



# Slade Primary School

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Book Voucher design from Tilly in Year 6 to celebrate Thursday's 25th World Book Day. Also, our Random Reader Winners, inside!



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From the  
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Friday everyone; I trust that you and your loved ones all remain safe and well in these challenging times that we now find ourselves.

The invasion of Ukraine is both distressing and concerning for us all and has seen some of our children, particularly further up the school, asking questions or seeking reassurance from the adults after seeing, hearing and reading reports in the news. We are responding factually to the questions that children ask as we try to help them navigate the concepts and issues that some of them are encountering. All of the children have been reminded of who they can talk to, both here in school and at home too, should they be worried by anything that they hear or see.

We are conscious of how for many of our families this is affecting you personally, with friends and family caught in the conflict; we are here to support you too if you need a listening ear so please don't be afraid to get in touch via the school office. The following link shares some advice and resources provided by the Department of Education that you may find useful when responding to your child's questioning at home: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/>

As part of our Book Week celebrations, Slade was transformed yesterday into a colourful world of book characters as we celebrated World Book Day! Across the school children and adults with their classes had fun exploring the characters and books that they were representing. Do take a look at some of the photographs that were tweeted to our Twitter feed and feature further on in this newsletter too! Thank you for the part that you played with resourcing costumes and helping your child to bring their book character to life. Thank you too to the PTA for organising last week's sale of costumes which helped out many of our families this week. Your child should have brought a book token home with them yesterday which can be exchanged in any local book store. We look forward to seeing the books that you buy!

Unfortunately we have once again received some complaints from neighbours this week regarding the intrusive behaviours of a very small minority of children at the beginning and end of the school day when waiting to enter or exit the school grounds. The grassed area and tree outside of Hildenbrook house is private property so please ensure your children refrain from entering this space. A reminder too that no cars should be parking across the driveways of local residents, including those of the The Old Engine House apartments opposite school; thank you.

Last night was the first 'Parent Teacher Association' (PTA) meeting chaired by our new chair, Jo Johnson. Many thanks Jo for a well chaired meeting and thank you too to all parents, staff and governors who attended; it was lovely to see some new faces there! Fingers crossed that our next meeting at the start of Term 5 will be able to be held in person here in the school building; we look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to those parents who have already responded to their class reps regarding the changes in arrangements at pick-up times. I would encourage you all to share your thoughts via this channel of communication in order that your voice is heard and the changes can be made as soon as possible. Please do get in touch if you wish to find out who your class rep is and how they can be contacted. Thank you.

**I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.**

**Karen Slade**

# Around School



## Parent - Teacher Consultations

Thankyou to all of the parents and carers who have booked their Parent - Teacher Consultation meeting for the chance to touch base with the class teacher on how your child is progressing academically and socially within school on Tuesday 22 March and Thursday 24 March between 16:00 and 19:00.

We are delighted that 76% of appointments have already been booked, which means that if you haven't already done so, please make sure you log on and book this weekend.

These meetings will continue to be held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

You will need to log on to Arbor, choose the day then the time that you would like to book - please also make sure that the attending parent has a tick beside their name to ensure you receive acknowledgement of your booking. There are enough slots for each family, who are restricted to booking one session only. If you require two bookings, you will need to write to the class teacher to arrange a suitable time to have that second consultation in due course. Instructions on how to access the meetings will be made available nearer the time.



### **Hippogriff Class (Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)**

Thankyou to the parents in Hippogriff Class for your patience whilst Arbor sorted out a gremlin in their system, which wasn't allowing you to book appointments for the Tuesday evening. This problem was fixed yesterday and we are glad to see that parents are now able to book successfully.

## Date Alterations: Year 6

Due to a postponement of the first Griffin Class Bikeability session, we need to notify all Year 6 parents of some date changes required to accommodate the rearranged session.

The new dates for coming activities in Hydra and Griffin Classes are as follows:

**Monday 14 March - Griffin Class (Mrs Burnside) Bikeability Level 2: Children in Group D**

**Monday 14 March - Hydra Class (Miss Lidlow) Forest School**

**Tuesday 15 March - Griffin Class (Mrs Burnside) Forest School**

## Running Late? How to Contact Yeti's Wraparound Care



All users of our Breakfast and After School provision, Yeti's, should have the following number saved into their telephone.

**01732 37 77 60**

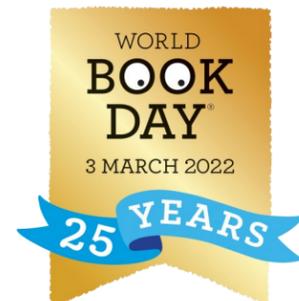
This new direct line telephone number was first advertised earlier this year and should be used if you are running late for collection between 16:00 and 17:30 Monday to Friday.

# Reading Corner



## World Book Day 2022

World Book Day celebrated its 25th birthday this year, and in traditional style, the children at Slade took the opportunity to come to school dressed up as characters from their favourite books.



