



Slade

Primary School

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Year 2 were the winners of the Daily Mile challenge last term and enjoyed an afternoon of fun on the field this week as a prize!

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From the
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week here at Slade with the first full week of Term 5 seeming to fly by in a haze of learning and fun!

One of the many things that I enjoy about my job is that I am able to walk the school each day seeing and hearing all the fabulous learning taking place, both indoors and out. It is a real privilege to observe all the children and staff in action, hard at work and engaged in their learning. Particular highlights this week have included the celebration of reading minutes with Sphinx Class, seeing the fabulous sentences being written by Gruffalo children and the wonderful story writing taking place next door to me in Sprite Class. Well done everyone, keep up the good work!

Congratulations to our Key Stage 1 cricket team (pictured here) who represented the school in the Tonbridge Schools Rapid Fire Cricket Competition, their first ever tournament, where they were crowned champions! All in the team were a credit to the school in the way that they performed and conducted themselves throughout. Thank you and well done all! Thank you too to the staff for organising and to all of the parents who went along to support. Details of the team's success was also put out on our Twitter feed.



Yesterday was a special day as we welcomed groups of parents into the school building not once but twice for the first time since March 2020! Firstly, thank you to our Class Reps who came into school yesterday afternoon for the first 'in person' meeting of this year which for some was the first time of entering the school building beyond the front door. It was great to catch up and to begin getting to know you all over a cuppa whilst also hearing your thoughts and feedback on the topic of communication. Thank you especially for your positive thoughts regarding this newsletter, all of which has been shared with Mr Laws, our editor-in-chief!

Then Thursday evening saw the first PTA meeting post Covid restrictions which saw a huge number of you enjoying being back in the school hall, catching up and meeting new people over a glass of wine. It really was so very lovely to see so many of you there and hear your thoughts and reflections around fundraising here at Slade, especially the plans for the upcoming summer fete. The involvement of all parents in our school community and the PTA is very much appreciated and we look forward to the fundraising events that are planned for this term! More updates to follow from the PTA in next week's newsletter!

A reminder for Year 5 parents that there is an information evening about the Kent Test and Secondary School application process planned for Tuesday 3 May at 6.30pm in the school hall. This is open to all parents of pupils in Year 5 to explain the secondary transfer process and answer any queries that you may have. Entrance to the school site will be from the main playground entrance and not via the car park gate. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that due to a lack of demand, Hawden Road gate and entrance will no longer be opened at the end of the school day from next week. It will however still be in use at the **start of the day** in order to reduce the flow of traffic at pinch points around the school. As shared last week we continue to review the drop off and pick up routines currently in place so please do continue to share your thoughts with us.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.

Karen Slade

For Your Diary



Next Week :

| Day | Event |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 2 May | National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils |
| Tuesday 3 May | |
| Wednesday 4 May | Year 3-6 Gymnastics - Participants have been informed by email |
| Thursday 5 May | Year 4/5 Handball - Participants have been informed by email |
| Friday 6 May | |

Forest School Next Week:

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| MONDAY | |
| TUESDAY | Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow) |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| THURSDAY | Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs McFerran) |
| FRIDAY | Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill) |

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

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| MONDAY | Y5/6 Netball, First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics, Learn Chess, mSPORTi Multi Sports |
| TUESDAY | YR/1 Book Club (Lunch), Y3/4 Board Games, YR-2 Train Club, Gary Marshall Cricket, Dancemode |
| WEDNESDAY | Y5/6 Yoga (Before School), Y4-6 Choir(Lunch), Y2/3 Singing, West Kent Athletics |
| THURSDAY | Y3/4 Cricket (Before School), Y3 Signing Choir (Lunch), Y4-6 Dance, Art Trolley, First Class Basket |
| FRIDAY | Y5/6 Cricket (Before School), SAMA Karate |

Clubs in Green are Free Clubs with spaces available, Clubs in Red are Free Clubs currently full, Clubs in Black are Paid For , check with organisers for availability.

