Slade
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this term!

This final week has been another busy one with egg-citing learning happening across the school. We've had cookery and baking, with Year 3 creating (and eating!) their own pizzas and Reception children baking (and eating!) their chocolate Easter egg baskets. There's been plenty of needlework too with Year 2 classes sewing the puppets that they've designed during the term and Year 5 children creating their own soft toys. Not forgetting all of the inter class sports tournaments that have taken place across the week too! Phew; well done everyone!

As many of you are aware, on Tuesday 29 March, the government set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April. In addition, schools have now received updated guidance from the DfE outlining the changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from today. Therefore, children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. The guidance continues that regular asymptomatic testing is no longer required; however, free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April. Should you have any further queries please refer to the guidance at the link above. We will also be sending a reminder of procedures to follow if your child is unwell at the start of Term 5.

At the time of writing I am very much looking forward to attending the egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt which the fabulous PTA volunteers are hosting on the school field after school later today. Many thanks to all the parents who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to arrange this event for all of our families to enjoy. Many thanks too to the many of you who have bought tickets to attend; all funds raised enable us to afford those additional extras that otherwise we wouldn't be able to afford for every child at Slade to benefit from. So many thanks from us all. I look forward to seeing you on the field later! (A reminder please to use the back gate in Hawden Road if attending; thank you.)

A huge thank you to all parents across the school for your co-operation and understanding as this week we welcomed yet more parents onto the school site at the end of the day to collect their children. Thank you all for enabling the transition to these changes to go as smoothly as they did; we very much appreciate it. An overview of the arrangements for all year groups will be shared at the start of Term 5 as a reminder to all following the Easter break.

We are currently looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor to our growing team of lunchtime staff. More details about this role are available on the Kent teach website at www.kent-teach.com or do come to speak to either myself or Miss Garrett if you want to find out more.

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing everyone back in school at the start of Term 5 on Tuesday 19 April.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade

Around School

Early Beginning to Summer: Queen's Day

As part of the Government's plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, every school has been given an extra day off of the normal school year.

As a result of this, our summer holiday will begin a day earlier than previously advertised. Therefore, the final day of the school year will be Thursday 21 July with Queen's Day on Friday 22 July being the first day of the holiday with school closed to all pupils.

The Term Dates on the school website have been updated to reflect this change.

More > Term Dates via the school website

If you are beginning to plan next years holiday, please note that the 2022/23 Term Dates are also online. Please be mindful of not booking time away during term time - every day absent has an impact on a child's education. Please see the regular note on page 7 for details of our Attendance Policy, which is in line with all Community Schools in Kent.

Further to the Queen's Jubilee, the school have received a wonderful book written by David Gamble called 'BucQUEENham Palace'. The book has been donated by Kent County Council to all Community Schools in the county. Tilly and Zara in Year 6 have designed and written thankyou notes to both Shellina Prendergast from KCC and to the author. The book, which details the Queen's life as well as a history of the Royal Family is now in the school library for all of the children to read.

National Offer Day: EYFS September Starters

The first day back to school for the beginning of the summer terms at Slade is on Tuesday 19 April. This is also the day that thousands of parents across Kent and across the country find out which school their 3 or 4 year old child has been allocated to start in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

If you have applied for your child to join us here at Slade, either as a brand new entrant or as a sibling family connection, you will receive an email detailing the result of your application during the day on Tuesday 19 April. KCC state that this is from 16:00, but in reality most emails are sent before this time.

If you are allocated Slade, you will also receive a welcome email directly from us on the same day. Please wait for this email before responding to the offer, either to accept or decline the place.

We look forward to welcoming all of our new families during Term 5 and 6.

PTA Easter Hunt

By the time you are reading this newsletter, we hope that the children have all enjoyed the PTA Easter Hunt on the school field. Our thanks to the new committee and chair, Jo Johnson, for organising the event and for their continued superb support of every child at Slade, each of who benefit from the money raised at these events.

Nourish News

Nourish Summer and Autumn Menu

Clare and her team are pleased to be able to share the new Nourish Menu, which will be served throughout the Summer Terms* and into the first two terms of the next school year.
As ever, there are Vegan, Dairy Free and Gluten Free versions of the menu and all of the cultural and medical dietary needs of the children are known to the kitchen staff. Don't forget to update us via email or directly via your Arbor App if any dietary needs change during your time at Slade.