## Random Reading Winners

Thankyou to everyone who entered our Random Reading Spot competition over the February break. Miss Redden had the honour and pleasure of announcing the winners in Celebration Assembly this morning. Special congratulations to James, who won first prize for reading in a number of random places, including at the barbers! James wins book vouchers and two books. The following entries also win book vouchers. It is definitely worth entering our competitions!



# Slade Sport



## Cricket Coaching at Slade

Our Year 4 classes have been lucky to have PE lessons with English Cricket Board Level 2 coach, Gary Marshall.

Gary is Director of Cricket for the Cowdrey Cricket Club based at Swanmead Sports Ground in Tonbridge and holds a Tuesday night club after school here at Slade.

Lessons include batting, bowling and fielding and Gary is hoping to enter Slade into cricket tournaments in the summer terms.

If any child at Slade is interested in joining Gary for his Tuesday evening club, please contact him directly on 07913 409068 or via [gary.marshall104@btopenworld.com](mailto:gary.marshall104@btopenworld.com).

The club runs from 15:30 to 16:35 every Tuesday, for just £23.00.



## Netball Stingers

Mrs Ball and Miss Lidlow led our two Year 5 and 6 Netball teams to a first off site sports competition since the start of the pandemic yesterday evening. The long awaited return to local competition saw 12 children compete in the Tonbridge Schools Stingers Netball Competition played at Weald of Kent Grammar School.



The children played 6 matches and were then placed into play-off groups. Slade were placed on the second place play off; coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the tournament. Between them, the squad played against: Paddock Wood, Stocks Green, Three Elms, Yalding, Chiddingstone, Shipbourne and St Margaret's Primary Schools.

Mrs Ball was very proud of all of the team, especially as it was their first outing representing the school, She commented on the tenacious ability of our defensive play, saying, 'We saw a great defensive performance from Mia and I need to say well done to our scorers Isobel and Momo. Alex also provided some very supportive sideline coaching when he was sub. #TeamSlade put on a fantastic performance with great teamwork shown by all.'



The squad also benefited from Miss Lidlow's half-time oranges!

## The Slade Squad

Well done to everyone who competed and represented Slade so well: Momo, Tobias, Isobel, James, Iris, Alex, George, Mia, Ramya, Gabby, Sophia, William, Mrs Ball and Miss Lidlow.

Our team would literally have got nowhere without the help and support of the parents who drove them to Weald. Thankyou to these valuable squad members too!

# 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

95.5%

Attendance This Year

94.7%

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

19

## 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>

# 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 28 February	This Week at Slade	
Monday 28 February	Teaching Arrangements: Dragon Class	Dragon Class
Monday 28 February	Parent Consultations - Hippogriff Class	Hippogriff Class
Tuesday 1 March	Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter	Year 1
Tuesday 1 March	Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter	Year 2
Tuesday 1 March	Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter	Year 3
Tuesday 1 March	Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter	Year 4
Tuesday 1 March	Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter	Year 5
Tuesday 1 March	Secondary School National Offer Day	
Wednesday 2 March	Road Crossing	All School
Thursday 3 March	PTA Meeting	All School
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day	
Thursday 3 March	Stingers Netball	
Thursday 3 March	Parent Consultations - Hippogriff Class	Hippogriff Class
Friday 4 March	Stinger's Netball, From the Match	
Friday 4 March	Celebration Assembly	

## Pre-Ordered PTA Uniform Sale - Thursday 10 March

The PTA are pleased to say that they will be holding a uniform sale next Thursday, 10 March.

You must order in advance before Wednesday 9 March. Last orders taken at 20:00.

The orders will be bagged up and then be ready for collection from the Main Playground Gate. Payment will be made at the same time as collection, by card please.

Order now via email; please include all relevant information such as name, class, item, size.

Order > Email [sladeuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:sladeuniformshop@gmail.com)

# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 7 March	Swimming Lesson - Pegasus Class, Year 3, Miss Redden
Tuesday 8 March	
Wednesday 9 March	
Thursday 10 March	Swimming Lesson - Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens PTA Uniform Sale - See Page 7 16:30 - Year 6 Parent Meeting regarding Carrotty Wood School Residential
Friday 11 March	

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
TUESDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)
WEDNESDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)
THURSDAY	
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 Year 3 and 4 Hockey
THURSDAY	The Art Trolley, First Class Basketball and Netball
FRIDAY	Wendy Ball Year 5 and 6 Hockey, Next Thing STEM, SAMA Karate

## Further Ahead :

Thursday 17 March	Vision and NCMP Screening - EYFS and Year 6
Thursday 24 March	Year 1 Dinosaur and Fossil Workshop Consent and Payment should be made via your Arbor account
Tuesday 22 March and Thursday 24 March	Parent - Teacher Consultations - See Page 3
Friday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 1 April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt 
Monday 4 April - Monday 18 April	Easter Break 
Tuesday 19 April	First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade!
Tuesday 19 April	EYFS22 Primary School Year R Intake National Offer Day If you have applied for this intake, please await further information on the next steps
Monday 2 May	National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils
Friday 27 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June	Summer Terms Break - School Closed to all pupils