Further Ahead :

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| 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 |
| Monday 16 May | EYFS Hearing Screening for parents who have requested this service |
| Tuesday 17 May | Matthew Walker Photography - Class Group Photographs |
| Wednesday 18 May | Current Year R and Year 1 Parent Open Event |
| Thursday 19 May | Judd School Music Concert (Pupils in Sprite Class and Dragon Class) |
| Friday 27 May | Last Day of Term 5 |
| Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June | Summer Terms Break - School Closed to all pupils |
| Tuesday 7 June | First Day of Term 6 |
| Tuesday 7 June - Friday 10 June | KS1 Statutory Phonics Screening - Year 1 KS2 Statutory Times Tables Screening - Year 4 If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher |
| Thursday 23 June | Sports Day - More information to follow shortly |
| Friday 10 June | PC Olivia Munday to see Year 6 Pupils as part of Key Stage 2 to 3 Transition |
| Tuesday 28 June (18:00), Wednesday 29 June (09:30) | EYFS22 Parent Information Meetings - Details in Welcome Packs |

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

Around School



What's On at Slade: Keep Up to Date

We appreciate that the number of events and extra activities in and around school has risen dramatically recently in line with current COVID guidance which has thankfully allowed us to return to a much enhanced timetable.

Along with Forest School and Swimming Lessons, we have had children take part in lots of sporting events, the latest of which saw our Year 4 and 5 Rapid Cricket team win the Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge competition on Wednesday evening.

To help you know when extra kit is required (usually for Forest School and Swimming) we maintain a fully up-to-date calendar on our website as well as the diary page in the newsletter. To assist further, we have posted a 'What's On' tweet each Monday morning - we will improve this by posting early each morning which class is taking part in any event; hopefully by using any of these medias will help to remember what is needed at school and to avoid receiving the dreaded, 'Can you come back to school with kit?' telephone call!

[More > The School Calendar via the school website](#)

[More > Follow us @sladeprimarysch](#)

PTA News

Thankyou to the parents, carers and staff who attended last night's first 'In School' PTA meeting since 2020!

Amongst the topics on discussion was a look forward to the Jubilee themed Summer Fête, which will go ahead on Saturday 25 June between Midday and 15:00.

The minutes from the meeting will be issued next week, with more details on the return of the fête in next week's newsletter.



Girls Football at Tonbridge Juniors



Tonbridge Junior Football Club are looking for girls currently in Year 1 and Year 2 who enjoy playing football to join their brand new team.

The girls will be training together on a Saturday morning in Tonbridge and are looking forward to playing next season as an Under 7 and Under 8 team.

For more information, contact the club via their website (find the form under the Contact Us tab).

Alternatively, if you would like an informal chat about the club and these brand new team, we are pleased to say that our own Teaching Assistant Heather Bowker would be pleased to help. Contact the school office if you would like Heather to call you back to discuss further.

[More > Via tjfc.co.uk](#)

Around School



Great News For Our Deaf Community

Everyone at Slade joins over 151,000 users of British Sign Language in celebrating the news earlier this week, that BSL is to become a recognized language in law in England. Member of Parliament Rosie Cooper (Labour, West Lancashire) who proposed the bill and has worked tirelessly for its passing into law explains that her Bill recognises BSL as a language in its own right and requires the Government to produce guidance on promoting and protecting its use throughout public bodies.



The BSL Act will recognise BSL as a language of England, Wales and Scotland in its own right. It is also supported by a duty on the Secretary of State for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to regularly report on what each relevant government department has done to promote or facilitate the use of British Sign Language in its communications with the public.

The Act further places a requirement on the DWP Secretary of State to issue guidance to departments on the promotion and facilitation of BSL. The guidance will be developed together with D/deaf BSL signers.

Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work Chloe Smith MP said: Today is a momentous day and I truly hope it will transform the lives of D/deaf people across the country. The BSL Bill will help remove barriers faced by the D/deaf community in daily life and is a further welcome step towards a more inclusive and accessible society. I am so grateful to the efforts of Rosie Cooper MP and the wonderful campaigners who have brought the BSL Bill to the point of passing into law and I'm proud to have played a small part in its journey.

Rosie Cooper MP said: At long last, the Deaf community will be able to say that their language is legally recognised. Working across party lines and with the Deaf community, I really believe we have made history by creating a mechanism for Deaf people to achieve equal access to public services. Their voices will be heard loud and clear and there will be no excuse for failing to respect BSL as a language. The hard work doesn't stop here however, but the door is now open for the Deaf community make real progress fixing the injustices that they continue to face.

David Buxton, Chair of the British Deaf Association, said: We are extremely pleased to see the UK Parliament finally vote to recognise British Sign Language as a language of Great Britain in law today, after 19 long years of campaigning. Today is a historic day for the Deaf community in the UK, and an inspiration for other countries around the world where the national sign language has not yet been recognised in law. The British Deaf Association looks forward to working hand in hand with the government and civil servants to implement and monitor the progress of the BSL Act 2022. While today is a day to celebrate, we are aware that this marks the first step on a long path towards providing truly equal access to public services, information and opportunities for Deaf BSL users in Great Britain.

Mark Atkinson, Chief Executive at RNID, said: RNID and our supporters join with the Deaf community today to celebrate this historic moment as British Sign Language passes the final hurdle before it is legally recognised in England, Wales and Scotland. We're immensely proud to have worked alongside other deaf organisations and parliamentarians to support this campaign. We look forward to the BSL Bill getting Royal Assent soon and to working with the government to make sure the BSL Act makes a real difference to the lives of Deaf people in the UK. The Third Reading of the BSL Bill takes place today in the House of Lords and following this it will receive Royal Assent.

The BSL Bill was first introduced on 16 June 2021 and passed through the House of Commons on 17 March 2022, receiving unanimous cross-party support.

Meet The Team

Marian Barlow



Lunchtimes at Slade span from midday through to 13:30 as the children enjoy a well earned break, refuel and a stretch of legs before they embark on their afternoon sessions. Lunchtime for the younger children in EYFS and KS1 is from 12 to 1 and for the children in KS2, between 12:30 and 13:30. This allows for there to be plenty of space on the playground for the children to safely run, walk, sit and talk whilst also allowing a smooth flow of yeargroups into the main hall to be served with their choice of Nourish meal or to tuck into their packed lunch for the day. We operate table service, with the children being handed the plate of their choice, made during registration time in the morning.

Doing the serving and supervising both in the hall and back out on the playground and field during the lunch period are our team of nine Lunchtime Supervisors. Amongst this number is Marian Barlow, who also works at school as a Teaching Assistant. We caught up with Marian last week to discuss the role of the Lunchtime Supervisor.

How would you describe the role of a Lunchtime Supervisor?

To look after and safeguard children at lunch whilst creating a happy atmosphere and dealing with any minor incidents which inevitably happen as well as basic first aid. Fortunately, there are less injuries at this time of year because it is summertime and we can all get back down on the school field.

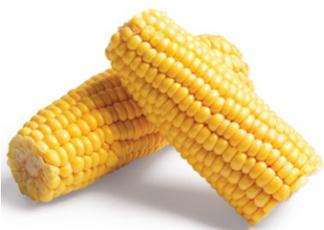
Where did you go to school?

I attended St Margaret Clitherow School, which I enjoyed thoroughly. My children went to Hildenborough School.



Do you remember the lunchtime staff at your primary school?

I do! There was a really strict Dinner Lady (the title back in the day) called Mrs Lenahan. Everyone was really scared of her; I think it was just her 'snappy' manner and lack of smile! I met Mrs Lenahan about twenty years after leaving school and I must say, she was delightful and she was lovely to me!



