



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy first full week of term with lots of exciting learning happening across the school!

The start of the week saw two runaway Gingerbread Men on the loose in the main school building, both of which were skilfully intercepted by Miss Garrett and I and safely delivered to the children in Elmer and Gruffalo classes! Gingerbread Men sorted, we were then alerted to a couple of life-size tigers holding a tea party in Year 1! On further investigation there were indeed a couple of tigers enjoying a pot of tea with the children (aka Miss Elliott and Mrs Hill!) Many thanks to all of the staff who have enabled these experiences to happen this week for our younger children to bring their learning to life!



On Monday, each year group will be sending out an overview of key information regarding the learning that will be happening in your child's class this term. I would encourage each of you to take the time to read these in the coming days to ensure that you have all the necessary information required for the term, enabling you to support your child with their learning during the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for taking the time to take a look.

On Wednesday this week, we welcomed Chris Jacobs our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser to the school for his first visit this year. Chris spent time with myself and Miss Garrett followed by sessions with both Phase Leaders and Curriculum Team Leaders to find out more of how our curriculum has developed since September. His visit also included a virtual catch up with Simon Griffiths, Chair of Governors, to hear of all that has been achieved in recent times. He was hugely impressed by what he heard and saw stating that Slade is a "really strong school." Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved! You too can find out more about our school development and priorities by attending our virtual Open Morning next week.

We continue to see an increase in requests for absence during term time. A reminder that the school attendance policy can be found on the school website and also includes information regarding requests for absence in term time and why such absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. In addition, remote learning is only provided for children who cannot attend school for Covid related reasons and will not be provided for children on holiday during term time. Further information regarding our online learning offer can be found at: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Remote+Learning&pid=53>

Finally, from Monday 17 January, children who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. A fuller explanation of the changes can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests?utm_source=14%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade

Forest School: New Dates Following Postponements

Miss Hall was not in school on Monday and Tuesday of this week, so the Year 4 Forest School sessions were postponed.

We are pleased to say they have been rearranged for next week with Sphinx visiting on Thursday 20 January and Phoenix on Friday 21 January.

Please remember your kits on your Forest School day.

Around School



Next on Line One..

Over the Christmas and New Year holiday, the school was fitted out with a new telephone system. Part of the benefits of the system is the ability to be transferred directly to some of our key functions across the school, with answerphone facilities available if it is not possible to speak at the time you call. Please note the new option numbers when calling.

If you call us on our main number, 01732 350354, the options are:



1: Details of a child's absence (this is a leave-a-message facility, picked up by staff in the school office)

2: Finance (this will be answered by Mrs Toft, Finance Officer, there is a message facility in Mrs Toft's absence)

3: Inclusion Leader's Team (this will be answered by Mrs Barber or Mrs Young, there is a message facility in their absence)

4: Family Liaison Team (this will be answered by Mrs Button or Mrs Ekperigin, there is a message facility in their absence)

5: Kitchen (this will be answered by Mrs Derrick or a member of the kitchen team, there is a message facility in their absence)

Hold: To speak to the school office just hold the line and you will be automatically transferred to a member of the school office team.

Replies Required: Year 3 and Year 6

Year 3 Roman Day: Wednesday 2 February

The special learning day for Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes requires consent and payment to be made via your Arbor account, we require consent even in cases where payment is not required. The total cost of the event is £7.42. Details are all included in our email from Friday 7 January.

Thankyou to the 22 parents who have secured their child's place for this event this week.

Year 6 (Griffin Class) Bikeability Course: Monday 21 February to Monday 28 February

Griffin Class will be taking part in the Kent County Council run Bikeability course at the end of February, details are included in our email of Monday 10 January. We require the consent form to be completed and sent back to school (either via email or paper copy) as soon as possible, in any event by Monday 24 January to avoid disappointment. There is no cost for this event

Thankyou to the 3 parents who have secured their child's place for this important course.

Year 6 Leavers Details

As referred to in previous emails, a group of parents are busy organising different ways for our Year 6 children to remember Slade when their time with us is nearly up in the summer. Before they can start this project, they require consent to contact you and use your name and the child's name. If you haven't already, please email the school office to provide this consent, or to decline consent. Please see our email from 30 November for full information.

Thankyou to the 42 parents who have confirmed consent so far.

Around School



Starting School in September 2022

The deadline for making applications to start primary school in September 2022 closes on Monday 17 January.

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you should make an application to start school in the Early Years Foundation Stage Reception Year (Year R).

This includes families who already have a family sibling connection to their preferred school (children in the current Year R to Year 5). If you have made a sibling application for a place at Slade, please let us know via admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk if you haven't already. This helps with the validation process required of us in the next few weeks.

Applications should be made via the Kent County Council website using the link below.

[More > Information and Apply via kent.gov.uk](#)

We look forward to meeting and growing relationships with the children and their families who are offered a place at Slade on National Offer Day on Tuesday 19 April.

If you have any questions about the admissions process between now and National Offer Day, please contact us via admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk.



Starting at Primary school...
Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018?

Apply for a place online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
before 17 January 2022

Step 1: Research schools and understand their admissions criteria.
Step 2: Complete the online application form naming up to 3 preferences.
Step 3: Complete any required Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and/or medical evidence and return to the school.
Step 4: We offer you a place on National Offer Day.
Step 5: You accept or refuse the place and provide your proof of address from the application period to the school.
Step 6: If you don't get a place at your preferred school you can join the waiting list and appeal.

