



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Summer Fair last week, whether by being part of the army of volunteers or by coming along and spending lots of money! It was so good to welcome you back for a family afternoon of fun in the sun! A good time really was had by all! The fantastically huge sum of money raised (see below!) will benefit all of the children here at school so a massive thank you from us all.

Still with the Summer Fair, thank you too to the enthusiastic group of parents and staff who attended the PTA meeting here at school last night for a debrief on last Saturday's events, during which we learnt that the sum of £6,648 has been raised! This is an amazing amount which will make a huge difference to the lives of all the children at Slade. We promise to keep you updated throughout the coming year of how the money you raised has been spent. Thank you to everyone who came out last night; your time at these meetings and events as always is very much appreciated.

Tuesday and Wednesday this week saw us welcome the parents of our new Reception pupils into school at the start of their child's learning journey here at Slade. We are so excited to be welcoming and meeting the new children next week when they will be joining us for their settling in sessions in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes! Thank you to all who attended; we hope that you found it helpful. Many thanks too to the staff and PTA team that were involved in making both meetings such a welcoming event for our new parents. Well done Team Slade!

Also on Wednesday we welcomed staff and pupils from Tonbridge School down to our Forest School and on to our allotment as part of their Giving Day, a day when their school gets involved in local community projects whilst hopefully having fun and learning new skills too. It was lovely to see and hear them working away in the woodland, building and renovating, whilst also coaching our Year 6 pupils in the skills of rugby too. We look forward to sharing updates on their handiwork with you in the coming weeks! This was all in addition to the experiences that our Year 5 pupils enjoyed on the Tonbridge School site; read on in to the newsletter to find out more! Special thanks to all involved from Tonbridge School; we really do appreciate you giving of your time in this way.

Yesterday, we welcomed Chris Jacobs our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser to the school for his final visit this academic year. Chris spent time with myself and Miss Garrett to hear of the progress that has been made since he last came to visit in January. This included a catch up with some of our Year 2 'Kindness Crew' in addition to a trip down to the Forest School to see first-hand some of the more recent developments in the woods. He was hugely impressed by what he heard and saw throughout his visit. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved!

Hot off the press! We are so very excited to share that we have just received confirmation that the whole school can attend the Commonwealth Baton Event which is to be held at Tonbridge Castle on Thursday 7 July at 9am! This is a special event organised by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to welcome the baton to our town following its procession through the High Street. Further information of the arrangements in place regarding this event will be shared with all parents on Monday. Watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 4 July	Griffin Class Haysden Hike Day
Tuesday 5 July	Hydra Class Haysden Hike Day
Wednesday 6 July	Year 3 Warner Bros. Studios Tour Trip Full details on email sent on 29 June.
Thursday 7 July	Transition Day Queen’s Baton Relay Morning - Details to be sent next Monday
Friday 1 July	Hillview Festival Participants please refer to previous emails and submit your consent by Monday 4 July

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside) Haysden Hike Day - please see email of 22 June for full details
TUESDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow) Haysden Hike Day - please see email of 22 June for full details
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

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 :

Monday 11 July - Friday 15 July	Year 6 Residential Activity Week
Wednesday 13 July	Year 1 Summer Trip to Tunbridge Wells - Sign Up now available via your Arbor account
Week beginning Monday 18 July	Reports sent home to parents
Tuesday 19 July	Year 2 Summer Trip To E.M. Forster Theatre - Sign Up and Payment now available via your Arbor account
Thursday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6 and of 2021/22 School Year

Around School



Welcome to all of our New Families

We were all delighted to meet and welcome 50 families who will be joining Slade in September as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage intake in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes for 2022/23.

It was a real pleasure to be able to hold our Parent Information Meetings in the school hall on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning to be able to provide more detail for families as they prepare for their children to start primary school in the Autumn. Welcome to Slade and to our school newsletter for all new readers!

We look forward especially to meeting the children who will be joining us on Thursday as part of Transition Day where all children across the school will spend time in next year's classrooms, including our oldest children who will be at their new secondary schools as well.

Reconnect This Summer: Free Summer Bus Pass Offer

Kent County Council (KCC) in partnership with local bus operators will be repeating their free summer bus pass for children in Years 6 to 13 this year.



Paper tickets will be arriving soon and handed out to all pupils in Hydra and Griffin Classes for use during the summer holidays from Saturday 23 July until Sunday 31 August inclusive.

KCC have also confirmed that they are also repeating their Family Bus Pass offer.



As part of the Reconnect programme, the pass allows a family of up to 4, who live in Kent, to travel by bus for free this summer. Either 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children can travel for free using the pass.



All families with children who live in Kent can apply for a digital pass on the Reconnect website from Wednesday 20 July.



Terms and conditions apply, for full details visit the KCC website using the link below.

[More > Information via kent.gov.uk](https://kent.gov.uk)

Violin Lessons at Slade

Madeleine Butcher, violin teacher will be back at Slade in September. There are spaces available for her lessons which happen in school during the afternoon. For details and booking, contact Madeleine on 07960 878616 or via madeleine.butcher@icloud.com



Advance Warning of High Street Closure

Tonbridge will be welcoming the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay next Thursday, 7 July. The Baton Relay is on a journey through England in preparation for the second city holding the Commonwealth Games which start at the end of July.

