



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another Friday newsletter everyone!

Term 2 is now well underway, and is proving to be a busy and industrious one for us all!

On Thursday, the whole school came together, for the first time this year, to commemorate Remembrance Day, honoring those who have lost their lives in combat during wartime. All children and staff joined me outside as I led our short ceremony from the playground. Photos from the ceremony have been shared on our Twitter feed if you wanted to take a look. Well done and thank you children for marking this occasion so thoughtfully and respectfully.

Thursday also saw the first meeting of our 'Equality Champions', children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are passionate about ensuring our school is as inclusive as it can be. The children had lots of ideas of small changes that would make a big difference for our school community: from considering the content of reading material, to the subjects covered in RHE Lessons, to the limited meal choices available to vegetarians to tackling gender stereotyping, to name but a few of their thoughts! Thank you to all those who attended for your enthusiasm and ideas; I look forward to working with you to enable some of these changes to happen in the coming year.

Last night was our second virtual 'Parent Teacher Association' (PTA) meeting of the year; many thanks to all those who attended. A reminder that 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. Read on into the newsletter to find out more! In addition, you will have now received your invite to attend this term's virtual Parent Forum Meetings, where the Hot Topic for the meetings this month is 'communication'. This is an opportunity for you to share your feedback on what is going well and identifying areas where there is room for improvement. We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations and well done to Ali Newman, School Business Manager, who has been successfully appointed to the same role at Hillview School for Girls and will be joining their Senior Leadership Team from the end of January. We are delighted for Ali on her promotion and wish her every success for the future.

We are therefore currently recruiting to this role, with all job details available on the Kent Teach website should you or anyone you know be interested. Please do get in touch should you wish to find out more. <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=93739>

I look forward to seeing everyone wearing their odd socks to school on Monday as we all celebrate our individuality as part of 'Friendship Week!'

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

Karen Slade.

Around School



Welcome to Slade

This week we have welcomed Riitaj to Slade. Riitaj has joined Sphinx Class in Year 4 with Miss Lipman and her new classmates and friends.

We hope that you have enjoyed your first week with us, Riitaj.

Our welcome is extended to Riitaj’s family, with who we hope to share a long, happy and successful relationship.



Hydra Class Bikeability

Congratulations to everyone in Hydra Class for passing your Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability stages this week.

The teachers and examiners from KCC Bikeability commented each afternoon on how impressed they have been with the behaviour, responsibility, attitude and ability of all of the children they have spent time with both in school and out on the local roads.

Well done to everyone who took part, who have received their certificates today.

Charlotte's Climbing High

We were delighted to hear about the success currently being enjoyed by Charlotte in Hydra Class in bouldering and climbing.

Charlotte has been climbing since she was 8 years old and has risen through the ranks of her squad. In recent times she has taken part in four regional climbing competitions for the London and South East region equally split between bouldering and rope climbing. After the last round on Saturday, Charlotte performed so well she qualified in her age group to compete at the Great Britain National Finals at the end of this month. The finals will take place in Southampton.

Charlotte is incredibly excited about taking part in the competitions and trains a lot and very hard to achieve the success that she has gained. Despite the hours put in, Charlotte doesn’t mind because she really loves climbing so it never feels anything like hard work.

We are thrilled for Charlotte and wish her much luck in the finals coming up on the South Coast. It is amazing to be very good at something that you also really love doing - the enthusiasm is clearly evident when talking to Charlotte.

Charlotte has shared her story with her classmates in Hydra Class and we are grateful for her allowing us to use the story in today’s newsletter.



Thanks to Charlotte’s mum for providing the words and pictures used here.

We are always keen to hear from any of our children who have enjoyed success or who want to share a story of something special that they have done outside of school. Just email us via the school office office@slade.kent.sch.uk

Around School



Anti Bullying and Friendship Week

We hope that the children who chose school dinners from Nourish today enjoyed their special Kindness Day menu. They put the special mealday together to celebrate World Kindness Day which takes place tomorrow and is situated in the calendar just ahead of Anti Bullying and Friendship Week across the country.

The children at Slade will be taking part in special assemblies and learning throughout the week, starting on Monday with an assembly produced by the NSPCC whilst we also have a bit of fun in Odd Socks Day - celebrating all that makes us the same by all being different, we encourage all of the children and staff to wear odd socks on Monday.



Organisers, the Anti Bullying Alliance, write on their website:

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that **‘One Kind Word’** has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from **15 to 19 November 2021**.

Following the success of the campaign in 2020 – when a jaw-dropping 80% of schools marked the week reaching over 7.5 million children and young people - the Anti-Bullying Alliance (which coordinates the campaign each year in England and Wales) asked over 400 young people, teachers, and parents, what they wanted from this year’s Anti-Bullying Week. Again and again, the young and not-so-young told us they wanted anti-bullying work to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks.

[More > Find out more about the work of the ABA via their website](#)

Thanks to Miss Lidlow for putting together the programme of learning for our children next week.

Check out our Twitter Feed on Monday to see how odd, Odd Socks Day can be!



