



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final week of Term 5 has been an eclectic mix of learning opportunities in the build up to today's fabulous Jubilee Celebrations. From learning to sign the national anthem, to mastering the steps of the twist through to learning the history of our monarch there has been something for everyone to enjoy, children and adults alike. Do read on to find out in more detail and see some photos of what has been happening across the school this week!

It was so very lovely to see all staff and children dressed in their red, white and blue as they arrived in school this morning with the school quickly transformed into a sea of royal colours. The grounds and buildings were looking equally colourful, decked out with jubilee flags and bunting both of which the children had created throughout the week. This all added to the buzz of excitement as we all joined together to celebrate this historic occasion of the Platinum Jubilee. A particular highlight of our celebrations was when the whole school assembled together, on one of the very few occasions this academic year, for our celebratory lunch which we all ate street-party style out on the playground. It was quite emotional to see all 419 pupils and 80 plus staff come together to celebrate! Our special time together culminated in the whole school singing and signing the national anthem together following which we entertained each other with our 1950's style dancing. A truly memorable occasion for all involved! Huge thanks to all of the adults who enabled us to commemorate this occasion so memorably for our children; do check out the photos on our Twitter feed if you haven't yet had chance to do so.

All children have today brought home with them a commemorative Jubilee mug, which is a gift for every pupil here at Slade to help them remember the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Each child has expertly designed, decorated and personalised their mugs creating their own unique keepsake. We hope that you enjoy looking at the mugs with your child! Should you wish to order additional mugs then details of how to contact the supplier directly are included within the box. Huge thanks to Mrs Hill for co-ordinating this project for the children.

Yesterday was National 'Thank a Teacher Day'. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all members of staff here at Slade not only for their help in planning and preparing today's Jubilee Celebrations but also for their ongoing dedication and commitment this term which have enabled positive learning experiences for the children in our school. Huge thanks to you all Team Slade!

Still with our staff, congratulations this week to Mrs Hill who has successfully passed her National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL), a professional qualification that supports the development of senior leaders in school. A huge well done on achieving this Nicky, we are all very proud of you! In addition well done and congratulations also this week to Tina Hall, our Forest School Leader, who this week was notified that she has successfully passed her Forest School Level 3 qualification. Well done Tina! Again we are very proud of you and look forward to learning more from your expertise when we're next down in the woods!

I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 7 June**.

Take care.

Karen Slade

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 30 May - Monday 6 May (Inclusive)	Summer Terms Break: School Closed to all Pupils (See page 4)
Monday 6 June	INSET DAY 5: School Closed to all Pupils (See page 4)
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
Tuesday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Wednesday 8 June	Year 6 Safety in Action Event, Shepway Community Centre
Thursday 9 June	Deadline for Free Delivery for Group Photographs from Matthew Walker
Friday 10 June	PC Olivia Munday to see Year 6 Pupils as part of Key Stage 2 to 3 Transition

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)
FRIDAY	Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

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
THURSDAY	Y3 Signing Choir (Lunch), Y4-6 Dance, Art Trolley, First Class Basketball
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 organiser for availability

Further Ahead :

Tuesday 21 June	Open Evening - More details to follow
Thursday 23 June	Sports Day (See Page 6) Parents are invited to watch at the following times: Year R,1,2,3 from 09:00 to 11:30 Year 4,5,6 from 13:15 to 15:00
Saturday 25 June	Midday - 15:00 - PTA Summer Fete
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)
Friday 8 July	Hillview Festival
Monday 11 July - Friday 15 July	Year 6 Residential Activity Week

Around School



Group Photographs Now Ready to Order

Every child was given their class group photograph proof card on Monday by Matthew Walker Photography.

The card shows the picture that was taken and also provides the way to order these lovely souvenir of the year at school. Prices range from £14.50 to £23.50, which includes free delivery to school when ordered online before Thursday 9 June. Orders made after 9 June will incur a delivery charge.



Just visit www.portraitdays.net and insert the access code from the proof card along with your email address to access the booking site.

Term 6 Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding their termly quality second hand uniform sale on Friday 10 June.

The uniform sale will take place in the main playground at collection time from 15:15. There is no need to preorder, just turn up, browse and buy!



News For Year 5

Hugh Christie Experience

Hugh Christie School are offering children in Year 5 to join them for their annual open event 'The Hugh Christie Experience'. The event will run on Friday 1 July and is bookable by speaking to Kerry Burns, the Office Manager on 01732 353544 Ext. 240 or via the Hugh Christie website. If you have already, or do make a booking for this event, or any other visit to a Secondary School, please let us know via the school office mail address so that we can authorise the absence correctly.



