



# Slade

## Primary School

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From the  
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2! I trust that you all had a restful time away from school and were able to enjoy the company of family and friends during the half term break.

It's been a busy first week back with lots of learning taking place both indoors and out in spite of the changeable weather! A special mention for those pupils in Year 6 who today have been braving the elements and spending their day outside completing their Bikeability training. Bikeability is a cycling course that teaches children the practical skills of cycling whilst providing an understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads. Well done Year 6; we look forward to hearing of how your training progresses in the coming weeks.

Whilst on the topic of road safety, it has been brought to my attention that there are a growing number of parents who are congregating on pavements outside the school gates following drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately, children have been having to walk in the road to get by as a consequence of the pavements being obstructed. In the interests of everyone's safety please can parents be mindful of others and move away from the perimeter of the school once you have dropped off or collected your child. Many thanks everyone for helping to keep all of our school community safe at these busy times of day.

Parents who are newer to the school may not be aware of the termly Parent Forum sessions that we used to offer prior to the pandemic. These are sessions for parents and carers to meet informally with the school leadership team to discuss an area of school life in order to identify both things that are working well and areas where improvements could be made. Previous 'Hot Topics' discussed during these sessions have included school communications, homework, school lunches, behaviour... to name but a few! Although we are not yet at the stage to meet in person we will be re-introducing these forums remotely this term. Dates, times and information of how to get involved will be sent out separately next week so please do look out for it when it drops into your inbox. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

I also look forward to seeing some of you at our termly online PTA meeting next Thursday at 7.30pm. Come and find out more about the plans for Christmas here at Slade and how you too can get involved. Many thanks to the parents who organised the spookily successful Halloween Haunted Hunt at the start of the half term break. Read on into the newsletter to find out more!

Thank you to our House Captains who this year are leading our Poppy Appeal, and will be giving their time to sell poppies at the beginning and end of the school day to the children in their classrooms. If your child wishes to make a donation then please send their contribution into school in a named envelope marked 'poppy appeal'; thank you. As in previous years, we will be holding a minute silence as a whole school on Thursday, Armistice Day, at 11am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

Karen Slade.

# Around School



## Signing Choir Practise to Perform

Mrs Martin was thrilled to restart her Signing Choir yesterday. Before the pandemic, our signing choir was going from strength to strength, performing at our in school events and wider afield in the community.

At this time, the choir is open to children in Year 3, with the hope that we will be able to safely give the opportunity to join to all children later in the year. Mrs Martin, who is our superstar signer and British Sign Language NVQ Level 6 qualified also runs a signing choir outside of school for adults in her local area was delighted that nearly half the yeargroup joined her at lunchtime to start their first practise together.



They plan to learn to sign two songs this term, the first of which is Somewhere Only We Know by Lily Allen, made famous by the 2016 John Lewis Christmas advert.

Mrs Martin told us that learning to sign a song is a great introduction to the language, which will also build the children's awareness and confidence. This in turn will enable them to be able to communicate in BSL with each other and the deaf community in and out of school.



We watched the session and it was obvious that all of the children really enjoyed themselves whilst learning the signs to the lyrics of Lily Allen's song.

We look forward to seeing how practise progresses over the weeks and hopefully see the choir perform soon.

## EYFS22: Starting Primary School in September 2022

Today sees the opening of the window for applications to be made for children starting primary school in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS, Year R) in September 2022. Applications will be made for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018.

We have been really happy to see many families join us on recent tours of the school in preparation to make their applications. This is the first time since the outbreak of COVID-19 that this has been possible and it has been lovely being able to show first time parents around Slade.

Applications should be made via the Kent County Council website where you have the chance to list in preference order, upto three schools.

[More > Information and to apply via the KCC Website](#)

## Sibling Family Connections

If you have a child that will be starting school in September and is a sibling of a pupil already at Slade, you still need to apply in the same way, declaring the sibling information on the application site. This applies to all siblings who are presently in EYFS to Year 5. Please also let us know once you have made a sibling family connection application for Slade, this helps to speed up the process once the checking phase is underway in the spring.

This information should be emailed to [admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk).

# News from the PTA



## Haunted Hunt

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Haunted Hunt during half term; we raised an amazing £950!

Congratulation to the winners of the pumpkin carving competition - Dexter and Daisy from Sprite and Elmer Classes (left).

The runners up were: Juliet from Sprite and Freddy from Phoenix (right):



The event was enjoyed by children and adults from across the community and it was great to be able to welcome you all!

## Preparing for PTA Christmas at Slade

In addition to the Christmas raffle and Christmas Jumper sale, we're planning to hold our Christmas sale, where children get the chance to purchase presents for their grown-ups and siblings.

We'll be including details of donation days nearer the time, but we'd like to ask you to save your glass jars so we can make Jingle Jars - even better if you can fill them with Lego, party favours, small toys and sweets!



## Second-Hand Uniform Sale

The uniform team are holding a sale next week on Thursday 11 November.

