent.

Feast was established in 2018 as a lunch project welcoming local children and their families to joining together for healthy hot meals during the school holidays. Starting in just one venue once a week, but by the end of 2019 they were hosting meals at several venues over all the school breaks.

They told us:

‘There are 2 main strands to FEAST;

- We have FEAST lunches that run during the holidays. Locations, menus and any extra activities are all on the website.
- We also have FEAST Fresh. These are community larders that run at Tonbridge Methodist Church on Wednesdays and St Stephens on Saturdays. Families can book in once a week & are given a timeslot to come and choose their own products. We focus on fresh, but also have various other bits available too. There is a suggested donation of £2. It’s not an emergency food bank as we felt that Tonbridge has that sorted already; more a top-up for families’ shopping. We are currently rolling out a membership scheme too.’

## FEAST LUNCHES OCTOBER 2021



### ABOUT FEAST

We are a team of passionate people with a mission to fight food inequality through various projects.

We are hosting four meals this half term in Tonbridge & Paddock Wood! Everyone is welcome but space is limited so booking is required.

Check out our website to see what is on the menu, and how to book. We look forward to meeting you!

1 Freshly cooked meals for the whole family to enjoy!

2 Totally free, easy to book, no proof of income required!

3 No internet, no problem. Please text: 07704 661 191

**25th OCT**

Street Dance Workshop @ TMC

**29th OCT**

Animal Encounters @ St Philips

**27th OCT**

Cookie Decorating @ St Andrews

**3rd NOV**

Pizza Making @ St Andrews

[www.feast.org.uk](http://www.feast.org.uk)

### Parenting Smart (Place2Be)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says ‘I hate you!’

The Parenting Smart website can be found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

### Support for Parents:

Parenting Courses from In Our Place and Kent County Council include:

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby - for anyone who is expecting a baby including friends and family.
- Understanding your baby - for anyone caring for a baby from birth to 12-months-old.
- Understanding your child - for anyone caring for a child from birth to 18.
- Understanding your teenager’s brain - for anyone caring for a teenager in Kent and one for teenagers themselves.
- Understanding your child with additional needs - for anyone caring for a child with special needs.

Families can visit the [In Our Place website](#) and register for a free account with the access code ‘Invicta’. Courses can be completed at an individual’s own pace.

More support is available for families and is detailed in the [leaflet \(PDF, 423.4 KB\)](#).



Improving children's mental health

# 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 18 October	This Week at Slade	
Tuesday 19 October	Menu Change: Friday 22 October	All School
Tuesday 19 October	Kent School Health: NHS Hearing and Vision Screening	EYFS Parents
Tuesday 19 October	NHS Height and Weight Measurement	Year 6 Parents
Wednesday 20 October	Walk on Wednesday	
Wednesday 20 October	Teaching Phonics at Slade	EYFS Parents
Thursday 21 October	Extra Curricular Activities: Term 2	All School
Thursday 21 October	Tonbridge School Sport	
Thursday 21 October	Hydra Class Rainbow Challenge	

## Signing Choir



Susie Martin, Teaching Assistant and British Sign Language (BSL) expert is thrilled to say that her KS2 Signing Choir is due to return in a phased way in November. Susie spoke to us yesterday:

'I am super excited to announce that my Signing Choir will be starting again after half-term. This will start off with Year 3 and then hopefully we can roll out the opportunity to join to the other yeargroups.

The Signing Choir is a wonderful way to introduce sign language to the children whilst making it so much fun. It is truly incredible how much the children learn when signing songs.

I use BSL to represent the lyrics through a range of different songs (some of which have been chosen by the children).

This creates such a beautiful visual performance as well as teaching the children a unique language which is used by over 151,000 people in the UK.

I do hope that you will encourage your children to come along and hopefully one day very soon we may be able to perform a song for you.'

If your child is in Year 3 (Pegasus or Hippogriff Classes) and they are interested in this Tuesday lunchtime club, please email at anytime over the October break to [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk) with Signing Choir in the subject box.

# Slade Sport



## Clubs

There are letters going out this week about new Dance, Athletics and Multi Sport Clubs that will be starting after the October break.

Some of the clubs will lead to children participating in sports competitions and dance shows so make sure to sign up if you're interested.

## Sports Leaders

This week we have spoken to all of Year 5 to let them know that we will be recruiting for #Team Slade Sports Leaders, Sports Council and Playground Leaders at the start of Term 2. Children will need to complete an application form to apply for any of the positions and they will have an interview with Mrs Ball after half term.

The closing date for applications is Friday 5 November so get busy in half term if you want to be part of the sports leadership at Slade.

**Job Title: Sports Leader**  
**Salary: 3 House Points per event**

**Job Description:**  
The school is looking to appoint sports leaders who will be required to support the organisation and delivery of sports events, competitions and physical activity challenges within the school. Under the guidance of the Fitness and Well-being Champion, leaders will be required to carry out various duties including:

- Set up and clear away equipment for sports events and competitions within the school
- Assist with the organisation, scoring and reporting of different sporting events
- Support and encourage children to participate in sport and physical activity, paying attention to their well-being and enjoyment
- Promote the importance of physical activity at Slade acting as role models in the Daily Mile and Personal Fitness Challenges

**Who are we looking for?**  
We are looking for Year 5 pupils who are reliable and responsible role models. You will need to be polite, organised, use your initiative and have a sense of fair play in order to be successful at this role.

**Application Deadline: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November (end of the day) – all application forms to Mrs Ball**  
**Interviews: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**If you are interested:**

- 1) Collect an application form from Mrs Ball
- 2) Hand in to Mrs Ball by application deadline

## My Re-Connect Rainbow from Kent Sport



To help children return to sport and physical activity after lockdown, Kent Sport have created the Re-Connect Rainbow Sport and Well-being Challenge Award. This week the children have been completing some of the challenges from the scheme and are on target to earn a Bronze medal. They have taken part in 20 second challenges, designed sporting medals, created charts about different clubs their peers attend, taken part in team building challenges and participated in active dance to name a few!

If you would like to work with your child over the half term to try and achieve a silver or gold medal, further details can be found here:

<https://www.kentschoolgames.com/resources/process/download/27326>



# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Saturday 23 October	PTA Haunted Hunt and Pumpkin Carving Competition - See page 4
Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October	October Break School Closed to all Pupils
Monday 1 November	First Day of Term 2 Swimming: Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin
Tuesday 2 November	
Wednesday 3 November	
Thursday 4 November	Swimming: Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman
Friday 5 November	Hydra Class Bikeability - First Day (Await further information)

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)
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, Dancemode.co
WEDNESDAY	West Kent Athletics, Infant Agility
THURSDAY	First Class Basketball, First Class Netball, The Art Trolley, Next Thing STEM
FRIDAY	Sportshall Athletics, Sama Karate

## Further Ahead :

Friday 5 November - Friday 12 November	Hydra Class Bikeability Further details to be sent to participants nearer the time
Tuesday 23 November	Matthew Walker Photography COVID Catch-Up Session
Thursday 25 November	NHS Flu Immunisation Service Session
Wednesday 8 December	Year 5 and Year 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition
Friday 10 December	Christmas Celebrations at Slade Further information nearer the time (See page 2)
Friday 17 December	Last Day of Term 2