



Slade

Primary School

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From the
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy four days here in school!

Thank you so very much to those of you who took the time to get in touch regarding the small change that we made to last week's newsletter. Regular readers may have noticed that the date page has now moved to a new location and is now nearer the beginning of the letter, ensuring that those all important dates for your diary are now quicker to find in the letter. It would seem that this small change was greatly appreciated by many who noticed last week; thank you for letting us know! A small plea that you don't finish your read at page 3 and carry on into the rest of the newsletter too to hear of all the wonderful things that have been happening across the school this week!

This afternoon Miss Garrett and I finally got to enjoy our afternoon tea party that due to Covid has been postponed and rearranged more times than we can remember! The tea party is an opportunity for us to welcome children who join Slade during the school year and to spend time over a biscuit and a drink getting to know each other whilst meeting children from other year groups too. It is also an opportunity for the children to ask absolutely anything about us or the school! Favourite questions this afternoon included "Can you do a wheelie on your bike?" and "Cats or dogs?" Thank you to all the children who attended for a lovely afternoon; we hope that you enjoyed the time together as much as we did.

This morning in Celebration Assembly staff in Titan Class helped us celebrate Deaf Awareness Week, which is an annual event to raise awareness of the challenges of deafness and hearing loss whilst also promoting the positive aspects of deafness. The team reminded us of things to remember when communicating with anyone with a hearing impairment and what we can do in school to support our deaf community. Thank you to all of Titan staff for sharing with us this morning!

Thank you too to those Year 5 parents who attended the secondary transfer information meeting on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you there in person and we hope that you found it informative. Year 5 parents should have all now received a copy of the PowerPoint slides; don't forget that if any of you have any queries regarding this process then do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

We are busy planning ahead for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations that will be held across the final week of this term, culminating in our very own street party event on the Friday lunchtime to mark this historic occasion. More details of what you and your child can expect and how you can help in preparation for these celebrations will be shared in next week's newsletter.

In the interests of everyone's safety a reminder please that children should not be scooting or cycling across the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. In addition we would ask that you vacate the playground as soon as you have collected your child at the end of the day in order that the school site can be secured ready for after school clubs and activities to commence safely. Many thanks for your help in keeping everyone safe at this busy time of the day.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.

Karen Slade

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 9 May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 10 May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs: English Reading
Wednesday 11 May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs: Maths 1 (Arithmetic), Maths 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 12 May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs: Maths 3 (Reasoning)
Friday 13 May	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)
TUESDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

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, Y4-6 Dance*
THURSDAY	Y3/4 Cricket (Before School), Y3 Signing Choir (Lunch), 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. *Day change

Further Ahead :

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 plus INSET Day - 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
Thursday 7 July	Transition Day : Year 6 children to Secondary Schools, Year R-5 to new classes, EYFS22 Children Induction Visit (Further information to follow nearer the time)

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



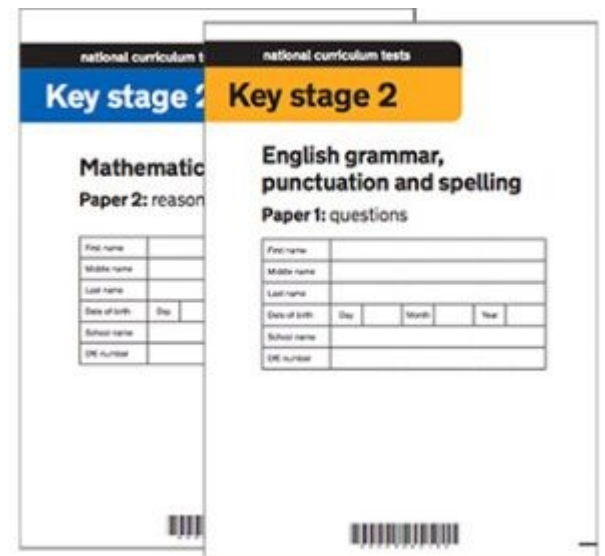
Year 6 SATs..

A quick reminder that next week is national SATs week as children in Year 6 across England take their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. We are very proud of the way that the children have continued their positive learning attitudes all year and they should see the assessments as a way of being happy to show all that they can do.

In preparation for the week long of assessments we encourage all of the children to have had a breakfast in the morning before coming into school and ensure that they have a water bottle each day. The rest of the equipment that they will use will be provided by the school, handed out and collected each day.