We will be taking donations of Slade logo cardigans, jumpers and PE kit at drop off and pick-up Monday to Wednesday. Please just drop any donations into the buckets at each of the entry and exit gates.

As in Term 1, we will be taking orders via email, and putting them together ready for collection from 3.30pm on sale day, Thursday 11 November.

Please send you orders to [sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk). With your order please include details of the item, quantity and size required.

## PTA Meeting: 11 November, 19:30

The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 11 November, from 7.30pm via Zoom.

We'd love to see you on screen, if you'd like to join us just follow the link below. We will be discussing our plans for Christmas, so please do join us!

Join > [PTA Meeting via Zoom](#)

# 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

96.5%

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

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## 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](#)

# 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
Saturday 23 October	PTA Haunted Hunt	
Sunday 24 October	West Kent Athletics	
Tuesday 26 October	Bikeability Groups And Dates	Hydra Class 
Monday 1 November	Menu Alteration	All School 
Monday 1 November	This Week at Slade	
Wednesday 3 November	Letter from Mrs Slade	Gnome Class 
Wednesday 3 November	Sprite Class WOW	
Thursday 4 November	Buster's Book Club	
Thursday 4 November	Min Champions	
Thursday 4 November	Daily Mile Competition	

## FEAST Foodbank Donations

We were pleased to share with you the work of FEAST in our pre October break newsletter; FEAST (Families Eating And Sharing Together) is a food project based in Kent. They were 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.

FEAST are holding a donation day organised by the local Medway Ward Green Party Members on Saturday 13 November between 10:00 and 18:00. They would be really very grateful for the following items if you are able to spare anything on that day: Tea, Coffee, tins of fruit and/or vegetables (not beans or pulses please), tins of custard, jars of jam/Marmite/peanut butter/Nutella, small bottles of cooking oil, small packets of sugar, pasta and sauce packets, super noodles, gravy granules, tins/jars of hotdogs, snacks for children and other Christmas goodies are very welcome.

Not needed: porridge, beans and soup.

If you are able to help with any donations, they can be left with thanks from everyone at FEAST and the local Green Party at the following locations on Saturday 13 November before 18:00:

49 Hadlow Road

9 Lyons Crescent

7 Lodge Oak Lane

*if you, or someone you know are in need of support go to*  
[www.feast.org.uk](http://www.feast.org.uk) for more information or email  
[feast4kids@gmail.com](mailto:feast4kids@gmail.com)



# Around School



## Hydra Class Bikeability

We were pleased to welcome Yolanda and Kate from the KCC Bikeability team back to Slade today as the first two groups from Year 6 took their Level 1 cycle course on the school playground.



Hydra Class are taking part in the programme over the next week, and we wish all of the children the very best of luck with passing both Level 1 and 2. Griffin Class will be invited to take part in the new year.

Look out for the children out on the local streets next week when they take the skills learnt in school into the community.

# Nourish News



## Kindness Day: Special Menu

### Friday 12 November

We all agree that everyday is full of kindness at Slade, however sometimes the world needs reminding that being kind is good. World Kindness Day falls this year next weekend, so to celebrate, Nourish have designated next Friday as their Kindness Day Special Menu Lunch.

You can see the menu here as well as at the entry and exit gates around school. The special menu replaces the advertised Week 2 Friday choice and is free to all children in EYFS and KS1 and £2.20 to anyone in KS2 when ordered via ParentPay.



# Slade Sport



## Dancemode at Slade

It was fantastic to hear the dance beat return to school on Tuesday evening with our brand new dance club provider, Dancemode, hosting their first session.

The instructor, Nicole, was particularly impressed with all of the children who took part and hopes they enjoyed themselves as well.

Each week, Nicole will have the difficult decision of choosing a Dancer of the Week. This time the deserved winner was Akshara.



## Spaces Still Available

There are still a few remaining spaces available for the first of Mrs Ball's activity clubs advertised at the end of last term. If you are interested in joining in either of these, please email details to [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).

**Year 2 Infant Agility: Wednesday between 15:20 and 16:15**

**Year 5 and Year 6 Sportshall Athletics: Friday between 08:00 and 08:40**

Both of these clubs will provide an opportunity to represent the school at upcoming events.

## Daily Mile Competition

From now until 10 December, we are organising our own Daily Mile competition as launched on our Twitter feed this week.

Each class will go up against their opposite numbers in their yeargroup to see how many laps of the playground they complete. The class in each yeargroup who complete the most will be able to choose their own prize including an Own Clothes Day, a Film Afternoon or the chance to Decorate a Cookie. We will keep you updated on progress over on Twitter each week.



## Action of the Week



# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 8 November - Friday 12 November	Hydra Class Bikeability
Monday 8 November	PTA Second Hand Uniform Donation (see page 4) Swimming: Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin
Tuesday 9 November	PTA Second Hand Uniform Donation (see page 4)
Wednesday 10 November	PTA Second Hand Uniform Donation (see page 4)
Thursday 11 November	Swimming: Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman
Friday 12 November	

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)
TUESDAY	Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)
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, Dancemode
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 :

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
Wednesday 5 January	First Day of Term 3