The Dinner Ladies would always make me eat sweetcorn, which always filled me with dread!

You have other roles at Slade, does this help you when you are wearing your Lunchtime Supervisor 'hat'?

Yes. Basically, I know the children, they know me and we are all aware of the school's expectations. We are also able to use our experience in the classroom to use the same language and techniques used by the teachers so that the children have a consistent approach which makes understanding what needs to happen much easier and successful.



Everyone enjoys the summertime when we can all go down to the field. There is so much more space to run without fear of knocking into anyone!

Meet The Team

Marian Barlow

What is your favourite part of being a Lunchtime Supervisor at Slade?

We are really very lucky to be able to share time with some extremely wonderful children. I particularly enjoy a warm, dry day where we can stroll around making sure everyone is okay whilst the children play and relax - it is really lovely when they want to share time with us as well, coming up for a chat about their day and the games they are enjoying.



How is the team organised?

We look after our own yeargroups so that the children know us and have a consistent approach each day. Miss Garrett organizes which groups we are to be with and we follow those groups at play and when they go inside to eat their lunch. We help in the main hall by serving out the dinners that Clare and her Nourish team have been preparing in the morning.

Lunch is served!



Eaten, enjoyed



And Cleared Away!



Thankyou to everyone in our amazing team who contribute to a successful lunch, every day, at Slade.

Forest School



Corker Outdoor Living

Miss Hall and everyone who used Forest School would like to pass on their thanks to Corker Outdoor Living of Paddock Wood who donated a huge bag of compost that has been used to top up the beds in the school allotment. These are now ready for planting out this term.

Make your garden a Corker!

Visit corker.co.uk

Call 01892 833325



Forest School Tours



Ever wondered what your child does when they are in Forest School?

Choose from the dates below to come and find out more!



Email office@slade.kent.sch.uk to book your place!

- Monday 16th May @ 11am
- Tuesday 17th May @ 9.30am
- Monday 23rd May @ 11am
- Tuesday 24th May @ 2pm
- Wednesday 25th May @ 2pm
- Thursday 26th May @ 2pm

More dates to be added in Term 6!

*Places are currently capped at 10 families per session and we cannot guarantee that you will see your child when visiting Forest School. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate young children on site.



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

94.5%

Attendance This Year

94.1%

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

30*

*This total includes 19 latemarks caused by exceptional incident on Thursday 28 April.

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 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 24 April | Kent Test Information Evening | Year 5 Parents  |
| Monday 25 April | This Week at Slade |  |
| Monday 25 April | PTA Meeting on Thursday |  |
| Wednesday 27 April | 3D Shape Learning | Year 1 Parents  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Judd School Music Performance | Sprite and Dragon Parents  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Rapid Cricket |  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter | Year 1 Parents  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter | Year 2 Parents  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter | Year 3 Parents  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter | Year 4 Parents  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter | Year 5 Parents  |
| Wednesday 27 April | Term 5 Curriculum Newsletter | Year 6 Parents  |
| Thursday 28 April | Terrible Tonbridge Traffic |  |
| Thursday 28 April | PTA Meeting Tonight | All School  |
| Friday 29 April | Celebration Assembly Round Up |  |
| Friday 29 April | EYFS Weekly Newsletter | Year R Parents  |
| Friday 29 April | Consent and Emergency Information Form | Year 6 Parents  |
| Friday 29 April | Current Year R and Year 1 Parent Open Event | Year R and Year 1 Parents  |
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New Place for our Dates

It was lovely seeing our Class Reps in school for their first meeting 'together' with Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett on Thursday afternoon.

One of the many positive and thoughtful ideas that was brought up by the group was that it would be useful for the Diary Dates section of the weekly newsletter to be closer to the front of the publication. We are very pleased to have made this change in time for this week's newsletter.

Don't forget also, all of the school diary dates are on the school website: www.slade.kent.sch.uk