The relay will be starting from the south end of Tonbridge High Street, making its way along the High Street to the castle grounds. This means that the High Street will be shut at and around 09:30, shortly after school drop-off time. Please be aware that there will be disruption with advice to leave the area if travelling by car as soon as the children have been dropped off, or to arrange to walk in on Thursday.

News from the PTA



Summer Fête Fun!

Jo Johnson, PTA Chair

Just Want to say thank you to everyone who came along to the fete on Saturday, and supported the PTA, hope you all enjoyed your afternoon.

A Massive THANK YOU to all the helpers who set up the stalls, did a slot on the stalls and also, well done to all the ladies on the Refreshments. And the biggest THANK YOU to the Ladies and Gents on the BBQ - you did amazing.

Finally to Garth Pearson and Lisa Pearson for providing the bar.

We are so happy to say that a magnificent £6648 was raised at this event. Every penny of this total will go towards your children's Learning resources inside and outdoors.



Jo



Cake Competition

Full Meeting Minutes from last night's PTA meeting in school will be published, sent to you via email and put up on our website next week.

Many thanks to everyone who came along.

Out and About



Slade Sport Update

Mrs Ball and the Sports Teams have continued their busy term with a Year 2 and 3 Dodgeball Tournament and for a large group of Year 6 children, the culmination of a year of dedication and achievement to sport at Slade was celebrated with a special biking day at Bedgebury.

Dodgeball

Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership laid on their first event for children in Year 2 to compete alongside friends from Year 3 to aid their transition between Key Stage 1 and 2. The children representing Slade had a wonderful time, especially as they had with them the Slade Sports Crew from Year 5 who were helping to officiate at the tournament. Congratulations to everyone who took part: George, Bobby, Annabelle, Ali-Baari, Darcy, Jack, Amber, Dominic, Jack, Juliette, Jack, Maddy, Harriet and Malvina.

Bedgebury

We were very proud to be invited to take a group of 23 Year 6 children out to Bedgebury Forest yesterday for a day of biking to celebrate their hard work and achievement throughout the year. The children completed mountain bike trails, cycled around the pinetum and took the bikes off road as well. The children have shown such a fantastic attitude to learning and taking on new challenges this year and have always represented themselves and Slade to the highest level. Well done to them all and many thanks to their parents who took the trip to ensure they were able to enjoy the day.

Tonbridge School Fun and Community Day

This week has seen our relationship with neighbouring independent school, Tonbridge, grow further and we thank everyone at Tonbridge for their hospitality and help as part of their Fun Day and Giving Day events.

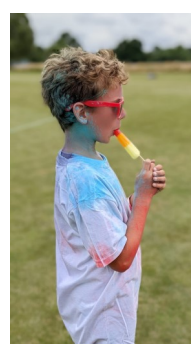
Over the last week, we have been joined by a team from the Tonbridge Estates Department, who have been building a sturdy shelter in our Forest School area. This shelter is now fully erected and will act as cover for the children and allows us to reposition the tarpaulin shelter over the fire pit.



Furthermore, a group of boys from Tonbridge were in to assist our own Year 6 children with improving the Allotment area by securing all of the fencing surrounding the area as well as constructing a pond and laying a deadwood pile for insects to thrive.



Meanwhile, our Year 5 children visited Tonbridge for their annual Fun Day. They had a great time with hundreds of pupils from other local primary schools. The favourite event had to be the Colour Run, as evidenced below!



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

95.7%

Attendance This Year

94.4%

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

20

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
Saturday 25 June	Class Setting and September Timetable	EYFS22 Families 
Monday 27 June	Today at Slade	
Monday 27 June	Tennis Competition: Cancellation	Participating Children 
Monday 27 June	Year 2/3 Singing Club	Club Participants 
Monday 27 June	PTA Meeting: Thursday 30 June	All School 
Tuesday 28 June	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 28 June	Fruit Smoothie Making	Year 2 Parents 
Tuesday 28 June	Teaching Arrangements During Year 6 Residential Week	Wyvern Class Parents 
Tuesday 28 June	Teaching Arrangements During Year 6 Residential Week	Phoenix Class Parents 
Wednesday 29 June	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 29 June	Warner Bros. Trip: Further Details	Year 3 Parents 
Wednesday 29 June	Year 1 Summer Events	Year 1 Parents 
Wednesday 29 June	Carrotty Wood Reminder	Year 6 Parents 
Wednesday 29 June	Tonbridge School Fun Day	
Wednesday 29 June	WOW Phoenix Class	
Thursday 30 June	Today at Slade	
Thursday 30 June	Man v Bee	Year 6 Parents 
Thursday 30 June	Bedgebury Forest	
Friday 30 June	Today at Slade	
Friday 30 June	Elmer and Gruffalo Multi Sports Morning	
Friday 30 June	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 30 June	The Golden Table, featuring C3P0	