



Slade

Primary School

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From the
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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to those parents, carers and governors who attended the school's first online Open Morning on Wednesday where the Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors shared the main priorities for the school, including our long-term strategic plan, and discussed the main features of our School Development Plan. We hope those of you that came found it informative and gave you an insight into a typical day at school. Thank you too for the feedback that you have shared both during the session and following the event. If you were unable to attend and would still like to view the presentation a recording was made and is available on request by emailing the school office at the usual address, naming your message 'SLT Presentation' in the subject heading. A link to the recorded session will then be emailed out to you. Thank you in anticipation of you taking the time to watch!

A reminder, as mentioned in last week's newsletter, an overview of key information regarding the learning that will be happening in your child's class this term was sent to you at the start of the week. Once again I would encourage you to take a look if you haven't yet had chance to do so. Following which, should you have any concerns or queries about your child or their learning then please do arrange a time to discuss these with your child's class teacher by contacting them via the class email address or by telephoning the school office to arrange a telephone appointment at a mutually convenient time.

As you will be aware, on Wednesday the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January. For us as a school this means that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in communal areas by staff and visitors to the school. Therefore, as of Thursday 27 January parents are no longer required to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up times. In addition, all school staff on gate duty at these times will no longer be requested to wear face coverings should they choose not to. However, the guidance for schools states that the wearing of masks could be reintroduced at any time under the advice of local directors of public health should the school experience a localised outbreak. All other remaining protective measures in school, as outlined in our risk assessment, remain in place and under constant review on a daily basis.

It has been lovely this week to spend time with some of our Reception parents who have been enjoying a Covid-friendly tour of the school, seeing from the outside the buildings and grounds that they've not seen before due to the restrictions that were in place at the time of applying for school places. It has also hopefully provided an insight into a typical school day and all that is available for our pupils beyond Reception; all of this without entering the building! Thank you for coming to take a look; we look forward to meeting more of you at the remaining tours in the coming weeks.

Following feedback from the parent community, we are currently in the process of finalising details for the introduction of class representatives ('Class Reps') for all classes across the school in order to strengthen the partnership between parents and the school team. If this is something which you feel you might be interested in then watch this space for further information which will outline what the role involves.

In the meantime I look forward to seeing many of you at this term's PTA meeting next Thursday online at 7.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade

Around School



Welcome To Slade, Kanya

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome Kanya to the school.

Kanya joined us on Wednesday for her first day with us in Sphinx Class with Miss Lipman. We hope that you have settled in well and have enjoyed your first days with us, Kanya.

Our warm welcome is extended to Kanya's family, with who we look forward to sharing a long and happy relationship.



Term 4 in Yeti's

The booking window to secure places in Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs will be open from midday on Tuesday 26 January.

A reminder that you should make sure that your account is fully funded prior to booking. Term 4 runs from Monday 21 February through to Friday 1 April.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via the new email address:

yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk

Need to Contact Yeti's during club hours?

Following last week's news that the school has a new telephone system, we are pleased to say that the Yeti's After School Club has been equipped with a direct telephone line. Please use this number if you are running late and you know that you will not be able to collect before 16:30 or 17:30, depending on your booking. The phone line is open between 15:30 and 17:30 each evening that Yeti's are open.



01732 37 77 60

PTA News

Next Meeting Date: Thursday 27 January at 19:30

We are looking forward to meeting lots of you for our next PTA meeting, still being held virtually for safety and ease, next Thursday at 7.30pm

Please join the PTA as we discuss our Christmas successes, the trim trail and upcoming events including the Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Fête.

Please use the link below to join the meeting, as the PTA continue to strive to create opportunities and a better school environment for every child at Slade:

Join Zoom Meeting here:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7336186264?pwd=aEhYT1QyaWVUdjBhei9QVo8yV2tyZz09>



What to Watch



See Hear Special for Children

Every child and adult at Slade is acutely aware of the positive role the deaf community have in our school, his programme is a must watch for anyone with an interest in how the children in classes across schools like Slade and in our Titans Class are able to access learning in this spin off programme, **Deaf, Little and Loud**, that aims to show how the use of BSL within the classroom setting is extremely beneficial. Enjoy being a fly on the wall and follow the adventures of 8 children and their teachers during a normal school day.