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

96.4%

Attendance This Year

95.2%

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

7

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
Monday 8 November	This Week at Slade	
Tuesday 9 November	Nourish Menu Change	All School 
Tuesday 9 November	Odd Socks Day	All School 
Wednesday 10 November	Walk on Wednesday, Sprite Class	
Thursday 11 November	Armistice Day	
Thursday 11 November	Flu Vaccine Reminder	All School 
Thursday 11 November	Year 5 Sports Leaders	
Thursday 11 November	Parent Forum	All School 
Friday 12 November	Clubs Cancellations	Wendy Ball Clubs 

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 ere 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 for more information or email feast4kids@gmail.com



Reading Corner



School Librarian Caroline Mawson would like to introduce parents to the newlook Capita Library at Home, your chance to link to the school library via a helpful app. By logging in you can access the functions described below to make your child's library experience interactive with you.

If you would like to receive login details, please email office@slade.kent.sch.uk with **Reading Cloud** in the subject box and the child's name, class and date of birth in the main text.



What Is Reading Cloud?

Reading Cloud is a library management system with an innovative online pupil engagement community which helps schools promote reading for pleasure and helps children develop positive attitudes to reading to become lifelong readers.

Reading Cloud makes it easier for parents to get involved with and support your child's reading from home. With Reading Cloud, you can:

Access your child's School Library

From any computer, smartphone, tablet and help your child choose what to read next.

Help your child with Book Reviews

Review books from home and give them a star rating. This is a great feature for developing their literacy and writing skills

Track your child's Reading progress

View their past book loans and see what they are currently reading.

Create Video Reviews

A fun and interesting way of getting involved with your child's reading progress.

Find out what they like to read

Help your child pick their next book with the help of 'Who Next' which recommends books based on what they have previously read, looking at similar authors and genres.

Create a Wish List

Search the school library catalogue to see which books are in stock before you buy new titles for your child at home

Access Safe Websites

Access approved, curriculum relevant and safe websites from home.

More > capita-readingcloud.co.uk

Some of the book displays currently out in the library.



School Council



Children in Need: Friday 19th November

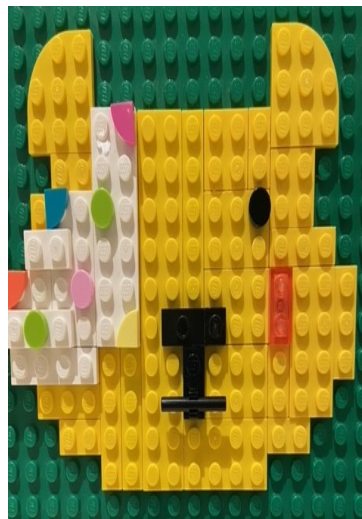
School Council and Miss Lidlow

This year, we would like to support the annual Children in Need Appeal by having a non-uniform day on Friday 19 November 2021.

Following last year's incredible creations, the children are invited to get their thinking hats on again! If your child would like to take part, we are asking they create something inspired by Pudsey.



Please see below some of the superb ideas from last year:



After making their creation, please take a photo of it and send it to your child's class teacher by Thursday 18th November. Classes will then be pairing up and meeting via zoom to share their wonderful work. The children in the other class will then be voting for their favourite.

For those who wish to donate some money towards the Children in Need Appeal, we have set up a Just Giving page.

[Slade Primary School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need \(justgiving.com\)](#)

Many thanks for your continued support.

Everyone on the School Council

[More > Via the Children in Need Website](#)

[Donate > Via justgiving.com](#)



News from the PTA



Christmas Day at Slade



Christmas Day at Slade falls on Friday 10 December; it's a really lovely day where the children get to buy small gifts for their family at the PTA Christmas sale, wear a Christmas Jumper and enjoy a yummy Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Sale

We ask each family to donate several good-quality items that you'd be happy to receive as a gift:

Unused toiletries, cosmetics, aftershave and perfume.

New jewellery, make-up bags, scarves, socks.

Unused candles, wax melts etc.

Unused pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, keyrings etc for siblings

Small, unused/unopened toys e.g. Lego sets, small puzzles

Chocolates, sweets and luxury food items (NO NUTS please, but vegan, gluten and dairy free options welcomed).

Golf balls, sports-related items, sock etc for dads.

Gift bags, tags, ribbons.



This year we are also asking you to save your glass jars and party favours so we can make Jingle Jars for the children to buy siblings.

Please donate these on any donation day – even better if they're filled! These are filled with bubbles, colouring pencils, sweets and small toys.

* Remember, if your child wishes to buy for four people that's four donated gifts, if you have two children at Slade that would be eight. It soon adds up! *

Each child needs to bring a named purse (suggested spending amount of £3) and a named carrier bag to bring the gifts home – we'll do the rest!

We'd also appreciate bottles of wine or luxury food items for the Christmas raffle which will take place before the end of term. You can donate these on any donation day, but the earlier the better!

Dates for your diary

Friday 19 November – Donation Day - please leave raffle donations and items for DADS ONLY in the green bins located at each drop-off point in the morning.

Friday 26 November – Donation Day - please leave raffle donations and items for MUMS ONLY in the green bins located at each drop-off point in the morning.

Friday 3 December – Donation Day - please leave raffle donations and items for SIBLINGS ONLY in the green bins located at each drop-off point in the morning.

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 15 November - Friday 19 November	Anti Bullying Week (see page 4)
Monday 15 November	Odd Socks Day (see page 4) Swimming: Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin
Tuesday 16 November	
Wednesday 17 November	
Thursday 18 November	Swimming: Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman
Friday 19 November	Children In Need - This is a new diary entry Own Clothes Day (see page 8)

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)
TUESDAY	Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs McFerran)
FRIDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

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 to follow
Friday 17 December	Last Day of Term 2
Wednesday 5 January	First Day of Term 3