



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas well and truly arrived today at Slade! Children and staff were all looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers and outfits as we all enjoyed the Christmas Sale and Christmas Lunch. Many thanks to all our parent helpers who were busy in school today organising the Christmas Sale for all of our children to enjoy. Your help in making this Christmas a special time here at Slade is very much appreciated. Thank you too to our cook Clare and her catering team for producing such a fabulous feast for us all at lunchtime today too. Delicious!

Huge congratulations and well done to all the children and staff involved in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 productions that are all in the process of being filmed and edited ready for sharing with you next week. As always, the acting, singing, dancing, signing and narrating are all absolutely fabulous and anyone watching from the comfort of their own home is in for a festive treat! A huge thank you to friend of the school Mark Sonnex for the giving of his time to film these performances for us; we really do appreciate all that you have done for us. Details of how you will all be able to access these films will be shared with you next week. Do read on to find out more about the appearance of Rolo the donkey in one of our performances this week!

In addition, children in Key Stage 2 have also been busy filming their contributions to Slade's very own 'Celebration of Christmas' which will also be ready for sharing with you later next week. All involved are looking and sounding splendid so do take time to watch and enjoy! Well done and thank you to all of the children and staff involved in each of our performances this year; we are all very proud of each and every one of you!

On Tuesday 18 January 2022 we will be holding a **virtual** Open Morning on Zoom for parents where the Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors will share the main priorities for the school, including our long-term strategic plan, and discuss the main features of our School Development Plan. We will also be providing an insight into a typical day at school during this session! In order to help us plan and prepare for this event, please register your interest using the link below; a Zoom invite will then be shared with those that have registered in the new year. We look forward to seeing you there!

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As you are aware, earlier this week the Prime Minister announced the implementation of [Plan B of the COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan](#). Following on from this announcement, the DfE released further guidance to schools which included the following message: *"The Government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of children and young people and the Government will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open."* Thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding of the measures that we have put in place, all in line with the updated government guidance, to ensure that we do continue to remain open for all pupils; it is very much appreciated.

A reminder that should your child test positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) at the weekend or out of office hours then please notify the school immediately via the designated email account: C19@slade.kent.sch.uk Thank you.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Karen Slade

Around School



Winter Yeti's



The booking window for booking Yeti's Wraparound in Term 3 will open at 19:00 on Monday 13 December.

You secure your child's place at our Breakfast or After School Clubs by logging in to your prepaid SCOPAY account where sessions are booked on a first come basis; the club capacities were recently increased to 40 children per session.

A number of sessions have reached capacity this term, so please be aware that early booking can avoid disappointment. Please also note that sessions can be booked or cancelled up to 24 hours prior to the club starting. They are not routinely cancelled by school when a child is ill, so please be aware of that if your child is booked in to either club and you know they will be away from school for a period of time.

Christmas Parties at Slade

We are pleased to confirm the date of the children's classroom parties for next week.

The parties are taking place on Wednesday 15 December.

Children should come to school in their normal school clothes, with party clothes to change into if they wish. They should not bring any extra food as this will be provided by the teachers.

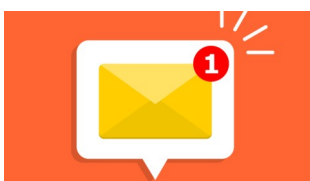
The parties will take place in the classrooms and the children will not be mixing outside of those groups for these events.



COVID-19 Reporting

A reminder that if your child exhibits any of the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain off of school, with the recommendation that they take a PCR (lab based) test. A PCR test should also be conducted if a positive Lateral Flow Test (the home based kits) result is recorded. The PCR test is available at prebooked testing centres and by home delivery. Lateral Flow Tests should not be used once someone is showing symptoms.

To accurately record your child's attendance, please keep us up-to-date with your situation, especially once a positive PCR test result is received. The detail we would appreciate will include the return date which will be advised by the NHS Test and Trace team who contact you after the result.



