



Slade

Primary School

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From the
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is already starting to sound a little bit Christmassy around school this week as children and staff begin to prepare for the festive season. Hopefully you will have all had sight of our festive guide to all things Christmas here at Slade which came out at the start of the week but just in case you missed it we've included all the information again at the end of this newsletter too!

This morning in Celebration Assembly I had the pleasure of awarding our Sports Champions their new Slade T-shirts in recognition of the work that they will be undertaking in their roles as Sports Leaders, Playground Leaders or by being part of the Sports Council! Congratulations to you all for being successfully appointed to these roles; I'm very much looking forward to seeing the work that you undertake and the difference that it makes in the coming months. Read on into the newsletter to find out more.

Thank you to those parents who attended our inaugural online Parent Forums this week! It was lovely to have representation from across the school at the 2 sessions and to hear your thoughts about school communication. It was so good to hear your lovely feedback on what is going well and to also have you identify areas where there is room for improvement. There was lots of praise for the newsletter as a main source of information which is always encouraging to know! So a special mention and thanks to Mr. Laws for taking the time to carefully compile this letter each week. Our final online forum is next Tuesday at 6pm with invites having already been sent out to those parents who are registered for the session. We look forward to seeing you there!

As I shared in my letter at the start of the week we have been advised by Public Health England that there are an increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school setting. Please be assured that additional protective measures have been introduced as and where they have been required, for example reverting to all assemblies once again being online rather than the hybrid approach that we had introduced. The school setting remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Should you need to update us of any confirmed cases over the weekend or outside of office hours then please contact us on the Covid email address at: c19@slade.kent.sch.uk Thank you.

In order to further minimize the risk of any possible transmission of the virus in school we have made the difficult decision not to have live audiences for our Christmas productions this year. Rather, we will be having the performances of children in Years R, 1 and 2 professionally filmed and shared with all parents to enjoy with loved ones at home. The recording will be free for Slade families to access following the performances; further details to be shared nearer the time. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this decision.

A reminder please to all parents dropping and collecting children to and from Yetis Wraparound care, that parking on the school site in front of Deacon House is not permitted. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

Around School



Childhood Flu Immunisations

Thankyou to the nursing team from Kent Community Health Trust who visited Slade yesterday to administer the flu vaccine to the majority of our children. In total, we are pleased to say that 73% of the pupils at school received the vaccine at this session in addition to the many children who have already received it via their GP or other practitioner.

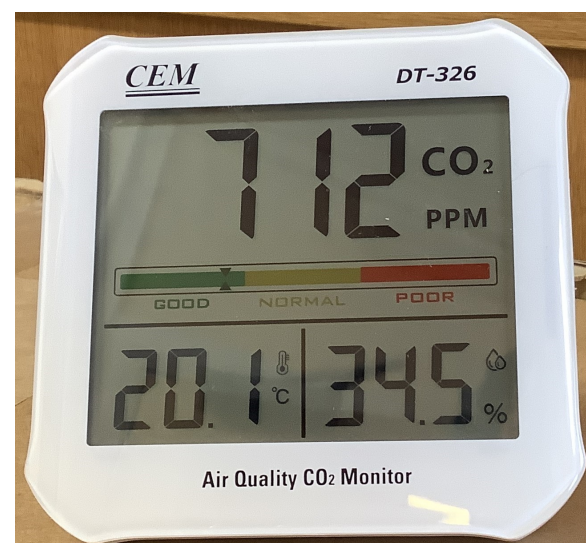
We are aware that we have had a sizable number of children absent this week who would have also be due to receive the vaccine. The NHS are happy to say that they still have spaces available at their flu vaccine hub clinics across the county. The full list of clinics and information about them can be found by clicking on the link below. The next available clinics are on Saturday 4 December in Dartford, Gillingham and Dover amongst others later on in December. All bookings should be made directly.

[More > Details and Clinics for Catch Up Flu Immunisations](#)

Monitoring Clean Air

You may have seen or heard in national media that schools are receiving CO₂ monitors in order to measure the amount of Carbon Dioxide in classrooms. More CO₂ will mean that ventilation in the room isn't as good as it should be in our efforts to minimise the chances of COVID-19 germs hanging around in the air.