Important dates to remember

November	April	May
5 November 2021	19 April 2022	4 May 2022
• Applications open. Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola	• National Offer Day - offers sent by email after 4pm	• Date by which places must be accepted or refused • Date by which parents should submit a waiting list form for schools they named but were not offered
January 17 January 2022		June 8 June 2022
• Closing date for all applications		• Reallocation of any vacant spaces

Need help?
Email the team at primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at: www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Next Thing, Next Day

The Next Thing Education Year 1-6 STEM Club has been changed for the rest of this term to Friday afternoons from its previous slot on a Thursday at the request of the organisers.

Next Thing apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families who have already booked and should have already contacted those parents.

If this change of day presents you with an opportunity and your child would like to join in the fun and games in the school library after school on a Friday, please contact Next Thing via their website <https://nextthing.education/clubs/>

The list of clubs and activities available this term on our website has been updated to reflect this change.

[More > Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities in Term 3 via the school website](#)



Slade Sport



Sports Leaders

The Sports Leaders have been busy week helping to build the new goals to use in PE lessons and for hockey, handball and football.



They have also been helping to think up some ideas for our next Daily Mile challenge, which they are pleased and proud to present on their own poster (right) that has been sent to teachers across the school.

Congratulations to Elmer, Gruffalo, Gnome, Hippogriff, Phoenix, Wyvern, Hydra and Griffin who were all winners of last term's total mileage challenge.

Kent County Trials

Good luck to Jake, Charlotte, James and William who are all taking part in the Kent County Athletic Trials at the Stour Centre in Ashford at the weekend. You will all be amazing, we look forward to hearing how you all do.



Slade Daily Mile Challenge

'Runner of the Week Award'

This term we will have an individual challenge where each week 2 children from each class will be awarded the 'Runner of the Week Award' on a Friday.

Teachers and TA's can choose who they think has put the most effort into completing their miles during the week. The winning children will receive a certificate and a water bottle as their prize.

The Sports Leaders will be adding in some extra challenges each week for the children to complete as they are running round!

Please let Mrs Ball know who the winners are by Thursday so they can be announced in assembly on Friday.

Happy running #TeamSlade



Calling all Trampolinists

If you attend trampolining out of school, Mrs Ball would like to hear from you as there is an opportunity for you to compete as part of the Kent Schools Trampoline Programme. If you are interested, please email Wendy via the school office: office@slade.kent.sch.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

95.7%

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

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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 10 January	This Week at Slade	
Monday 10 January	Griffin Class Bikeability	Griffin Class 
Tuesday 11 January	Update Letter	Pixie Class 
Tuesday 11 January	Update Letter	Sphinx Class 
Tuesday 11 January	Update Letter	Dragon Class 
Tuesday 11 January	Update Letter	Hydra Class 
Wednesday 12 January	Walk on Wednesday	
Friday 14 January	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 14 January	Update Letter	Sprite Class 

Parent Information

Spotting Sepsis in Children



Sepsis is an emergency medical condition where the immune system overreacts to an infection. It affects people of all ages and, without urgent treatment, can lead to organ failure and death. Crucially, sepsis is often treatable if caught quickly, so it's really important to be Sepsis Savvy and to just ask: 'could it be sepsis?' Use the leaflet from the link below if you're concerned about someone's symptoms, especially if their illness seems unlike anything they've had before, and they're 'just not right' – even if their temperature falls again.

[More > Could it be Sepsis? from sepsistrust.org](#)

Talking to Children about Online Sexual Harassment



The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza DBE

'Talking to our children about this issue can be hard. Parents tell me they sometimes feel uncomfortable, not just because of the sexualised nature of the topic, but also because their children know more about technology than they do. For mums, dads and carers who grew up without smart phones, this whole world can feel bewildering. But children want to talk to their parents and carers about this. We know this because they've told us. And that's what is at the heart of this guidance.' The Commissioner's report, parent's guide and useful posters are available to read and download through the link below.

[More > Talking to Children about Sexual Harassment from childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](#)

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 17 January	Swimming Lesson - Hydra Class, Year 6, Miss Lidlow EYFS22 (September 2022 Intake) Application Deadline - see page 4
Tuesday 18 January	
Wednesday 19 January	Elmer and Gruffalo Class Parents Event - prebooked visitors only - 10:00
Thursday 20 January	Swimming Lesson - Griffin Class, Year 6, Mrs Burnside Elmer and Gruffalo Class Parents Event - prebooked visitors only - 14:00
Friday 21 January	Elmer and Gruffalo Class Parents Event - prebooked visitors only - 14:00

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
TUESDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman) and Elmer Class (EYFS Year R, Mrs Pearson)
FRIDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin) and Gruffalo Class (EYFS Year R, Mrs Hitchcock)

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	The Art Trolley, First Class Basketball and Netball
FRIDAY	Wendy Ball Hockey and Netball, Next Thing STEM, 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 page 3
Monday 7 February - Friday 11 February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 February	Hippogriff Class First Swimming Lesson - More details will be sent nearer the time
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 - Please see page 3