



Slade

Primary School

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Can you spot any dangers?
Year 6 are experts in safety,
see page 7

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break. Term 6 has got off to a flying start with lots of fabulous learning taking place across the school during the last 4 days.

Congratulations and well done to all the children in Year 1 who, unbeknown to them, have this week taken their statutory Phonics Screening Check, otherwise known as their 'special quiz'! All children involved have been amazing and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements! You are all superstars!

Well done too to our Year 6 children for representing the school so well when they attended the 'Safety in Action' event at the Shepway Community Centre on Wednesday. All are now experts in how to keep themselves safe and well, particularly when out and about in the local environment and in preparation for transition to secondary school. Thank you to everyone at [@project_salus](#) for organising the event and for inviting us along! Thank you too to Year 6 parents for your patience and understanding following the later than planned return to school at the end of the day.

Many of you may not be aware that adults in school will sometimes send a Slade postcard home in the post as an additional way of sharing and celebrating those extra-special achievements of children across the school. Our supplies have been running low of late so, during Term 5 Mrs Hill ran a competition inviting all children to create a new design for the postcard. I was then faced with the very tricky task of choosing the overall winner along with some runners up too! So I was delighted to announce in assembly this morning that the winning stand out design was created by Jackson in Wyvern Class! Huge congratulations to you Jackson! Well done and congratulations too to our 5 runners up and to everyone else who entered and made it so difficult for me to choose! All winning designs are over on our Twitter feed and will feature in next week's newsletter. I look forward to sending out our new look postcards to children in the coming weeks!

Thank you to those who have enquired after dates for upcoming Forest School tours following the success of those that we had in Term 5. Although there are currently no dates in the diary we would be happy to arrange some additional visits if there is sufficient interest. Therefore, if this is something that you would be interested in attending then please do email in to the school office to let us know; we will then be in touch with some dates.

Senior Leaders have this week been busy working on the class and staffing arrangements for September with the aim of sharing this information with you next Friday. A letter will be sent out, separate from the newsletter, at the end of the day on **Friday 17 June** after the information has been shared with the children during the day. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition and change.

A reminder that we are holding our annual Open Evening on **Tuesday 21 June** between **5 and 7pm**. This is a time for you to come into school to look with your child at their books, work and classroom displays. It is also an opportunity for your child to show you their new classroom, introduce you to their new class teacher and see the range of learning across the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, a huge thank you to Emily and Andy Richardson for the fantastic new mud kitchen in our Reception outdoor area; we all love it, we will have more details and pictures in next week's newsletter!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 13 June	Aquasplash Competition - Participants aware and consented via email
Tuesday 14 June	Orienteering Event - Participants aware and consented via email
Wednesday 15 June	
Thursday 16 June	
Friday 17 June	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott)
TUESDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)
FRIDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

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 - 17:00 - 19:00
Thursday 23 June	Sports Day 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
Wednesday 6 July	Year 3 Summer Trip to Warner Bros Studios. Please make sure this trip is consented for and paid for via your Arbor account
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
Thursday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6 and of 2021/22 School Year

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



Welcome Back to Term 6

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 6, the last one of 2021/22!

Term 6 is always a very busy one as we prepare to say goodbye to our oldest children as they look forward to the next chapter in their school story in Key Stage 3 at Secondary School; they have already started their Term 6 activities with two safety days this week, details on page 7. Other highlights for Hydra and Griffin Class this term include their activity week at Carroty Wood in July.

For everyone, there is Sports Day and our open evening to look out for as well as the Hillview Festival which lots of our children will be taking part in. Year 3 are on the road for their trip to Warner Bros Studios in North London on Wednesday 6 July.

Please see our adverts situated around school inviting all parents to the sports day on Thursday 23 June. On the day, all children should come to school in full PE kit (white t-shirt and blue shorts and trainers) and not school uniform.

The big event happens on Saturday 25 June with the return of the PTA Summer Fete on site from midday to 15:00. See page 6 for details on how you can help.

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Don't forget, the term ends on Thursday 21 July, a day earlier than advertised in September, this is due to the added school closure date to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Forest School Tours

We are interested in organising further tours of the Forest School provision at Slade, but before dates are advertised, we need to find out if there is parental demand for these events.

If you are interested in signing up for a tour of Forest School led by Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett, please let us know by email. Once we have seen the likely numbers, we will be in a better position to decide on the viability of added tours this year.



Used Books for Sale: Plea from EYFS

CALLING ALL UNWANTED BOOKS!

The Year R Summer Fête team are looking for your unwanted good quality books for children to sell at the Summer Fête!

If you have any donations, the team will be very grateful if they could be dropped off at the Main School Gate on Wednesday 15 June or Thursday 16 June.

It would be lovely if you could write who the book is from on the inside front cover so that the next child can enjoy being part of a chain of happy readers. You never know, your book could be on sale next year as well!



Our News



Yao Hits The Perfect Note!

Yao from Gnome Class would like to share the great news of her music study with everyone at school.

Yao has passed her Grade Three Piano and Grade One Violin with merit at the same time!

Yao has been playing piano since Year One and has only been playing her violin for less than nine months. She has dedicated herself to her music study since she decided to take the two exams in one go and she is very proud of herself for keeping practice almost every day and for passing both exams so brilliantly at the same time. She enjoys the challenges and is studying towards her Grade Four Piano and Grade Two Violin.

Thankyou to Yao for sharing her musical exploits with us; also, thanks to Yao's mummy for providing this fantastic picture and the words to accompany it.