More > Information and Booking via hughchristie.kent.sch.uk

Bikeability

We are delighted to say that our annual Bikeability training course for children in Year 6 has already been booked for 2022/23. More details will be sent out in the early part of next term to all parents and carers of pupils currently in Year 5, but we are very keen on all of the children taking part in the course, which is especially important now that more and more of you are travelling to school and enjoying leisure time on your bikes.



The course remains free of charge to every child at Slade as we pay for the course from existing budgets. Please do talk to your child about the positive impact of this training as we need to secure the training places before the start of your time in Year 6.



We are Back on Tuesday 7 June

A quick reminder that next week is the Summer Terms break, and that Monday 6 June is the last of our Staff Training (INSET) days.

School is closed to all pupils until our return on Tuesday 7 June.

Our News



We are always very happy to receive good news when pupils at Slade have excelled at, or tried something new outside of school that they wish to share with the newsletter.

This week, we are lucky to have two fantastic stories to bring you.



Ruby in Gnome Class attends and represents The Weald Gymnastics Club and last Sunday she won a Gold Medal at the Floor and Vault competition held by the club.

Ruby had to remember, perform and perfect a routine which included star jumps, forward rolls, leg balance amongst other gymnastic moves.

To finish, she had to bounce on the springboard up onto a vault, perform a handstand and land the otherside. Quite the achievement, many congratulations, Ruby!

Two of our champion winning football players have continued their winning ways for their club side, Tonbridge Juniors.

Victoria was awarded the player's player of the season and Sophie was awarded Manager's player of the season. Here they are with their medals.



The news got even better for Victoria and Sophie, who along with Slade teammates Olivia and April were selected for the Tonbridge and Malling District Team after trialling at Mascalls Academy in Paddock Wood earlier this week. The trials had been ongoing for six weeks, so to get through into the district team is a huge achievement.

The girls will be playing against teams from the other Kent districts (Dartford, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone, Swale, Ashford, Canterbury, Shepway, Thanet and Dover.)



Slade Sport



Everyone at Slade is looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day on the school field on Thursday 23 June.

Details of parent access to this event are below; children should arrive at school in PE Kit on the day and be dropped off and collected in the normal way at the regular times.

Sports Day!



PTA will be selling refreshments!

Programmes for sale!

Entrance via Hawden Road gate!

Thursday 23rd June

EYFS, Year 1, 2 and 3:
Arrive at 9am for a 9.15am start!

Year 4 - 6:
Arrive at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start!

Forest School



Term 6 Timetable

Thursday 9 June - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Friday 10 June - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Monday 13 June - Pixie Class (Year 1, Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott)

Tuesday 14 June - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Thursday 16 June - Gnome (Year 2, Miss Taylor)

Friday 17 June - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Monday 20 June - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)

Tuesday 21 June - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Friday 8 July - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Monday 11 July - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Tuesday 12 July - Pixie Class (Year 1, Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott)

Thursday 14 July - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Friday 15 July - Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)

Monday 18 July - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Tuesday 19 July - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)

Thursday 21 July - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)



Between Friday 24 June and Tuesday 5 July Miss Hall is organising special hiking events for children in Year 4, 5 and 6; further details will appear shortly via email.

Thankyou to all of the parents who have attended our Forest School Tours this term. Miss Hall, Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett have thoroughly enjoyed being able to show visitors the extent of the facilities.

We hope everyone who has attended a tour has found them fun and informative.



Jubilee Week



Mrs Hill and Mrs Hitchcock have produced a wonderful week of fun learning for all of the children across the school to commemorate and educate all aspects of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Today was the finale of that with our own street party with associated bunting and party clothes all in Red, White and Blue.

The children have been learning about the role of the monarchy both here and across the Commonwealth of countries as well as creating their own memorabilia in the shape of their own designed mugs, brought home today.

Miss Taylor has had a wonderful week teaching children in all yeargroups a 1950's dance, which each class shared in front of the school at the street party this afternoon.



Helena Horsman, who joined our kitchen team this week as Assistant Cook, is also a master baker - which makes us very lucky!

Many thanks to Helena for making this fantastic cake, which was cut by Mrs Slade at the street party celebrations earlier today.



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

94.2%

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

25

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>

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

For your convenience, in each newsletter we include this reminder of everything sent out in the current week:

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