



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done and thank you to everyone for supporting us with our fundraising today for BBC Children in Need. We've all been very excited today in our 'own clothes' which made for a very colourful Zoom celebration assembly this morning! Thank you too to everyone who supported the whole school challenge with your creative Pudsey Bears; we have loved seeing your imaginative creations! Thanks to everyone's generosity, at the time of writing, we have already raised an amazing £317. Well done and thank you all.

Thank you too to those children and staff who participated in 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday as part of Friendship Week here at Slade, as we all celebrated our individuality. Also, as part of Friendship Week, the children have joined in with other schools across the country by exploring the theme 'One Kind Word', coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, looking at how little acts of consideration and kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. It has been heartening to see so many random acts of kindness across the school this week! We continue to encourage all children to take action against bullying not just this week but throughout the year. Please do email or call your child's class teacher if your child has shared any concerns regarding their friendships with you. A copy of our Anti-Bullying policy outlining how we deal with bullying here at Slade is available on the school website.

I enjoyed a lovely treat on Tuesday this week when I spent time teaching in Elmer Class! The Reception children kindly invited me to spend some time "being their teacher," an invitation too good to refuse; I only needed asking the once! I had a super time with all of the children as we explored our 'kindness rainbows'; read on into the newsletter to find out more and to see some photos too. Huge thanks to Elmer Class for the invite and to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Meades for sharing your class with me; thank you.

A reminder, as we approach the half way point of this term, of the importance of us all playing our part to continue to keep everyone in the school community safe, well and Covid free. Thanks to the continuing support of everyone in the Slade community we have not yet had to implement any of our contingency planning nor close any of our year group bubbles. I am grateful to you all for your ongoing adherence to all of our guidance and safety measures that have been put in place to keep each and every one of us safe, thank you. A reminder that our school risk assessment, including all our protective measures, can be accessed from the school website. Please also continue to get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do; thank you.

These last couple of weeks have seen staff planning for Christmas here at Slade, ensuring that we can offer as many of our traditional events and performances for the children in the coming weeks whilst still being mindful of Covid and the impact that it could have. From nativities, to Christmas jumper days to Carols by Candlelight, all will be taking place this year, some of it virtually and some of it in real time! A full breakdown of Christmas Activities including dates and timings will be shared with you all on Monday in a separate communication.

A reminder that Thursday next week is flu vaccination day across the school. Any queries regarding this then please do contact the school office. Thank you.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

Around School



Odd Socks Day and Friendship Week

Across the week, we have been taking part in Friendship Week, using resources provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and organised in school by Miss Lidlow.

The children have all taken part in special activities and assemblies during the week, starting on Monday with Odd Socks Day and the special Speak Out. Stay Safe assembly from the NSPCC. Thankyou to the parents who have contacted us this week with positive feedback on the information provided on the week's events and additional at home resources sent out at the beginning of the week.



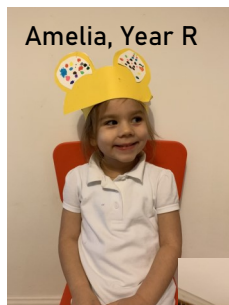
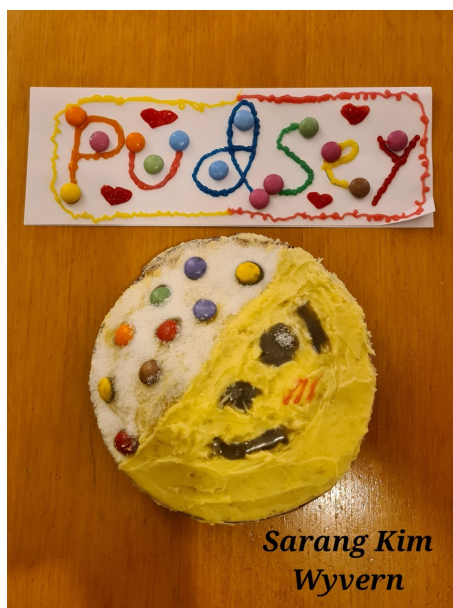
Well done also to the children and adults at school on Monday for your fantastic odd sock efforts. Inclusivity is key at Slade and to be able to celebrate our diversity in such a brightly coloured way was a delight to be part of.

[More > One Kind Word via the Anti Bullying Alliance website](#)

Children in Need, Today at Slade

Finishing off our busy week in school has been the annual national fundraiser for Children in Need. The children at Slade have acknowledged the work of the charity by holding an Own Clothes Day and a huge 'show and tell' of their Pudsey Bear art and craft creations today.

