

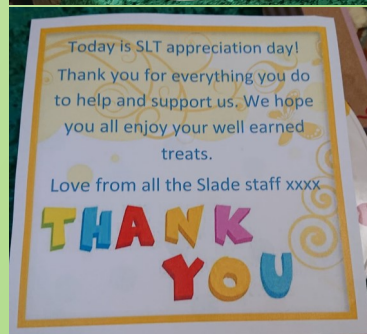


Slade

Primary School

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The Senior Leadership Team at Slade continue to guide us through uncertain times with warmth, positivity and resilience.

The staff decided to show their thanks this week by holding an appreciation day on Wednesday.

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's already beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thank you to Santa's Helpers who have once again been at work hanging the Christmas decorations and safely scattering some Christmas sparkle in each of the classes throughout the school!

Thank you everyone for your positive response to my Covid update letter that was sent out on Monday and for implementing the new guidance so swiftly, reverting quickly back to wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up times. For those that may have missed the letter, as of Tuesday 30th November we are requesting that all parents wear face coverings at drop off and pick up times, especially when coming onto the school site or when in communication with staff, who will also be wearing face coverings. A reminder too that due to the increased ventilation across the school classrooms are cooler than usual so please ensure that your child is wearing enough layers to keep them sufficiently warm when indoors; thank you.

It was a lovely surprise on Wednesday to discover that it had been declared 'SLT Appreciation Day' here at Slade with all members of the staff team leaving sweet treats and kind words for all members of the senior leadership team to enjoy in both of our staff rooms. Thank you to our well-being team for arranging this and to all of the team for their contributions. We are very lucky to have you all as part of Team Slade!

Unfortunately we have received some complaints from neighbours this week regarding the inconsiderate parking of a very small minority of parents at the beginning and end of the school day when dropping children off at school. The driveways of the Old Engine House development opposite the school car park are private property and are not to be parked on or blocked at any time so please refrain from parking in these spaces. The local PCSO has been made aware of the concerns of the residents and will be monitoring the situation in the coming days. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Still with parking, we would also ask that parents do not park down Stafford Road or use the junction with Hawden Road as a turning circle for cars at these times. A reminder that parking permits are available for both castle car parks; please do contact the school office for further details. Thank you for your co-operation with these matters as we aim to keep all of our community safe.

Congratulations to all children and staff for their swift, sensible response to the lockdown drill that was carried out yesterday which enabled the school to be quickly secured and silenced in record timing. A lockdown procedure is a standard health and safety procedure, similar to a fire drill, which would be used when there is a threat to the safety of pupils, staff and others in the school, and when it is safer for everyone to remain in school rather than evacuate. The aim is to keep people safe by confining them to a secure place of safety. Many thanks to those parents who have taken the time to respond so positively to the way in which the children were prepared for the drill and also shared feedback from their children's perspective too; thank you.

Finally, in acknowledgement of the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the DfE has agreed to reduce the minimum number of sessions that schools are required to meet in the academic year 2021/2022. Therefore, KCC has taken the decision to end the summer term 2022 a day earlier so that term now finishes on **Thursday 21 July 2022** instead of Friday 22 July 2022.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

Around School



Reminder For Next Friday

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 over the last month 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

Thankyou to everyone who has signed up using the survey sent out over the last couple of weeks. If your child is in KS2, please remember to also pay for the lunch using your ParentPay account. If you have any questions about the Nourish dinner or using the ParentPay account, please contact Nourish directly via teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk

Parking for School

We are incredibly lucky at Slade to be able to offer, in conjunction with Tonbridge and Malling Council, parking permits for free parking at the swimming pool car park at drop off and collection times. Over 70 families have taken advantage of this offer, details of which can be found on our website:

[More > T&MBC Slade Parking Permits](#)

Unfortunately, we have received complaints from our neighbours, particularly from Castle Court Residential and from the Old Engine House apartments, who state that discourteous parking is still commonplace and recently this has been accompanied with rudeness from some parents when challenged by home owners and residents for blocking driveways when access has been required.

Please, under no circumstances park inconsiderately or illegally on yellow lines. The local Police Community Support team have been alerted and will be making extra patrols this term.



Year 6 Leavers

It seems unthinkable, but in eight short months the children in Hydra and Griffin Classes will be leaving us for their new adventures at Secondary Schools.

There are a team of parents who are in the early stage of organising events for the end of the summer terms and need to make sure that they include every member of Year 6. Thankyou to all of the parents of children in Year 6 who have already responded to our email sent on Monday. If you are yet to do so, please contact us over the weekend so the team can begin their exciting plans. Keep up-to-date with everything going on using their dedicated Facebook page, details of which were in the email; which can be forwarded to you again if you require.