Everyone at Slade congratulates Yao on a wonderful achievement and we all look forward to hearing you play soon!



Friday Golden Table is Back!

Miss Garrett was delighted to bring back the Friday Golden Lunch Table today.

The Golden Table is a special treat for children who have been spotted making all of the correct choices during the week in the dining hall. The children are chosen for nomination by the Lunchtime Supervisors for excellent and sensible behaviour when waiting for, eating and after they have finished their lunch.

Today, they were joined by an extra special guest who was pleased to relaunch the Golden Table!



Our star servers!



Congratulations to the following children who joined Queen Elizabeth for lunch: Cillian, Uma, Alice, Lucas, Ayaan, Tiger, Theo, Sophie, Maisie, Darcy, Juliet, Oscar, Anaïs, Enzo, Surina, Hayden, Matilda, Charlotte, Riitaj, Amber, Caitlynn, Smithy, Harrison, Xander, George, Ramya, Nicholas and Sarah-May

News from the PTA



Preparing for the Summer Fête

Eleanor Hoyle, Slade PTA

The PTA needs your help! We're looking for:

Volunteers to help run stalls - please email sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk

BBQ-ers extraordinaire to help sizzle and serve - please email sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk

Donations for the Barrow of Booze raffle - these can be left in the green material bins at drop off on Tuesday 14 June, Monday 20 June and Tuesday 21 June.

Cakes and treats for our refreshment stall - there will be a drop off point on the morning and afternoon of Friday 24 June, more information to follow.

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered so far - we will be in touch next week with allocated slots.

**SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
JUBILEE SUMMER FETE**

FREE ENTRY!

- CAKE COMPETITION (JUBILEE THEME)
- DJ
- ASSAULT COURSE
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- RAFFLE
- PIMMS SLUSH PUPPIES
- BOOZE BOX MOBILE BAR
- YEAR GROUP STALLS
- 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE
- GOVERNORS BARROW OF BOOZE RAFFLE
- BEAT THE GOALIE
- ARENA PERFORMANCES FROM THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

AND LOTS MORE!

REFRESHMENT STALLS WILL HAVE CARD MACHINES BUT PLEASE
REMEMBER TO BRING CHANGE FOR THE OTHER STALLS

**ON THE
SCHOOL
FIELD**

**SAT
25TH
JUNE**

12-3PM


SLADE SCHOOL

MONIES RAISED GOES TOWARDS OUTDOOR LEARNING AND REGULAR PTA
DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL TO ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE OF EVERY CHILD

@archfordesign

Focus on Year 6

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Safety in Action

The Year 6 children all had a thrilling journey to the Community Centre in Shepway on Wednesday afternoon for the annual Project SALUS Safety in Action event.

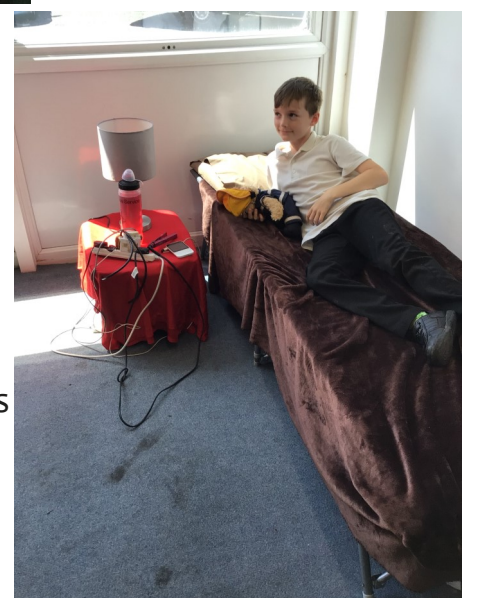
SALUS offers a huge range of innovative services and evidence based training programmes to improve the lives of children and hold this event each year for children about to embark on their journey to secondary school. The aim of the day is provide awareness of some of the dangers in society, and importantly, how to avoid them!

Sections to visit included a mocked up beach which assisted the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) to teach water safety, which also of course will apply to rivers such as the Medway.

There were also areas run by Kent Fire and Rescue, UK Power Networks who ran through the potential dangers of electricity, including Electricity Sub-Stations, British Transport Police were there to describe the hazards of the railway network and how to report an issue or concern as well as Kent Police, who also joined us earlier today to speak to the Year 6 children about the transition to Year 7 and to help them feel better about some of the worries they have.



In addition to this, SALUS also organised first aid training, where the children learnt about CPR and also a special area for the children to think about positive relationships within friendship groups and how to try to avoid conflict with friends and acquaintances when travelling to and from school and also in school.



Pippa from Hydra Class wrote this fantastic report on the afternoon's activities.

Safety in Action Day

Yesterday, I went on a bus to go to a safety and action demonstration.

On the bus, I looked at all the amazing sights and houses, also loads of people started screaming when we hit this, we sat on the bus for a hour.

Me and my friends finally arrived at Maidstone, and talked for a while, then we walked inside a building for safety and action demonstration.

We looked at what words represent bad friendships and good friendships, me and my friend got the word jealousy, we definitely know jealousy is bad in friendships, the our group got the real points. definitely

I enjoyed most all of it, but the fire safety was fun and good to learn.

At fire safety we went to a room and pointed at where people were in danger, then we answered questions.

I enjoyed all of the activities and doing them, my least favourite was going home.

We learned about train and train rail safety, then water safety.

Then we went back on the bus for the journey home.

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

96.6%

Attendance This Year

94.3%

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

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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:

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