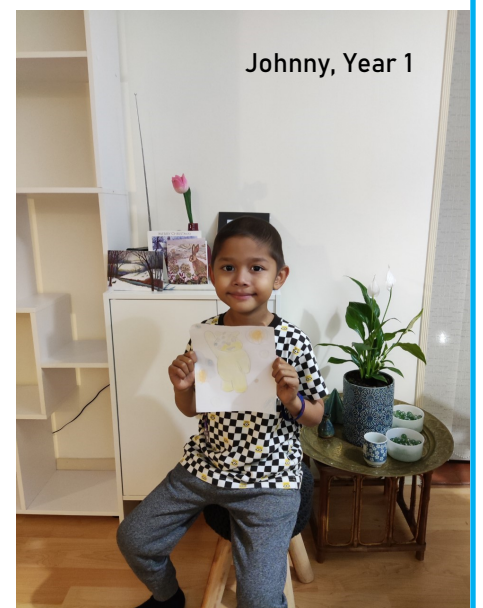
We are pleased to share with you just a small selection of Pudsey at Slade, whilst saying a very big thankyou to everyone who took time to produce a piece of artwork or make something for the occasion. Thanks also parents, carers, siblings and everyone else who has helped with this.



Amelia, Year R



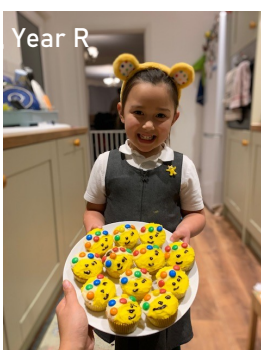
Peter, Year 5



Johnny, Year 1



Sophia, Year R



Amelia, Year R



Lottie, Year 6



Clara, Year R



Sophia, Year R



Ruby, Year 2

[More > Find out more about the Children in Need Charity via their website](#)

[Donate > Via Slade Primary School Just Giving page](#)

Around School



Monster Phonics Webinars

In the Early Years at Slade the children are taught their phonic sounds using the programme **Monster Phonics**.



The people behind Monster Phonics are running a webinar for parents to explain how Phonics is taught, why it is so important in the children's developing reading and writing skills and also give fun and engaging strategies to use at home to further develop those skills. The first webinar took place last night as advertised to our EYFS and Year 1 parents. Last year, the webinars proved to be very popular with lots of good feedback on how useful they were.

Don't worry if you have missed the first session, there are two further completely free sessions to join, on Thursday 9 December and Thursday 20 January, both at 20:00.

To book a place on either webinar, just visit the Eventbrite website by using the link below.

[Join > Book a place via Eventbrite](#)

Elmer's Surprise

Mrs Slade was thrilled to be back in the classroom on Tuesday after children from Elmer Class asked her become their teacher for a morning. She was only too delighted to oblige and gave them a lovely surprise by taking over from Mrs Pearson for a special session with our youngest learners.

The children took part in their own Rainbow of Kindness, based on the book *How Do You Make a Rainbow*, which Mrs Slade has on display in her office. She had brought along with her a bag of personal items, all of which meant something special to her, which the children identified and created a rainbow in the classroom using the colours of the items.



Cantium Data Breach

You may have read in the local media earlier in the week that Kent County Council suffered a data breach this week with data from KCC schools being leaked onto the internet. We would like to assure all parents that Slade was not affected by this breach and that no data we hold on our systems has been viewed or used in any way outside of our published privacy notice, which is available to view on our website.

Working at Slade

We are currently advertising for the role of Business Manager at Slade. If you know anyone who would be interested in applying for this senior leadership role at the school, who has a strong financial and administrative background within an educational setting, with a proven track record of financial management please direct them to the Kent Teach website for full details and for the application form. The position is advertised to start as soon as possible, with a closing date for applications of Monday 29 November. Interviews are to be held from 6 December.

[View and Apply > Via \[kent-teach.com\]\(https://www.kent-teach.com\)](#)

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

94.7%

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

22

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 15 November	This Week at Slade	
Monday 15 November	Sphinx Class Odd Socks Day	
Monday 15 November	KS2 Swimming Lessons - Hydra Class	Hydra Class 
Monday 15 November	KS2 Swimming Lessons - Griffin Class	Griffin Class 
Monday 15 November	Speak Out. Stay Safe.	All School 
Wednesday 17 November	Working at Slade	
Wednesday 17 November	Monster Phonics Webinars	EYFS and Year 1 
Wednesday 17 November	Walk on Wednesday- Sphinx Class WOW	
Thursday 18 November	Flu Vaccinations	
Friday 19 November	Castlemas	All School 

Childhood Influenza Immunisation: Next Week

The Kent and Medway Immunisation Team is coming to school next week – don't forget to do the [online consent form](#) if you haven't already.

Visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms for more information.

You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child's immunisations.



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu



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Christmas in the Community



Castlemas

We have been contacted by Bravo Productions, organisers of Tonbridge's new Christmas event.

Bravo say:

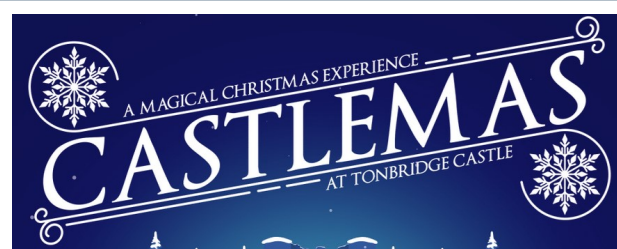
Castlemas, the new festive event for the people of Kent, is coming to Tonbridge Castle from 10th to 19th December 2021. It is our aim to make live entertainment affordable for the local community. We are bringing the Castle to life this December and we would love for the local schools around us to be a part of this.

