



Slade

Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a memorable week it's been at Slade!

Yesterday we were honoured as a school to be part of the Queen's Commonwealth Baton Relay event, hosted by Tonbridge Borough Council on the Castle Lawn, attended by children and adults from other local schools and organisations too. The atmosphere was electric as we all welcomed the baton onto the stage where it was eagerly received and paraded by local Olympic hero Dame Kelly Holmes. Entertainment for all present included a performance by our own Year 3 Signing Choir who stole the show, with their rendition of 'This is me' from The Greatest Showman; there wasn't a dry eye amongst us! Well done and huge congratulations to all of the children for their outstanding behaviour and participation throughout the whole event and to all the staff for the part that you played too. An incredibly proud moment!

Yesterday was also transition day across the school with all of the children enjoying spending time in their new classes, meeting their new teachers and adults. There was a lovely hum of activity across the school as everyone settled into their new surroundings with pupils and staff enjoying getting to know each other and their new routines in preparation for September. Well done to everyone involved! Don't forget to talk to your child's current class teacher if you have any concerns around transition for your child.

Transition Day also saw lots of younger visitors in school as we said hello and welcomed our new Reception intake children into their new classes. During the day they got to spend time in their new classrooms and meet the adults that they will be working with in September. It was lovely to see them looking so at home in Gruffalo (right) and Elmer Classes with some of them even looking the part in their school uniform! We look forward to welcoming all of the children and their families into school after the summer break.



Today saw many of our children return to the Castle Lawn to attend and perform at the Hillfest Music festival (left and below), which is an annual celebration of the performing arts. Well done to our Choirs and Dance Crews who were once again excellent ambassadors for the school not only when taking to the stage but also when watching the other schools too. Miss Garrett and I were extremely proud as we watched your mesmerising performances in the summer sunshine. Well done and thank you to all involved and for your dedication to the choirs and dance clubs during this academic year too.

Those of you that received a copy of the Governor Newsletter at our recent Open Evening event will be aware that the Governing Body are once again carrying out their annual online parent and carers survey. This is an opportunity for all to have a say and to provide feedback on whole school matters, the results of which will inform future decision making here in school. I would encourage all of you to respond if you can; please look out for the link when it drops into you inbox on Monday.

Dates for the 'Meet the Team' information meetings, to be held at the start of next term, and all other diary dates for the next academic year will be sent home next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade





Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 11 July - Friday 15 July	Year 6 Carrotty Wood Residential
Monday 11 July	
Tuesday 12 July	
Wednesday 13 July	Year 1 Summer Trip to Tunbridge Wells - Sign Up now available via your Arbor account
Thursday 14 July	
Friday 15 July	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)
TUESDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Mrs McFerran and Miss Elliott)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)
FRIDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)


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), 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 :

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



Follow us on Twitter for daily reminders of what is on at Slade and to see more photographs and news from our events.

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Around School



PTA School Clothing Collections From Monday

The PTA would like to thank all, parents, carers and friends who have bought quality second hand uniform from any of their online and playground sales this year.

They are already planning sales for next year, which will include items other than just uniform for the first time.

If you have any good quality uniform, winter coats, Forest School kit (including boots) which your child has outgrown and would be happy to donate, please bring them any day between Monday 11 July to Thursday 21 July when the donation bins will be out at drop-off and collection times.

The next PTA Playground Sale will be in the first two weeks of September.

Wraparound Care Activities

The Yeti's team are keen to find out more about the activities that the children would like to see on offer during Wraparound Care sessions.

They will be asking the children during the week; if your child uses Yeti's Breakfast and After School Club and they have any great ideas about how their experience can be improved, please let us know!

The team are also looking out for any donations of good quality used and complete puzzles, board games or role play equipment (kitchen, food, shop, workbench and/or dressing up clothes) as well as PlayDoh sets (minus the actual PlayDoh as we will buy this) that we can use to further enhance the stimulating and meaningful play offered at our wraparound provision. If you think you can help with this, please let us know via office@slade.kent.sch.uk or bring any donations directly to the school office.



ReadEasy: Helping Adults Learn to Read



Being able to read is a skill most adults take for granted. However some people have to navigate our world full of words without being able to understand them. Paying bills, going shopping or getting a job is difficult and reading a bedtime story to their children is an impossible dream.

However, there is a charity that is trying to help with this. ReadEasy provides one to one reading lessons for adults in safe spaces in their local community. The charity website is full of life changing success stories including that of Jay Blades (from the Repair Shop). To find out more visit <https://readeasy.org.uk/>.

Our local ReadEasy group is looking for people to help them provide this amazing service. Can you help them? Do you have experience in publicity, finding venues or fund raising? The group is run by Wendy Labrum and her email address is twtmpioneer@readeasy.org.uk.

There are a few different roles available as well as the volunteer reading coaches.

Contact Wendy if you are interested in finding out more about the opportunities with Read Easy.



Read Easy
Helping adults learn to read

Focus On Year 3



Visit to Warner Bros. Studios, London

On Wednesday, Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes took part in a school trip that they will remember for a long, long time.

The children in Year 3 all made the trip around the M25 to the Warner Bros. Studio to take part in workshops and tour around the Harry Potter World.