The programme makers have this to say:



‘Deaf children are still falling behind their hearing peers in school. This See Hear special, presented by Radha Starr (left) investigates the importance of access to sign language from a young age. For the first time in the programme’s history, cameras are rigged in a primary school classroom with deaf children to see how well they respond to a series of exercises led by Alysha Allen, a renowned deaf teacher, and observed by two guest experts, Dr Kate Rowley and Dr Patrick Rosenburg.

We learn the importance of facial expressions and communication between teachers and deaf students, and we witness a full immersive education experience as Alysha leads a series of exercises ranging from storytelling to building blocks. In between the tasks, we go home with some of the participants to find out more about their backgrounds and family lives.’

[More > Watch via the BBC iPlayer \(You must have a TV licence to view\)](#)

Deaf, Little and Loud is on BBC2 on Wednesday mornings at 08:00 and you can catch up 24/7 via the BBC i-Player.

Social Media Usage for Children: Safeguarding Advice

There are lots of social media websites and apps people use to chat, comment, share pictures and game with their friends.

Many parents and carers wonder when is the best age to let their child have a social media account. Some don’t want their children to have underage accounts. Others may have decided their child is not quite ready for social networking, even if their child is begging them. Once children reach secondary school, they’re likely to come under growing peer pressure to stay in touch with friends online.

ThinkUKnow is a website designed to help parents and carers answer these questions and more, including how to let your child get the most out of the internet in a safe, secure way.

The ThinkUKnow website is produced and supported by the The National Crime Agency and the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) who work with safeguarding and child protection partners across the UK and overseas. It protects children from harm online and offline with a focus on child sexual exploitation and online protection issues.

[More > Is my child ready for social media ? via thinkuknow.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

95.1%

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

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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 17 January	This Week at Slade	
Tuesday 18 January	Update Letter	Phoenix Class 
Tuesday 18 January	Year 1 Term 3 Newsletter	Year 1 
Tuesday 11 January	Year 2 Term 3 Newsletter	Year 2 
Tuesday 11 January	Year 3 Term 3 Newsletter	Year 3 
Tuesday 11 January	Year 4 Term 3 Newsletter	Year 4 
Wednesday 12 January	Year 5 Term 3 Newsletter	Year 5 
Friday 14 January	Year 6 Term 3 Newsletter	Year 6 
Friday 21 January	Year 6 Residential Trip	Year 6 

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](#)

Slade Sport



Kent County Trials

Last week, we brought you the news that we had four representatives at the Kent County Decathlon Athletics Trials at the Stour Centre in Ashford last weekend.

Our Twitter followers will already know that it was an incredibly successful day for all four!

James, William, Jake and Charlotte all attended the event which was open to all primary schools and athletic clubs in Kent, with the top ten competitors qualifying for the county team, competing in national competitions in February.

We are delighted and thrilled to say that both Charlotte and Jake made the Kent team.

Well done to all four for making it this far; and particularly to Charlotte and Jake, everyone at Slade is incredibly proud of you. We will bring you reports from the Kent team next month.



For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 24 January	Swimming Lesson - Hydra Class, Year 6, Miss Lidlow
Tuesday 25 January	Elmer and Gruffalo Class Parents Event - prebooked visitors only - 10:00
Wednesday 26 January	Elmer and Gruffalo Class Parents Event - prebooked visitors only - 14:00
Thursday 27 January	Swimming Lesson - Griffin Class, Year 6, Mrs Burnside Elmer and Gruffalo Class Parents Event - prebooked visitors only - 10:00
Friday 28 January	

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	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 - Available for consent and payment now via Arbor
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 - Available for consent and payment now via Arbor
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