Please do take a look at www.castlemas.com to see all that we have to offer. From daytime shows, to evening entertainment, as well as a Mistletoe Town Shopping Market in association with the TN Card and sooo much more!

We would love for your school to help us decorate this new community experience by creating some wonderful Christmas bunting to be displayed within the Castle walls.

We are keen for as many children as possible from Slade to take part in the bunting designing. A separate email was sent today which has included the template to use, which is also on the next page of this newsletter to print and use. If you require any printed versions of the template please contact the school office via office@slade.kent.sch.uk with Bunting in the subject box.

All entries should be completed at home, although our Yeti's Club will have the opportunity to take part in After School Club. Please submit your completed designs to the school office on or before Wednesday 1 December.



It'll Soon Be Christmas

Maxine Button, Family Liaison Officer

We all have an idea of what we think Christmas should be whether that is spending time with the family, time to reflect, eating far too much and lots of presents. However we are fully aware that Christmas can also bring lots of pressures and expectations that cannot always be fulfilled.



We are very lucky to work alongside various organisations such as Tonbridge Lions Club, Tonbridge School and our local churches who are able to provide extra support over the Christmas period. They kindly put together hampers and gifts for families that need a little extra help over the festive period.

If you think that your family could benefit from this support please can you contact our Family Liaison Officer Maxine Button via email: flo@slade.kent.sch.uk

All requests are confidential and only simple details are required such as your family name and your request.

We want to ensure that all our families at Slade have a happy and worry free Christmas so please get in touch if you need any support BIG or small.

“The best of all the gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other”





Thank you for taking part in this project to help add to the magic of Tonbridge Castle this Christmas! This very special bunting, designed by you will be displayed around 'Castlemas' which is a ten-day festive experience! Book your tickets to enjoy a grotto visit, workshop or a fantastic performance in the igloo theatre for all the family!

www.castlemas.com

Friday 10th - Sunday 19th December 2021

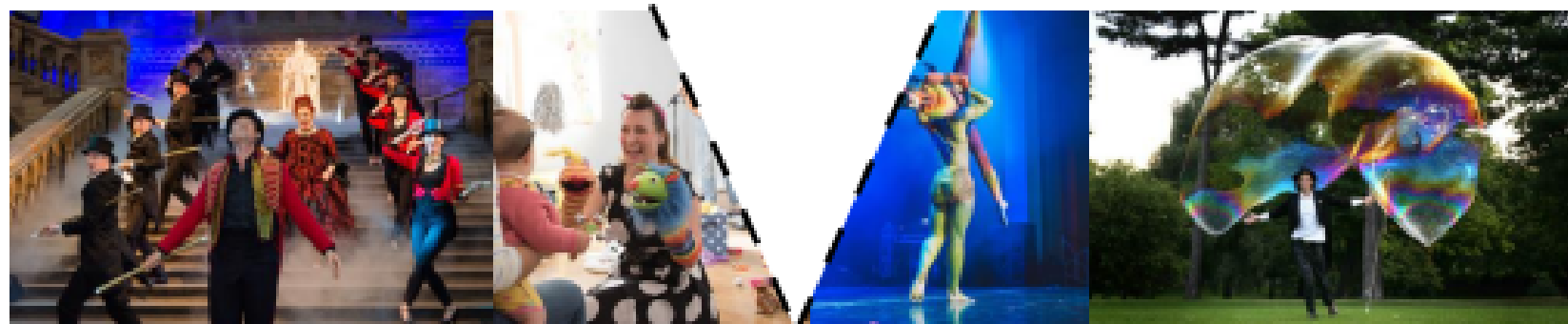
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For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 22 November	Swimming: Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin
Tuesday 23 November	Matthew Walker Photography COVID Catch-Up Session
Wednesday 24 November	
Thursday 25 November	Swimming: Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman NHS Flu Immunisation Service Session (see page 6)
Friday 26 November	PTA Christmas Sale Donation Day Presents for Mum

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)
TUESDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens)

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 , Team Champions
FRIDAY	Sportshall Athletics, Sama Karate

Further Ahead :

Thursday 2 December	Sphinx Class last swimming lesson
Friday 3 December	PTA Christmas Sale Donation Day (Sibling presents)
Monday 6 December	Phoenix Class last swimming lesson
Wednesday 8 December	Year 5 and Year 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition
Thursday 9 December	Griffin Class - First Swimming Lesson Please pay and consent via Arbor
Friday 10 December	Christmas Celebrations at Slade
Monday 13 December	Hydra Class - First Swimming Lesson
Friday 17 December	Last Day of Term 2
Wednesday 5 January	First Day of Term 3

All timetabled events and scheduled clubs and activities are subject to short notice alteration, postponement or cancellation and are correct as of the date of this newsletter