All of the teachers who accompanied the children were full of praise for their behaviour both on the long trip to the venue and whilst they were there. They were all a credit to themselves, their families and of course Slade Primary School.

Firstly, the 60 wizards went into the VIP area ‘backstage’ to participate in a workshop lesson on screenplays and play scripts, which linked in perfectly with their recent classroom learning. They were tasked with creating a story based on some very special objects: actual props used in the Harry Potter movies! To protect the items, the children had to sanitize their hands and then wear white cotton gloves whilst handling the priceless items.



The first object they had to concentrate on was to inspire them to think about the character of their story, then the problem that would make up the storyline, with the third aimed at inspiring the children’s thoughts about the resolution of the problem; the ending of the story.



Each child was fully immersed in this and the second half of the day, the grand tour of the Harry Potter scenes. They rode the Hogwarts Express, had a snooze in Gryffindor’s Dormitory, and pull out a Mandrake Plant amongst other activities!

One final highlight for children and adults alike - the ‘Green Screen’ experience. They were taught how the green screen works and also had the opportunity to perform in front of it, special action pictures of them flying on a broom! Parents will have the chance to purchase these photographs using a unique code to be sent to us shortly from Warner Bros. Studios, London which we will forward when we receive them.



Out and About



The Baton Run Comes to Tonbridge

The whole school made the short hop to the Castle Lawn on Thursday morning to help celebrate the passing through of the Queen's Baton Relay – an epic journey across the Commonwealth, visiting all 72 nations and territories.

The Relay began on 7 October 2021, with Her Majesty The Queen placing her Message to the Commonwealth into the Baton. The Baton is now on its 294-day long journey to every corner of the Commonwealth including on Thursday, Tonbridge High Street and Castle.

This collective journey will ignite hope, solidarity and collaboration, as it connects communities embraces unique cultures and shares inspirational stories. The journey ends with the start of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham later this month.

After the public display through the High Street, local school children were invited to a private event at the castle where there was entertainment and exercise before the main part of the show; the entry of the baton.



The children were treated to a physical warm up, flag waving and music before greeting local dignitaries who included The Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, The Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling Cllr Mrs Sue Bell, Leader of the Council Matt Boughton and his colleague Des Keers (Cabinet Member for Community Services) as well as Chair of Visit Kent, Deidre Wells and local Member of Parliament, Tom Tugendhat MP, who has today announced he will be standing for election to lead the Conservative Party to replace the current Prime Minister.



The star of the show, Dame Kelly Holmes, was then introduced to the crowd. Kelly entertained them and asked them how much they enjoyed different sports that are competed for in the Commonwealth Games. After this, the stage was handed over to groups of school children to do their own acts, this included a choir from Bishop Chavasse School and a mathematical song from girls at Fosse Bank School. The undoubted top act was of course, the Slade Signing Choir.

They performed brilliantly in front of all of the pupils of our school as well as large groups from Hildenborough Primary School, Trottiscliffe Primary School, Royal Rise School, Hillview School for Girls and Weald of Kent Grammar School as well as their fellow performers. Mrs Martin and Miss Havering were incredibly proud of the Signing Choir, who went on to have their picture with Kelly Holmes and continued to make the stage their own at today's Hillview Primary Festival of Arts which also included performances from Mrs Stephen's Choir and Dance from Mrs Ball's DanceFit and the Tuesday afternoon DanceMode group.



The morning finished with a further chance to shake the limbs with a dance for all of the watching children and adults. It was a fantastic morning and we are very grateful to Tonbridge and Malling Council for inviting us, especially as it gave the children at Slade the opportunity to share the experience with the whole school and the local community.



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

94.4%

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
Sunday 3 July	Baby Photographs	EYFS Year R 
Monday 4 July	Today at Slade	
Monday 4 July	Year 5 Science: The Human Body	Year 5 Parents 
Monday 4 July	Queen’s Commonwealth Baton Event	All School 
Tuesday 5 July	Today at Slade and Board Games Club	
Tuesday 5 July	Board Games Club	Club Participants 
Tuesday 5 July	Pegasus Class Information	Pegasus Class Parents 
Tuesday 5 July	Travel Sickness	Year 3 Parents 
Wednesday 6 July	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 6 July	Year 3 Trip to Warner Bros. Studios	
Wednesday 6 July	Arrival to the VIP Area	
Wednesday 6 July	Sequencing and Props: KS2 Workshop	
Wednesday 6 July	Tour of Harry Potter Studios	
Wednesday 6 July	Meet the newest member of Hippogriff Class	
Wednesday 6 July	Alternative Transport Home	
Thursday 7 July	Today at Slade	
Thursday 7 July	Transition Day: Good Luck Year 6	
Thursday 7 July	Queen’s Torch Relay with Dame Kelly Holmes	
Thursday 7 July	Transition Day: Welcome to our new EYFS Children	
Friday 8 July	Today at Slade	
Friday 8 July	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 8 July	The Golden Table	
Friday 8 July	Sex Education	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 8 July	Carrot Wood: Weather Information	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 8 July	Hillview Festival	