



# Slade

## Primary School

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From the  
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of a sweltering week during which we have all taken advantage of our fabulous outdoor learning spaces and the shade that they provide. Even our early morning yoga club relocated for their sun salutations to the shade of the playground on Wednesday!

I was thrilled at the start of the week to welcome the children from Elmer and Gruffalo classes into their first ever 'live' school assembly! Monday saw our Reception children join the other classes from years 1, 2 and 3 in the school hall as we explored the theme of diversity, by taking a look within my button tin! All of the children sat and listened beautifully and behaved as though they have always been attending assemblies! Well done and thank you to all of our Reception children; we are very proud of you and look forward to welcoming you back now every Monday afternoon!

Still with our Reception classes, it has been lovely to see the youngest children in the school playing with their Year 6 buddies in the shade of the school field each lunchtime this week. Huge praise and recognition to our older pupils who have demonstrated such kindness and thoughtfulness to their young friends whilst teaching and playing playground games together. Some very special memories being made by all involved!

Well done and congratulations to all of the children who have been out and about this week representing the school at a huge range of sporting events! From swimming at Aquasplash, to orienteering at Dunorlan Park to playing at the Tonbridge Cricket competition: this week has really demonstrated the variety of sporting activities that we are so fortunate to be able to offer here at Slade. Huge thanks to all of the adults involved in providing these activities for our children to enjoy and compete in; thank you. Read on into the newsletter to find out how our teams all got on!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have been busy working on the class and staffing arrangements for September. A separate letter has been sent out earlier today outlining any changes, notifying you who your child's class teacher will be and informing you of some of the planned transition arrangements for the term. Information regarding classes for next year has been shared with your children this afternoon. If you have any queries regarding arrangements for September then please talk to your child's current class teacher in the first instance.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers back into school next week for two of our main annual events. Firstly, on Tuesday we are holding our Open Evening 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! Then on Thursday we welcome you back into school and down onto the field for the long awaited return of our Sports Day, with our younger children competing in the morning followed by the older ones in the afternoon. Further details of Sports Day arrangements are available within this newsletter and on the school website. Don't forget to look out for live Twitter updates during the day!

Finally, from Monday due a lack of demand we will no longer be opening the Hawden Road gate at the start of the school day. The few children who had been using this gate are now asked to enter the school site from the main playground gate instead; thank you.

**Have a lovely weekend,**

**Karen Slade**

# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 20 June - Friday 24 June	PTA Uniform Collections - Please donate any used uniform at drop off and collection times
Monday 20 June	Wellbeing and Physical Activity Event: Cricket - Participants aware and have provided consent
Tuesday 21 June	Open Evening - 17:00 - 19:00: See Page 4 for details
Wednesday 22 June	Year 2/3 Dodgeball Competition - Participants aware and have provided consent
Thursday 23 June	Sports Day - Please see Page 6 for full details
Friday 24 June	Phoenix Class Haysden Hike Day PTA Summer Fête Cake Donations - See Page 5
Saturday 25 June	PTA Summer Fête - Come and join the fun on the field between midday and 15:00 See Page 5 for full details

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)
TUESDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin) Haysden Hike Day - please see email of 14 June for full details

## 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 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
Wednesday 13 July	Year 1 Summer Trip to Tunbridge Wells - Further details to be sent in due course
Tuesday 19 July	Year 2 Summer Trip To E.M. Forster Theatre - Further details to be sent next week
Thursday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6 and of 2021/22 School Year

# Around School



## Forest School Preparation in September

Miss Hall would like to invite any parents who have any spare time in the first week of Term 1 in September to form a School Gardening Group, helping cut back the bramble and nettles as well as weeding the new hedge line.

Volunteers should be aware that this can be strenuous work; if you are interested in taking part, please contact Tina Hall via email [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).



## Muddy Fun!

Everyone at Slade, especially those in the Early Years are incredibly grateful to parent Emily Richardson, who has created a new Mud Kitchen for use in the Early Years Foundation Stage outside area.

Emily shared the story of how the Mud Kitchen came about: 'I took on the challenge of building the new mud kitchen for Reception with the view of fitting it into weekends and building it out of as many reclaimed materials as possible. After spending weeks collecting good pine pallets, rummaging the off cuts bin in Alsford Timber (for free!) and collecting all the materials needed, I managed to put it together over 3 dry weekends with the help of Mr Richardson on childcare and support crew. Reception loved their old blackboard so the PTA put the money in for any materials I couldn't get free. I'm looking forward to seeing the kids enjoy the new space and hope it lasts as long as the last homemade unit.'

Thanks to Jo Johnson and the Reception teachers for helping on install day.'



A massive thankyou to Emily and to Alsford Timber for their kind donations towards a successful instillation that will be enjoyed by children in EYFS, now and looking to future, firstly with our new intake due to start with us in September.



## Sun Cream: Allergy Caution

It has come to our attention that various sun cream brands now include Almond Oil in their products. This can either be listed as:

- Almond Oil, or
- Prunus amygdalus dulcis Oil



Please check the ingredients list on your child's suncream before it is brought into school as we have children and staff who have severe allergies to nuts which can be triggered by these products.