*Clare would also like to give advance notice that a special menu is planned during the Queen's Jubilee week (Monday 23 May to Friday 27 May) in which a different menu will be served, details of which will be released soon; we are sure there are to be many of the Queen's favourite foods on offer that week!

Nourish contract catering

APRIL TO OCTOBER 2022

WEEKLY MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 18TH APRIL 16TH MAY 20TH JUNE 18TH JULY 19TH SEPTEMBER 17TH OCTOBER	Vegan Balognaise Twists 1,3 Vg Vegetable & Chick Pea Curry & Rice Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Sweet & Sour Chicken 12 Cheese & Tomato Stack Wrap 1,7 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Broccoli Diced Swede Lemon Cheesecake 1,7,9,15 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Roast Pork & Gravy Sweet Potato Pinwheel 1 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Carrots, Cabbage Fruit Jelly Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Cottage Pie Tomato Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Sweetcorn Cauliflower Banana Bar 1,15 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Fish Fingers 1,8 Baked Bean Burger in a Bun 1,5 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Coleslaw 9 Fruit Pots Fruit Jelly Yoghurt 7
WEEK 2 25TH APRIL 23RD MAY 27TH JUNE 29TH AUGUST 26TH SEPTEMBER 24TH OCTOBER	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V Chick Pea Jambalaya Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Warm Pasta Salad 1 Sweetcorn, Peppers Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Barbeque Pork Tomato Bows 1 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Cauliflower Peas Peach Crumble 1 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Roast Turkey & Gravy Caribbean Pastie 1 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots Crispy Cake 7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Penne Balognaise 1 Cauliflower & Potato Cheese 1,7 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Seasonal Vegetables Caramel Cookie 1,7 Fruit Pots Yoghurt 7	Chicken Bites 1,7 Cheese & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Carrot Sticks Fruit Pots Fruit Jelly Yoghurt 7
WEEK 3 2ND MAY 6TH JUNE 4TH JULY 5TH SEPTEMBER 3RD OCTOBER	Shepherdess Pie 3 Vg Vegetable Sausages & Gravy 1,4,7,12 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Mashed Potato Sweetcorn, Peppers Mandarins & Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Chicken Pie 1 Cheesy Fusilli 1,7 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Sunny Cake 1,9 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Roast Gammon & Gravy Savoury Vegan Mince 3 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower Fruit Jelly Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Sweet Chicken Curry Tomato & Herb Twists 1 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Sliced Carrots Green Beans Chocolate Brownie 1,9 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Fish Fingers 1,8 Stuffed Peppers 7 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Cucumber Sticks Fruit Pots Fruit Jelly Yoghurt 7
WEEK 4 9TH MAY 13TH JUNE 11TH JULY 12TH SEPTEMBER 10TH OCTOBER	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Rice & Bean Burrito with Baked Wedges 1 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Green Beans Sliced Carrots Yoghurt, Mandarin & Honey 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Sausages with Gravy 1,6 Vegan Sausage Roll 1 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Mashed Potato, Cabbage Baked Beans Chocolate Sponge 1,9 & Chocolate Sauce 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots	Roast Chicken & Gravy Meatfree Meatballs 3 Vg Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Lemon Drizzle Cake 1,9 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots Yoghurt 7	Mild Mexican Mince 4 Cheese & Broccoli Twists 1,7 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Cauliflower Green Beans Fruity Flapjack 1,15 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Salmon Fish Cake 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Coleslaw 9 Fruit Pots Fruit Jelly Yoghurt 7

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen: **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** Celeriac/Celery **13** Nuts **14** Lupins **15** Oat Gluten **16** Barley Gluten

Allergen Accreditation

Key:
Vg Vegan
V Vegetarian

Available Daily: Selection of Salads **9**, Homemade Bread **1,3,7,9**.
Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions.
These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

THREE OPTIONS

Forest School

Forest School in Term 5

Miss Hall looks forward to welcoming the classes from across the school for their Forest School sessions in Term 5.

