



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break and were able to spend some Covid free times with family and friends. A special welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us over the break; we hope that you soon feel part of our Slade family.

It's been a busy first few days with lots of learning taking place both indoors and out in spite of the change in temperature! Pegasus Class enjoyed a magical morning in our own winter wonderland in a frosty Forest School on Thursday morning! It has also been lovely to see all the children settling back into school, catching up with friends and sharing their news at the start of their learning journeys for this term.

On Wednesday a letter was sent to all parents following the Department for Education's (DfE) guidance outlining new measures to be introduced as a precaution with the aim of slowing down the spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19. This letter went on to provide an overview of the protective measures that are in place here in school; I would urge all parents and carers to refer to this information should you have any concerns regarding your child in school at this time. A copy of the updated risk assessment and all other Covid-19 related information can be found on the school website.

Since I wrote to you on Wednesday the government has issued further guidance with regards to PCR tests. The guidance states that: *"Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from **Tuesday 11 January**. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test."* An overview of the guidance and the changes that have been made can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

A reminder that 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. Thank you to those who have already registered an interest in attending; there is still time to register if you haven't already done so by accessing the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtzom47TuDL8aBohlUOtojvWxlj8LwmD_bv7FUNIE5RzFYszMxQ1dYRzRRSTZLNkpBNzJSNC4u

At the start of this new year a reminder please of our expectations with regard to school uniform; all of our children are expected to wear regulation school uniform to school every day. This includes black school shoes; trainers are not permitted unless in exceptional circumstances following a discussion with either myself or Miss Garrett. Hair should be a natural colour and tied up if longer than collar length. Any hair accessories should be discreet, not brightly coloured and jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which should be removed for PE lessons. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children.

Have a lovely weekend

Karen Slade

Around School



Welcome to Slade: Evelyn and Wolffe



We are delighted to welcome both Evelyn and Wolffe to Slade, who joined us from local schools and who started with us in Elmer and Elf Classes respectively on Wednesday.

Everyone at Slade is delighted to welcome you and hope that you have enjoyed your first three days with your new friends. Our welcome is extended to the families of Evelyn and Wolffe, with who we hope to share a long, happy and successful relationship.

Extra Curricular Activities

Don't forget that in addition to the popular Yeti's Wraparound Care, we have an extended range of activities for children across the school before and after school. Most of these clubs are run by external providers, with who you should book and pay directly.

More > [The Term 3 Activity Timetable via the school website](#)

Fitness and Wellbeing Champion Wendy Ball also runs free clubs for different yeargroups each term. There are still spaces on this terms offering:

Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics: Wednesday after school until 16:20

Year 5 and 6 Hockey and Netball: Friday before school from 07:55

If your child is in KS2 and wishes to take part in the relevant club for this term, please email Wendy via office@slade.kent.sch.uk

If your child uses Yeti's Wraparound and also takes part in an After School Activity, just let us know and we are able to reflect their attendance at Yeti's accordingly.

Something for
EVERYONE!

Reading Trees



At the end of Term 2, Miss Redden challenged the children to a number of reading related challenges. Well done to everyone who took part and sent in their pictures to the class email addresses. We hope you enjoyed reading in the quiet times during the holiday and we know that lots of the teachers have had lots of fun this week hearing about the books that children received for Christmas.



Around School



Thankyou, Family Cope

We were thrilled to receive an incredibly kind donation of a large selection of books for all ages across the school from the Cope family.

The books, much loved by the children at home, but all kept in wonderful condition they could have just been bought! The books, a small number of which are pictured here, have found a new home in the school library. Mrs Mawson, School Librarian, is very grateful and would like to send her thanks to Mrs Cope and her family for the donation, and to everyone who has donated items to the ever growing and more diverse library. The children at school will begin to benefit immediately as Mrs Mawson introduces her new Term 3 School Pupil Librarian helpers to the process of booking in the new books; a task they are very able and quick at completing!



Financial Help for Families on Low or No Income

Universal credit is a monthly benefit to support those on low incomes (or no income) with living and housing costs.

Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, millions of people have been struggling financially, and with various support measures having come to an end, this number will only increase. Yet it's believed that 500,000+ aren't claiming universal credit when they could.



Have a read of this guide and use the Money Saving Expert [Benefits Calculator](#) to check how much you could get.

External Link via Money Saving Expert: [Universal credit: Will I be worse off? - MoneySavingExpert](#)

Pupil Premium Funding

If you find out that you are eligible for Universal Credit, you will also be able to apply for Pupil Premium funding which means you can access assistance with school related finances such as uniform, school trips, swimming lessons and extra curricular activities.

To apply for Pupil Premium funding just click on the link below which takes you to the Kent County Council website with more information and the online form.

[More > Pupil Premium and FSM Funding Application](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing any of the online forms, please don't hesitate to contact Nicola Hill, our Pupil Premium Champion, or Family Liaison Officer Maxine Button who will both be able to help. office@slade.kent.sch.uk / flo@slade.kent.sch.uk



Nourish News



Nourish Special Mealday: Thursday 20 January

Clare and her team in the Slade kitchen are delighted to bring you a special numbers themed lunch to coincide with the second of three annual school censuses, which takes place on Thursday 20 January.

The census, taken three times a year, records various statistics from each school across England and Wales, including how many of the children take advantage of the Universal Free School Meals available to everyone in EYFS and KS1.

If your child would like to have a school dinner on the special mealday Clare would be very happy to serve you! Children in EYFS and KS1 just need to ask for the school dinner at registration (after leaving the packed lunch at home!) and in KS2, meals can be prepaid via your Nourish ParentPay account.

Clare will be running a competition to go with the Numbers Festival - all you need to do is count the number of times you can see a different Mr Nourish or complete the Sudoku Puzzle on the menu below. Submit your answers on or before Thursday 20 January with child’s name and class to office@slade.kent.sch.uk for a chance to win!

Let us know if you would like a printed version of the menu to complete the Sudoku.



NUMBERS FESTIVAL

MENU

THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 2022

Beefburger 1,5,6
60% burger + 40% bun = 100% delicious
+ + +

Cheese & Tomato Wrap Stack Triangles 1,7
How many sides are there?
+ + +

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
+ + +

Spaghetti Zeros 1
Sweetcorn & Peas
Jacket Wedges
+ + +

Millionaire Biscuit 1,7
Ice Cream 7
Fruit Pots
Yoghurt 7

Allergen 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 Molluscs
12 Celeries/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupines 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten

Complete the Sudoku Puzzle correctly and take to the counter at lunchtime to be entered into a draw for a prize.

1	6	7		2		8		
				6	1			
2	8							
					5		2	4
8	3	5	2	6	4	1	9	7
4					3	5		8
	2	8	3	4	1		5	
		3	7					1
5				8	6	4	3	2

☐ How many Mr Nourishes are on this flyer?

Name:

Class:

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

96.2%

Attendance This Year

94.2%

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

1

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:

[illegible]



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 10 January	Swimming Lesson - Hydra Class, Year 6, Miss Lidlow
Tuesday 11 January	
Wednesday 12 January	
Thursday 13 January	Swimming Lesson - Griffin Class, Year 6, Mrs Burnside
Friday 14 January	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
TUESDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)
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, mSPORTi Multi Sports
TUESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Dancemode
WEDNESDAY	West Kent Athletics, Wendy Ball Sportshall Athletics
THURSDAY	Next Thing STEM, The Art Trolley, First Class Basketball and Netball
FRIDAY	Wendy Ball Hockey and Netball, SAMA Karate, mSPORTi Football

Further Ahead :

Dates between 19 January - 2 February	Elmer and Gruffalo Parent Visits - as advertised, slots should by now be booked and confirmed
Wednesday 2 February	Year 3 Roman Day - Please see email sent earlier today
Monday 7 February - Friday 11 February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Thursday 7 February	Hippogriff Class First Swimming Lesson - More details will be sent nearer the time
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	Pegasus Class First Swimming Lesson - More details will be sent nearer the time
Monday 21 February - Monday 28 February	Bikeability - Griffin Class - More details will be sent nearer the time