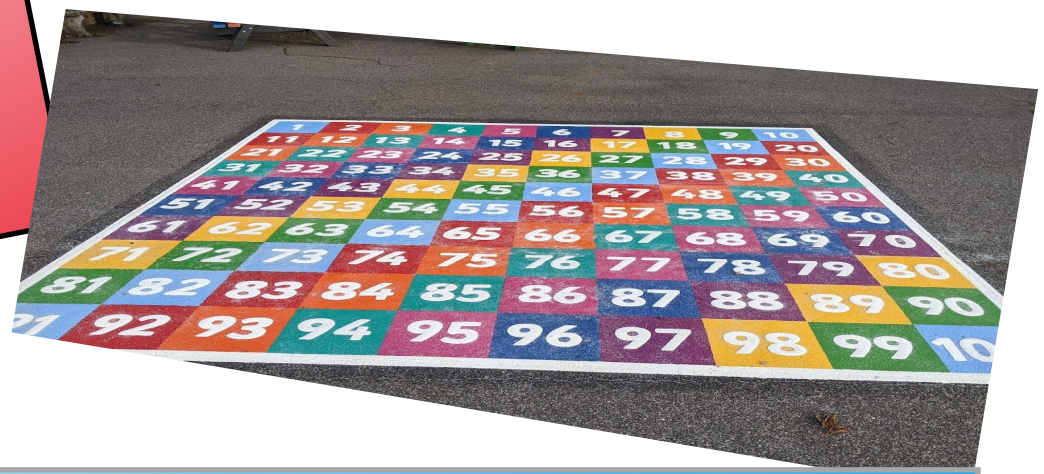
## Slade Parents Open Evening

**Tuesday: 17:00 - 19:00**

Come and join us and let your child guide you around the school on Tuesday evening for a sneaky look round their current classroom to see what they have been learning, and have a chance to visit their new classroom (details were shared earlier today) and meet the new teacher.

This is a true open doors event for our current children and parents and we look forward to seeing you then. Please note, we are not able to accommodate pushchairs and buggies.

# News from the PTA



## Summer Fête Update: Cake Competition Returns!

Jo Johnson, Chair Slade PTA

The amazing cake competition is back at our Summer Fête, which we are all looking forward to on Saturday 25 June.

So, it is time to get your thinking caps on and start cooking those delicious cakes. We are looking forward to seeing your wonderful creations, please make sure you label them with your name and child's class.

Our judges, Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett are really looking forward to tasting your delicious cakes, all you have to do is bring them to the refreshments tent on the day, when you arrive at the fête.



Don't worry if competitions are not your thing - we are also very grateful for your cake donations (baked or shop bought) that can be sold in the refreshments tent.

Donations can be made on Friday 24 June at the main gate at drop off and collection time or directly to the stall on the day.

**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**

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

@archfordesign

# Slade Sport



## Year 3 Aquasplash

Larkfield Swimming Pool held host to the Active Kent and Medway Aquasplash Challenge on Monday.

The team of Lily, Harvey and Myles did incredibly well, finishing second in the tournament of nine local schools from across the county.



This was the first of a series of Wellbeing and Physical Activities run by the new branded Active Kent and Medway (formerly Kent Sport) and involved a festival of water fun over 10 metre courses at the TM Leisure Pool.

The children were tasked with swimming front crawl, freestyle, breaststroke plus a series of relays. There was also team events such a raft building and racing race where the children could float across the pool. The final event saw the teams having to retrieve items thrown into the pool - some of which floated, others which sank to the bottom.

Particular congratulations to Lily's complete width underwater whilst swimming the breaststroke!



## KS2 Orienteering

We had a team of 14 across the yeargroups of Key Stage 2 travel to Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday for the Sports Partnership Orienteering Challenge.

The children had to make their way across the park in all directions using a series of twelve destination clues to the end of the trail. They used map references and an I-Pad to login to each of the twelve intermediate points. The code would then generate the next clue. The challenge meant the children had to work as a team throughout and would take longer if they did not operate together.



Congratulations to Francesca, who counted 8000 steps on her fitbit and especially to Ellie and Winnie who really inspired showing how to work as a team superbly.



Well done to all of our team: Emily, Isobel, Toby, Ellie, Winnie, Jack, Francesca, Hallie, Robert, Milo, Nylah, Anais, Spencer and Peter.

## Sports Day

Sports Day is next Thursday, 23 June and parents are invited to come and watch and support the children.

Parents in EYFS and KS1 should arrive at 9 after drop off and for KS2, at 13:15. Entrance will be via the Hawden Road Gate at the back of school which leads directly on to the school field.

The PTA will be on site selling refreshments and there will be a special programme

Children should come to school on Thursday in their PE kit (white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers) with a sunhat and full water bottle.

**Sports Day!**

**SLADE SCHOOL**

**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!

PTA will be selling refreshments!

Programmes for sale!

Entrance via Hawden Road gate!

**Thursday 23rd June**

# 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

95.9%

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

24

## 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
Monday 13 June	Today at Slade	
Monday 13 June	Term 6 Newsletter - Year 1	Year 1 Parents 
Monday 13 June	Term 6 Newsletter - Year 2	Year 2 Parents 
Monday 13 June	Term 6 Newsletter - Year 3	Year 3 Parents 
Monday 13 June	Term 6 Newsletter - Year 4	Year 4 Parents 
Monday 13 June	Term 6 Newsletter - Year 5	Year 5 Parents 
Monday 13 June	Term 6 Newsletter - Year 6	Year 6 Parents 
Monday 13 June	Good Luck to our Swimming Team	
Monday 13 June	Swimming Action	
Monday 13 June	Cricket Action	
Tuesday 14 June	Year 5 Tonbridge School Community Day	Year 5 Parents 
Tuesday 14 June	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 14 June	Orienteering Action	
Tuesday 14 June	KS2 Forest School Day Out	KS2 Classes 
Tuesday 14 June	Harry Potter Parents	Year 3 Parents 
Tuesday 14 June	Elf Class Forest School Highlights	Elf Class Parents 
Wednesday 15 June	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 15 June	Year R-2 Train Club: End of the Line	Club Participants 
Thursday 16 June	Today at Slade	
Friday 17 June	Today at Slade: Hot Weather Warning	
Friday 17 June	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 17 June	Letter from Mrs Slade 2022/23 Class Settings	Year R-5 Parents 