On the day that your child is due to visit Forest School, please make sure the suitable clothing for the day is brought into school in a bag to change into at the appropriate time.

Thursday 21 April - Phoenix (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Friday 22 April - Sphinx (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Monday 25 April - Wyvern (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Tuesday 26 April - Dragon (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Thursday 28 April - Griffin (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Friday 29 April - Gruffalo (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock), Elmer (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Tuesday 3 May - Hydra (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)

Thursday 5 May - Pixie (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs McFerran)

Friday 6 May - Elf (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Monday 9 May - Gnome (Year 2, Miss Taylor)

Tuesday 10 May - Sprite (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Thursday 12 May - Pegasus (Year 3, Miss Redden)

Friday 13 May - Hippogriff (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Monday 16 May - Phoenix (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Tuesday 17 May - Sphinx (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Monday 23 May - Wyvern (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Tuesday 24 May - Dragon (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Thursday 26 May - Griffin (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Friday 27 May - Hydra (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)

Around School

Introducing Your Class Rep: EYFS and KS1

It was wonderful to meet all of our new Class Reps earlier in the term and would like to say a big thank you for taking up this position in order to help us strengthen the partnership between parents and the school. We asked each of our Class Reps to tell us a little about themselves so read on to find out more about your Class Rep!

Elmer Class – Amanda Rendle

"Hi! My name is Amanda and I'm class rep for Elmer. We have just started our primary school journey; I have Harry in Elmer and younger son Josh who is 2. Having spent most of my teenage years at school here in Tonbridge, I'm really glad to be back here and getting to know the area again, this time from a parent's perspective. So far we are all really enjoying being part of the Slade school community and I look forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming months and joining in with school activities."

Gruffalo Class – Kate Whitehurst

"My name is Kate and my daughter Poppy is in Gruffalo class! I'm so excited to be part of the Slade community as Class Rep. I grew up in Singapore and was born in America but my parents are both British. I'm obsessed with food, cooking, love swimming, yoga and being outdoors. A word of warning, I'm a hugger and I can't wait until we can all meet up in person again!"

Pixie Class – Emma Pallett

"Hello, my name is Emma and I am mum to Rosie (Pixie Class, Year 1) and to Oliver who will hopefully be joining Slade in 2023! I am excited to get to know the other Class Reps and be more involved with the parent community, represent everyone's ideas and I am looking forward to seeing some long overdue in-person events happen! In my (rare!) free time I love being outside with my family and friends, knitting, working on my garden and baking various cake creations with my kids."

Elf Class – Emily Richardson

"Hi I'm Emily Richardson, Mum of Peony (Year 2), Beau (Year 1) and Daisy who will start in September. While I've enjoyed 4 years of multiple preschool/school runs, I look forward to having the girls in one place for a few years so I can get back to my sewing workshop and enjoy a hot cup of tea! I hope meeting with the class reps we can share some ideas of how to make the parents feel more of a community after 2 years distancing."

Gnome Class – Lisa Pearson

"Hi I'm Lisa Pearson mum of Reece in Gnome Class (Year 2). I'm looking forward to being a class rep and helping the school and the PTA. Hopefully we can get back to the friendly and social school we were pre Covid."

Sprite Class – Amy Packard

"Hello my name is Amy, Class Rep for Sprite. Mum to William in Year 2 and Otis in Reception. In September I took over as Treasurer for the PTA, learning as I go but it's lovely to get to meet other parents from around the school."

Around School

Introducing Your Class Rep: Key Stage 2

It was wonderful to meet all of our new Class Reps earlier in the term and would like to say a big thank you for taking up this position in order to help us strengthen the partnership between parents and the school. We asked each of our Class Reps to tell us a little about themselves so read on to find out more about your Class Rep!

Pegasus Class – Rachael Hays

"Hi I'm Rachel and my husband Richard and I have two children at Slade, Bryher in Pegasus and Henry in Elmer. We moved to Tonbridge just over 8 years ago and love exploring the local area as a family at weekends. I am a Technology Transformation Director and currently work for an educational group which aligns nicely with my love of learning. In my spare time I'm taking a degree in Psychology with the OU, try and fit in some kind of exercise and am a member of more book clubs than I can keep up with!"