Around School



Karate King

We were delighted to hear from Lucas in Hydra Class who experienced tremendous success last weekend at his latest karate competition. Lucas represents GKR Karate at the martial art and regularly competes for prizes at local tournaments. On Saturday he was in Guildford and thanks to his skills, talent and determination he earned two gold medals! Everyone at Slade sends Lucas our congratulations. Of course, the best way to find out how he did it was to speak to Lucas himself, which we did earlier in the week. Lucas had this to say:

Hi, so It was against other people at my club GKR who work all over England, Australia & New Zealand but I was only against people in the south-east of England, so I was representing our region (Region 35) and it is like that for every tournament.

I was with 10-11 year olds who are yellow-orange belts (I am orange belt). The medals I won were for kata and kumite.

Kumite is basically fighting (Without contact obviously) and kata is many karate moves put into a pattern. It was very fun but the best bit was when I scored I-pon (A full point is earnt by getting a kick to the head) - I was the only one who managed that!

We are thrilled to include your story, Lucas, thanks to you and your mum for sharing it and very best of luck at the National championships in 2022.

Lucas has also provided us with a handy pronunciation guide for some of the terms used in his piece:

I-Pon is pronounced I-Pon not eye-pon

Kumite Pronunciation: Koo-mi-Tay

Karate is one of the most popular and respected Martial Arts in the world. GKR Karate promotes Karate for everyone, including children from 5 yrs old through to men, women and families of all ages.

Apart from the obvious development of self-defence skills, Karate training builds confidence, self-discipline, determination, focus, courtesy, self-control and of course fitness.

[More > gkrkarate.com](https://www.gkrkarate.com)



RBL: Thankyou for your Donations

Jenny Lewis from the Royal British Legion, who helps organise the Poppy Appeal across Tonbridge has been in touch to thank all of the parents, carers and friends at Slade Primary School for our efforts at raising funds for the RBL at the time of Armistice Day on 11 November.

We managed to raise £558.24 for the charity; on behalf of the Royal British Legion, thankyou to everyone who donated any amount towards this total.



[@PoppyTonbridge](https://www.instagram.com/PoppyTonbridge)

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

90.5%

Attendance This Year

94.5%

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

17

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 29 November	This Week at Slade	
Monday 29 November	Important Update from Mrs Slade	Selected Families 
Monday 29 November	Tea Party Invitation	New Starters 
Tuesday 30 November	Year 6 Leavers	Year 6 
Tuesday 30 November	COVID-19 Safety Measures	
Wednesday 1 December	Christmas Dinner Survey Repeat	All School 
Wednesday 1 December	Important Update for Dragon Class	Dragon Class 
Wednesday 1 December	Important Update for Wyvern Class	Wyvern Class 
Wednesday 1 December	Christmas Jumpers: Elf and Pixie	Year 1 
Wednesday 1 December	Tour of Slade	EYFS Year R 
Wednesday 1 December	Walk on Wednesday Sprite Class WOW	 
Thursday 2 December	Tea Party Cancellation	New Starters 
Thursday 2 December	Lockdown Practise	All School 
Thursday 2 December	Poppy Appeal	
Friday 3 December	PTA Help and Celebration Assembly	
Friday 3 December	Christmas Jumpers: Pegasus and Hippogriff	Year 3 

Forest School



Rotavator Required



We are about to embark on the next stage of Forest School's development with Miss Hall planning to add a border of trees along the width of the school field to fully encompass our woodland on all 4 sides.

In order to do this, we wonder if any of our parents have access to a rotavator that can churn the ground suitably for this planting to take place.



If you know of the availability of a rotavator, please contact Tina Hall via the office email address office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Community



The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Matthew Scott, currently commissions several different services which provide awareness raising, safety advice and preventative educational inputs to children and young people in schools and other settings.

To help develop and inform this work and the future commissioning of these types of services we're seeking feedback from wide variety of individuals from Police, Professionals, Schools, Parents, Carers, and importantly children and young people themselves.

This is a short online survey asking for responses on the types services needed, the areas of focus and delivery style. All responses will help to inform how the PCC delivers awareness raising, safety advice and preventative educational inputs now and in the future.

If you would like to discuss the current services that the PCC commissions in this area, please contact the Commissioning Team at pcc.commissioning@kent.police.uk

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SchoolsEngagement/>





Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 6 December	Swimming: Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin - Last Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 7 December	
Wednesday 8 December	
Thursday 9 December	Swimming: Griffin Class, Year 6, Mrs Burnside - First Swimming Lesson
Friday 10 December	Christmas Celebration Day at Slade Christmas Jumpers to wear, PTA Sale, Nourish Christmas Lunch

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
TUESDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Elmer Class (Year R, Mrs Pesrson)
FRIDAY	Gruffalo Class (Year R, Mrs Hitchcock)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics, Learn Chess
TUESDAY	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 13 December	Hydra Class - First Swimming Lesson
Friday 17 December	Last Day of Term 2
Wednesday 5 January	First Day of Term 3