If the monitors start to show an increase in CO₂ then the ventilation in the room will be increased and the children can taken out of the room for a few minutes to do a Daily Mile session to allow the room to return to good levels, meaning more fresh, clean air for each classroom.



Many Thanks Mrs Kington

We were thrilled to receive a wonderful bundle of goodies from a very generous parent, Mrs Kington, who donated to the school a number of games and books for use in the Yeti's Wraparound Club and the school library.

Everyone at Slade would like to express their thanks to Mrs Kington for the kind donations and for bringing them into school for the children to use and benefit from.



Be Follower 1000



A big welcome to all of our new Twitter followers, who are able to keep up-to-date with the day at Slade as it happens, including a look at what to remember each week on a Monday morning, all of the fitness and wellbeing activities that are happening with Wendy Ball and a lot, lot more. We are now reaching 991 followers, so are very close to four figures, which is an amazing increase over the last two years. Can you be our follower number 1000?

[Follow > @sladeprimarysch](#)

Around School



Foster for Kent

The ongoing epidemic has had an overwhelming effect on some families and Kent County Council are actively trying to recruit new foster carers to help support our vulnerable children and young people.

Kent Fostering is the most experienced fostering service in Kent, they have been looking after children for over 40 years. As a public, not for profit service the only goal is to provide safe, nurturing homes for children.

Kent Fostering are part of Kent County Council (KCC), for whom fostering is a priority. Unlike other independent fostering agencies, they make a commitment to place Kent children in Kent homes, and therefore family time and other meetings and commitments will be more local to where you live. Their social workers and Kent Fostering team are local too, meaning that they can be available and responsive as and when you need them.



[More > Information and videos via KCC Website](#)

Families Magazine

Please find below, link to the latest Families West Kent Magazine for Winter 2021.

[Families West Kent Magazine Nov/Dec 2021](#)

In this issue you will find lots of Christmas gift ideas, including DIY gifts for all of the family and amongst the practical help on offer tips for sleeping as the children get older and how to manage class WhatsApp groups as well as lots of ideas of things to do and see over the Christmas and New Year holiday.

Families Magazine is published by familiesonline.co.uk



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

92.7%

Attendance This Year

94.9%

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

15

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 22 November	Letter from Mrs Slade	All School 
Tuesday 23 November	Christmas at Slade	All School 
Wednesday 24 November	Letter from Mrs Slade	Dragon Class 
Wednesday 24 November	Change to Menu	All School 
Wednesday 24 November	Walk on Wednesday: Phoenix Class WOW	
Wednesday 24 November	Slade Sports Crew	
Wednesday 24 November	Daily Mile Update	



When Pegasus Class visit Forest School!

Slade Sport



Club Update

Active Sports Gymnastics Club – The children will be performing their routines during the last session of gymnastics club this term and this will be shared with the parents.



Sports Leaders

Well done to the following children who have been successful in taking on a sporting leadership role and are now part of the Team Slade Sports Crew. All the children received a T Shirt in assembly today which they can wear as part of their role.

Sports Leaders	Sports Council	Playground Leaders
Harrison – Dragon	Aliha - Dragon	Oliver - Dragon
William V - Dragon	Jean - Wyvern	Francesca - Dragon
Peter – Wyvern	Caitlyn - Wyvern	Iris - Wyvern
Chloe – Wyvern	Nylah - Wyvern	
Spencer - Wyvern	Jim – Dragon	
Anais - Dragon	Jacob – Dragon	
Sofia - Dragon	Jing-Yi – Dragon	
Harry – Dragon	Gabby – Dragon	
Ethan - Dragon	Pranav – Dragon	
Sarong – Wyvern	Matthew - Dragon	
Max – Wyvern	Enzo - Dragon	
Jake – Wyvern		
Sannie – Wyvern		



Family Bikeability Training



The Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership (TWKSSP) has been successful in obtaining funding to offer schools the opportunity to provide their families with Bikeability Accreditation, not just for the children but for the parents!

The Bikeability Trust and the Department for Transport want all children to enjoy cycling as a life skill - and that means making sure they carry on cycling outside of school. The sessions would be in Tonbridge and as follows:

- 2 sessions lasting between 1 and 2 hours each. Total must equal 3 hours in total.
- All riders must be from the same household (max 6 as a family)

Please see the link below to learn more about Family Bikeability.