Phoenix Class – Maria Stolton

"I'm Maria Stolton and I'm Class Rep for Phoenix Class. My son is in Year 4 and my daughter has recently left Slade to start her secondary school journey. I remember pre-covid times where Slade was a buzz of social activity, there were frequent PTA events and parents would natter away and make friends in the playground. We would be welcome into school to look at our children's wonderful learning experiences and we would watch their performance in person with pride. We would enjoy coffee mornings and charity events altogether. I'm excited now to be part of a class rep team that can hopefully work out a way to bring these much needed things back to our wonderful Slade community! I want to show our families that have only experienced covid times just how fab our school community can be!"

Sphinx Class – Jo Johnson

"Hi I'm Jo Johnson. Some of you may know me already as the chair of the PTA. I've now taken the role on as Class Rep for Sphinx Class. I've been part of the Slade community for the last eight years with my eldest leaving Slade in July 2021 to start his journey at secondary school. My youngest son (Lewis) is in Year 4. I am so looking forward to the Slade community meeting again after a long two years of disruption."

Wyvern Class – Louise Webb

"Hello! I'm Louise and have been part of the Slade school community for many, many years! 9 years in fact! I've enjoyed helping out with PTA events, school trips and volunteering in Reception! My daughter Megan is in Wyvern and my son Harvey went to Slade and is now in Year 8. He likes to come back and see the teachers when possible. I am now a dog walker so instead of being surrounded by children I'm now surrounded by crazy dogs! I look forward to being a Class Rep and seeing parents get involved in school life again."

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	94.1%
Attendance This Year	95.3%

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	23

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 21 March	This Week at Slade	
Monday 28 March	Term 5 Bookings at Yeti's	
Monday 28 March	Year 6 Hockey Tournament	
Monday 28 March	Hockey Tournament Results	
Tuesday 29 March	Year 4 Gate Arrangements	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 29 March	Summer Menu	EYFS Year R Parents
Tuesday 29 March	Chance 2 Dance - Backstage at The Stag	
Tuesday 29 March	Chance 2 Dance - Ready to Perform	
Tuesday 29 March	Parent Consultations - Elf Class	Elf Class Parents
Wednesday 30 March	Year 3 and 4 Hockey Training	Year 3 and 4 Parents
Wednesday 30 March	Year 5 Gate Arrangements	Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 30 March	Year 6 Gate Arrangements	Year 6 Parents
Friday 1 April	Extra Curricular Clubs - Summer Terms	All School
Friday 1 April	Year 6 Easter Learning	Year 6 Parents

For Your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 18 April	**Easter Monday Holiday - School Closed to all Pupils**
Tuesday 19 April	**First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade!** **EYFS22 Primary School Year R Intake National Offer Day** If you have applied for this intake, please see Admissions section on our website or await further information on the next steps on offer day
Wednesday 20 April	
Thursday 21 April	
Friday 22 April	**Year 5 and Year 6 First Aid Training with Goff Pain**

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	**Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin**
FRIDAY	**Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman**

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**
THURSDAY	**The Art Trolley, First Class Basketball and Netball**
FRIDAY	**Next Thing STEM, SAMA Karate**

Further Ahead :

Monday 4 April - Monday 18 April inclusive	**Easter Holiday - School Closed to all pupils**
Friday 29 April	**Year 5 and 6 First Aid Training** More information to follow nearer the time
Monday 2 May	**National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils**
Monday 9 May - Friday 13 May	**KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) - Year 6**
Monday 16 May - Friday 19 May	**KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) - Year 2**
Tuesday 17 May	**Matthew Walker Photography - Class Group Photographs**
Friday 27 May	**Last Day of Term 5**
Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June	**Summer Terms Break - School Closed to all pupils**
Monday 6 June	**School INSET Day - School Closed to all pupils**
Tuesday 7 June	**First Day of Term 6**
Tuesday 7 June	**Start of Year1 Phonics Screening**
Tuesday 7 June	**Start of Year 4 Multiplication Tables Testing**
Thursday 20 June	**Sports Day**

All timetabled events and scheduled clubs and activities are subject to short notice alteration, postponement or cancellation and are correct as of the date of this newsletter