It is important that the tests start promptly (which mean they finish on time and give the children time to enjoy the rest of the day) , so please make sure that you arrive on time at 08:40.

The timetable of assessments is included within the dates section of today's newsletter.



..And Beyond



It won't be long before the SATs are out of the way and Year 6 can look forward to a host of exciting events which should see their time at primary school finish with a flourish. These events include cooking at Tonbridge School, Safety in Action, visits to school from Kent Police and the secondary schools that they will be joining in September. The headline event of course is the week long activity week at Carrot Wood from 11 to 15 July.

Please make sure that you have completed and sent back to us, the Consent and Emergency Information form sent by email last week. We currently have only 20 of these back, so we await plenty of them!

Clubs Update

We are delighted that so many children are enjoying the enhanced collection of before, during and after school activity clubs this term.

We are now full in the Year R-1 Book Club and the Year R-2 Train Club and are only a couple of places short of being completely full in both the Thursday afternoon Year 4-6 Dance Club* and the Term 6 Year R-2 Athletics Club.

Due to teacher unavailability, Mrs Ball was representing Slade at the Year 4 and 5 Handball Competition, the Dance Club was cancelled this week.

***Next week, the Dance Club will be held on Wednesday evening rather than Thursday as there is a clash of events and Mrs Ball does not want the children in the club to miss out on too many weeks of their chosen activity.**

Forest School Tours

The Forest School tours are proving predictably popular and we are very much looking forward to greeting all of you who have applied. Please read the additional information sent with your acknowledgement which includes the time and entrance to use as well as confirming that we are not able to accommodate young children or be able to guarantee that your child will be at Forest School during your visit.

Around School



Deaf Awareness Week

Following last week's fantastic news that British Sign Language is to become recognised by law in England and Wales after a long campaign to see the language, used by staff and children in our Titans Class as well as over 151,000 across the nation, this week has been National Deaf Awareness Week, which has naturally been celebrated at Slade.

Mrs Taylor continues to be a source of information and inspiration to the children and staff, both Hearing Impaired and otherwise, raising awareness across our school.

She points us in the direction of the website of the [National Children's Deaf Society](https://www.ndcs.org.uk), who themselves add:

'Every deaf child or young person is different. Levels of hearing loss, communication methods and use of hearing technology can vary widely. It's important to remember this and find out what everyone's individual needs are so you can make sure everyone is included in whatever you are doing together.'

Whether you're a parent, relative or you work with deaf children and young people, there's lots of simple things you can do to be more deaf-friendly'

COMMUNICATING WITH DEAF CHILDREN

Every deaf child has different levels of deafness and ways of communicating.



Find out how they like to communicate.



Try waving or tapping their shoulder lightly to get their attention.



Speak one at a time and make the topic clear.



Make sure your face is visible and in the light. Speak clearly and don't shout.



Try to reduce background noise.



Try writing your message down or texting on your phone if you're struggling.



Use gestures and facial expressions and don't give up!



www.ndcs.org.uk/communicationtips



Slade Sport



It has been another busy week in the sports halls of local secondary schools as they host for the Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership primary school sports competitions.

Year 3-6 Gymnastics Competition

We are incredibly proud of our twelve competitors who travelled to Hillview School on Wednesday morning for their performances in the annual gymnastics competition, which we took part in for the first time.

We joined ten schools from Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, each of who brought with them up to 15 children.

The children had to learn off by heart, three routines set by the British Gymnastics Association, each of which had 10 different movements in the sequence. These routines were performed individually by each competitor in front of watching teachers, staff from Hillview and the judging panel consisting of Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE PE students from Hillview. The girls were tasked with giving a grading to each performance, the results of which are yet to be released.



Many congratulations to all of our team: Lily, Francesca, Finley, Charlotte, Momo, Isobel, Alex, Tabitha, Anshika, April, Lucas and Gabby



Year 4 and 5 Handball Competition

On Thursday afternoon, the first ever Year 4 and 5 sports tournament run by Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership was held, with the popular sport of Handball the focus as the group show their support to pupils in transition from 'lower' KS2 to the upper yeargroups in primary school.

Luckily, we are well accustomed at Slade of playing with and alongside yeargroups from across our key stage, so this competition was a chance for our squad to compete with friends from different classes, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



The tournament was held at St Gregory's School in Tunbridge Wells with 12 teams competing. Slade continued their fine sporting form by finishing third overall, which is a magnificent achievement. Teams at the tournament included eventual winners St James', St Matthew's of Tunbridge Wells, Hadlow, St Johns, Southborough, Paddock Wood and Claremont. All of our players equipped themselves superbly, with standout performances by Sophie and Oliver and goalkeepers Jacob and Ethan.