More > bikeability.org.uk

If you would like to take part in Family Bikeability, please contact Wendy Ball via the school office email (office@slade.kent.sch.uk) for further details.



Christmas at Slade



Your Events Guide

Christmas Performances

The Year R,1 and 2 Christmas performances will now be recorded this year and will be made available to families shortly after, during the final week of term, for you all to enjoy from the comfort of your own home.

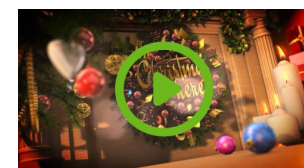
Carols by Candlelight

Similarly to the KS1 performances, there will be no 'live' Carols by Candlelight event at the church this year. Each class will be recording their own song and readings, which will then be made available to families shortly after.



Christmas Cards

We politely ask that children do not bring in cards for distribution. If they would like to bring in one card for the whole of their class this would be welcome, or alternatively please send an electronic card to the class email address.



Christmas Day at Slade: Friday 10 December

Christmas Jumpers



Please feel free to wear your Christmas themed Jumpers to school on Friday 10 December

Christmas Sale

The proceeds of the donations made this morning and next Friday morning will be sold in our Children's Christmas Market throughout the morning. This event is organised by the school and PTA and is for the children only. They should come to school with up to £5.00 to spend for goodies for all of the family!

Christmas Dinner

Nourish will be serving up their Christmas Meal (right) on 10 December as well. The lunch is free to all children in EYFS and KS1 classes. Children in KS2 should pay in advance (£2.20) via the Nourish payment site via ParentPay. Please make sure you are able to access your account in advance.

Nourish
contract catering

CHRISTMAS MENU

Merry Christmas!

- Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings (1,6)
- Vegetable Parcel (3)
- Peas, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts & Roast Potatoes
- Mr Nourish Festive Chocolate Cookie (4)
- Christmas Pudding & Custard (1,6,7,9)
- Fruit

Diets marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
Allergens code: (1) Wheat/Gluten, (2) Crustaceans, (3) Soybean, (4) Mustard, (5) Sesame, (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide, (7) Milk, (8) Fish, (9) Egg, (10) Peanuts, (11) Milk/soy, (12) Celery/Celery, (13) Nuts, (14) Lupine, (15) Oct Gluten, (16) Barley/Gluten

Christmas Parties: Wednesday 15 December



The children will have an opportunity to celebrate the upcoming holiday with their classmates on Wednesday 15 December. They are invited to bring in party clothes to school ready to change into for the afternoon fun. The school will provide the food and entertainment.

Christmas Art Competitions



EYFS and KS1 (Year R, 1 and 2)

This year at Slade we are holding a competition for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to create their own Christmas hanging decoration.

These decorations will be judged and there will be a winner from each class. The winners will have their hanging decoration placed onto the Slade Christmas Tree. The decoration must be able to hang on the tree and they should not be any bigger than your hand.

Please bring your decorations into school by Monday 6 December along with your name and class.

Here are some ideas for what you could make...



KS2 (Years 3-6)

Can you help Leaders design Santa's New House?



Leaders are a local estate agency in Tonbridge High Street and they have requested help from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at Slade Primary School.

“Santa is looking for a new home, but he needs our help and that’s where you come in. We need you all to design a new home for Santa, it may include a garage for his Sleigh, an extra-large chimney or even stables for the reindeer. It’s all totally up to you!”

The designs should be on A4 (landscape or portrait) and must include your first name only and your class name.

Your designs need to be handed in at school or emailed to your class email address by Friday 3 December.

Leaders will then share all your wonderful pictures in their High Street window and on their social media pages from 6 December - make sure you keep your eyes peeled for your design!

The best house from each year group will win a £25 Amazon Voucher!



For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 29 November	Swimming: Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin
Tuesday 30 November	
Wednesday 1 December	
Thursday 2 December	Swimming: Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman - Last Swimming Lesson
Friday 3 December	PTA Christmas Sale Donation Day Presents for Siblings

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)
TUESDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)
FRIDAY	Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

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 :

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