Notifications of a positive test should be emailed to school via the dedicated email address
c19@slade.kent.sch.uk

Welcome, Rolo

The children in EYFS Reception Year had a treat yesterday when they filmed their Nativity show. They were joined by donkey, Rolo, who helped to bring the Christmas story to life before and during their performance. Many thanks to Sue Woods and Tillie from White Rocks Farm for bringing Rolo along, who was a superstar! Details on how to view your child's EYFS or KS1 Christmas show, or the KS2 Celebration of Christmas will be shared next week.



Activity Action



It has been a busy term for our range of after school activity providers, and for Wendy Ball, Fitness and Wellbeing Champion who helps to co-ordinate all of the clubs as well as running her own set of clubs during the week for the children at Slade.

Wendy has run three clubs this term (Infant Agility, Team Champions and Sportshall Athletics). We hope that the children who have participated in these clubs have had a great time. Next term there are two new free to join clubs run by Wendy for different yeargroups. If your child is eligible and wishes to take part, please reserve a spot by emailing office@slade.kent.sch.uk with the name of the activity in the subject box:

Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics: Wednesdays in Term 3 15:20 - 16:20

This club is for children in Year 3 or 4 who love running, jumping or bouncing, are good at or enjoy athletics. Covid restrictions pending, this club ends up with the children competing in the local Sportshall Athletics competition.

Year 5 and 6 Hockey and Netball: Friday mornings in Term 3 08:00 - 08:40

This club is for children in Year 5 or 6 to practise leading up to the Tonbridge Schools Hockey and Netball tournaments.

New For Term 3

We are pleased to say that all of our current after school activity providers will be back in 2022 - a full list with contact details on how to book and where to collect the children after the activities is on our website under the link below:

More > [Extra Curricular Activities via the school website](#)

In addition to these old favourites, we are also pleased to welcome mSPORTi to Slade. They will be running two new clubs; on a Monday for EYFS and KS1 children, a Multi Sports club, and on Friday, Football coaching for Yeargroups 1-6. mSPORTi clubs are now bookable through the link to their website below:



More > [mSPORTi.co.uk](https://www.msport.co.uk)

Around the Clubs

LearnChess, who run an activity club on a Monday afternoon in the Library invited us to their termly awards giving session this week, congratulations to the Players of the Term and to all of the children for your improvement in chess.



One of our most popular clubs is on a Thursday afternoon; STEM with Sofia from Next Thing Education. This week, the children were designing their own Digital Art with stencils and layering. The children are always happy to learn new techniques in the STEM club and when we visited they were pleased to show off their designs and show us how they had helped and inspired each other with some great ideas. Thankyou to Sofia and Next Thing for a fantastic first term at Slade.



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

92.9%

Attendance This Year

94.4%

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

10

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](#)



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 6 December	This Week at Slade	
Monday 6 December	Change to Forest School Session	Gruffalo Class
Monday 6 December	Change to Menu	All School
Monday 6 December	Holiday Activities and HAF Programmes	Pupil Premium Promise
Wednesday 8 December	KS1 Show Recording	
Wednesday 8 December	WOW Pixie Class	
Wednesday 8 December	Christmas Jumper Day	All School
Thursday 9 December	Welcome to Slade, Rolo	



Christmas Celebrations Gallery

Pictures from around the school from today's Christmas events at Slade



For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 13 December	Swimming: Hydra Class, Year 6, Miss Lidlow - First Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 14 December	
Wednesday 15 December	Year 5 Sports Leaders Training Classroom Christmas Parties - See page 3
Thursday 16 December	Swimming: Griffin Class, Year 6, Mrs Burnside
Friday 17 December	Last Day of Term 2

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs McFerran)
TUESDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)
FRIDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Further Ahead :

Wednesday 5 January	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday 2 February	Year 3 Roman Day More details will be sent nearer the time
Wednesday 2 February	Year 4 Sportshall Athletics
Monday 7 February - Friday 11 February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 21 February	First Day of Term 4
Monday 21 February - Monday 28 February	Bikeability - Year 6 More details will be sent nearer the time