The sport itself relies on fast paced play and our players quickly adapted their passing and running style to be able to outwit their opponents. The children are already looking forward to another opportunity to further improve, which is fantastic to hear.

Welcome to Slade



This afternoon, we have been hosting a very special event in school for the children that have joined us as In Year Transfers during and since the pandemic struck, starting with the first school 'closures' in March 2020.

Along with in-school provision for Key and Critical Workers' children and the online learning platforms put together by the teaching staff for working at home (thanks again to all of the parents for everything during that time!), the normal day to day tasks of school life were still happening; this included welcoming, albeit in a virtual and remote way, children who transferred to Slade from schools and homes from far and wide away either during Lockdown periods or during the time when schools had reopened to in school learning, but remote working was still commonplace for staff at school and parents. Because of the subsequent COVID safety protocols (or bubbles), these children were unable to receive their proper welcome to Slade, by having a chance to tour the school, see other classrooms and meet children from other yeargroups in the first weeks of their time with us. Fortunately, they have had opportunity to explore a lot more recently and hopefully they all feel at home and happy as part of the Slade family now.

Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett have long wanted to arrange a special occasion for our new starters and today have hosted a tea party for them all in the main hall. This has given the children a chance to meet each other and have a proper chat with staff that they may not have had a chance to talk to before. Thankyou so much to the parents of our 'new' starters for your lovely feedback following the sending of the invites to the tea party; we hope the children have had a lovely afternoon.



Welcome to Slade: Onur, Bonnie, Ayleen, Layla, Enzo, Milo, Andrei, Ronnie, Tuana, Eliz, Momo, Tolu, Kemel, Kiaara, Saivarun, Bodhi, Dylan, Emily, Venika, Daisy, Keeva, Vinisha, Ahaan, Bobby, Lottie, Johnny, Pranav, Charlie, Nadiya, Ollie, Swati, Maya, Shaarav, Nisha, Erin, Rjitaj, Evelyn, Wolffe, Kanya, Cillian, James, Smithy, Sofia, Yaseen, Reuben, Hadassah, Abigale, Rjtvik, Alice, Phoebe.

News from the PTA



Slade PTA Needs Your Help!!

Eleanor Hoyle, Slade PTA

We have upcoming events where your help would be hugely appreciated - these events can't run successfully without our brilliant volunteers.

The biggest of these events is on **Saturday 25 June**, when the Slade Summer Fete will be taking place between 12 and 3.



To make this event happen, we need a lot of help both beforehand and in the day. Your class reps will be in touch about year group stalls and there will also be volunteers needed for refreshments and other stalls on the day. Could you share an hour to cook up a storm on the BBQ or to keep an eye on the inflatable assault course? Can you paint faces or sell second hand uniform?

We're also looking for donated prizes for the auction; again, your brilliant class reps will be sending round messages about this. The well loved barrow of booze raffle will also be back and we will set up donation days for that after half term.



On **Friday 27 May** we will be holding an after school bake sale on the playground; more information in the next couple of weeks about how you can make donations baked goods or offer your time to help on the day.

If you can help with either of these events, please email us at sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk or respond to the post on our Facebook group.

Latest Minutes

The minutes to the latest PTA Meeting held in school on Thursday 28 April are now online on the school website.



[More > The PTA Page on the School Website](#)

[More > The PTA Facebook Page via Facebook.com](#)

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

94.9%

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

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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>

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
Tuesday 3 May	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 3 May	Year 4-6 Dance Club Cancellation	Enrolled Members
Wednesday 4 May	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 4 May	New Starters Tea Party	Eligible Pupils
Wednesday 4 May	Gymnastics Action	
Wednesday 4 May	KS3 Schools and Kent Test Presentation Slides	Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 4 May	Forest School Tours	All School
Wednesday 4 May	Kent Re-Connect Leisure Centres Offer	All School
Wednesday 4 May	Kent Re-Connect Card	FSM Eligible Parents
Thursday 5 May	Today at Slade	
Thursday 5 May	Handball Squad	
Thursday 5 May	Handball Competition Round-Up	
Friday 6 May	Friday at Slade	
Friday 6 May	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 6 May	New Starters Tea Party	