



Slade

Primary School

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From the
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a hot and sticky week it's been here in school!

It has been a lot quieter though without having our lovely Year 6 pupils around! They have all been having a fabulous time, in the gorgeous sunshine, on their School Journey to Carrot Wood. All the children have been making the most of the facilities and enjoying a wide range of activities, ranging from kayaking to den building to archery to swimming... to name but a few! Do check out our Twitter feed which captures the fabulous fun from the week. We look forward to welcoming everyone home today and hearing about the memories that they have made! Huge thanks to the fantastic team of staff who have spent time away from their own families (and beds!) this week to enable this trip to happen for the children; we very much appreciate it and you! Have a restful weekend everyone!

Yesterday we said goodbye to Miss Sam Morey, who has been teaching for the best part of this year alongside Mrs Hill in Elf Class. She has successfully completed her Schools Direct teacher training here at Slade and is now ready to take up her new post as class teacher at Woodlands Primary School from September. Congratulations and well done Sam; with all good wishes to you at the start of your teaching career! Still with Elf Class, read on in to the newsletter to find out more of what they have been up to with our Pixies this week!

Looking ahead to next week, a print friendly version of your child's end of year report will be emailed out to you on Monday. The report will provide an overview of your child's attainment and progress during this academic year whilst recording some of their personal highlights too. A separate letter providing further information regarding the content of the report will also be emailed out to you. In addition, parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 will receive end of Key Stage SATs results and Year 1 parents will receive their child's phonics screening results too. Explanations regarding the data that you receive will be sent out along with the reports but if you have any queries regarding any of these results or your child's report in general then please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address. Happy reading everyone!

Still looking ahead, you will be aware the Met Office has today issued a red extreme heat warning for Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July. The Department for Education (DfE) yesterday issued schools with guidance on keeping children safe during a heatwave. The guidance includes, for example, advice on the use of ventilation indoors in addition to ensuring that children avoid any vigorous physical activity. Such measures have already been implemented during this week and are being reviewed by the senior leaders on a daily basis as we endeavour to keep all in school cool. For example, there has been no running of the Daily Mile since Monday and all PE lessons have been held indoors. Where necessary lessons and clubs have been relocated too; it was lovely to see our Year 3 signing choir rehearsing under the shade of the trees during Thursday lunchtime! **Please ensure that all children have a sun hat and water bottle in school with them next week.** Further advice and support with regards to staying safe and cool in the sun can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

Finally, I hope that you have all now received the term dates for the next academic year which can also now be found on the school website.

Have a lovely cool weekend!

Karen Slade

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 18 July	Reports Home (Via Arbor Email) Year 1 Beach Day - See Page 8
Tuesday 19 July	Year 2 Trip: E M Forster Theatre Year 6 Go Wild Show 18:00 - See Page 5
Wednesday 20 July	Sports Leaders Breakfast - Participants to refer to invite Year 6 Go Wild Show 18:00 - See Page 5
Thursday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6 and of 2021/22 School Year
Friday 22 July	Summer Holiday - School closed to all pupils

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)
TUESDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)
FRIDAY	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics, mSPORTi Multi Sports
TUESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Dancemode
WEDNESDAY	West Kent Athletics
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

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 :

Thursday 1 September - Friday 2 September	INSET Training Days - School closed to all pupils
Monday 5 September	First Day of Term 1 2022/23 (Year 1-6)
Monday 5 September - Wednesday 7 September	EYFS Home Visits - Please refer to personal Invite
Thursday 8 September - Monday 12 September	EYFS AM/PM Groups - Please refer to personal timetable email



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



Change to Menu

Nourish Contract Catering would like to remind parents that they have a change of menu planned on Monday 18 July.

They will not be serving the advertised Vegan Bolognese Twists or Vegetable and Chick Pea Curry and Rice.

These items are replaced with:

- Fish Fingers and Chips
- Cheese and Spinach Pinwheel with Chips



Nourish
contract catering

The rest of the week remains as advertised, with Nourish being on their April to October Menu, Week 1.

Respecting our Neighbours

There have been a number of incidents recently where it has become necessary for our neighbours to contact us with concerns.

Please be considerate where you stand to smoke and do not drop litter, including cigarette ends, on to the ground anywhere on the public footpath and road or in gardens of the Slade Community.



It is also important that children do not play on the wall, the grass area or in the trees at the front of Hildenbrook House which is the building between school and the Swimming Pool Parking and pictured left.

This is private property and residents have had to help children down from the tree, which is dangerous to both.

Please speak with your child about not going onto this land and to walk only on the public footpath.

Thankyou for your help in keeping our children safe by also respecting our neighbours and the Slade Community.

Music Lessons and Activity Timetable

We are pleased to be continuing our partnership with Music Station in Bank Street as they continue to provide children with privately funded musical instrument lessons during the school afternoon on a Monday and Tuesday.

If you are considering music lessons, please contact Music Station directly for their offer and lesson times. They can be called on 01732 350629 or visit <https://musicstation.pro/>.

If your child would like to play the violin, lessons for this instrument are provided by Madeleine Butcher. 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



Mrs Ball has been working hard with our current and future outside school hours activity providers. As soon as the timetable for Term 1 in September is finalised, this will be shared with all parents via email and on our school website.

Summer Help now Online

Our Family Liaison Team have uploaded to the school website, a special selection of holiday activities and ideas for families of all incomes.

More> [For Families via slade.kent.sch.uk](https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk)

Around School



Year 6 Residential at Carrotty Wood

The Year 6 children from Hydra and Griffin Classes have enjoyed a fantastic week of fun and activity at nearby Carrotty Wood all week.

Followers of our Twitter feed will have been kept up-to-date with all of the activity along with pictures. Every child will come home this evening with their own personal tale to tell of the fun and excitement they have had, so we won't spoil those stories by giving too much away here. There are more pictures from the week already included within the Year 6 Leaver Book which has been put together by Alex Taylor and has been bought by parents across the yeargroup. We will catch up with the children next week as we all prepare for the big goodbye on Thursday.



Year 6 Go Wild!

Sticking with our oldest learners, Year 6 parents will know that the children have been practising very hard for their Go Wild Leavers' Performance.

Tickets (2 per family across the two performances) are available by applying via the link sent in your email on Wednesday 13 July. All ticket requests made this way will be processed and successful and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday and/or Wednesday evening.

2021/22 Governors Survey

An important part of the governor's role is to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to give feedback on the school's performance, so we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the short survey sent out on Monday. The survey is entirely anonymous and, if you wish, you can provide further comments. You do not need to include your contact details, but it may help the school respond to specific comments if you are willing to provide these.

The survey can be completed on most devices including PC's, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Recognising how busy the last few weeks of the school year can be for everyone, and to allow some time for reflection, we will be leaving this survey open over the summer break and the first part of Term 1. The deadline for responses is Friday 16 September 2022.

Thank you for your time and help.

Slade Primary School Governing Body.

[More > Complete the survey here](#)

Around School



Yeti's Wraparound Bookings for Term 1 2022/23

The booking window for securing sessions at Yeti's Breakfast and After School Clubs in September will open on Tuesday 19 July at 13:00.

Sessions will be booked in the normal way via your SCOPAY account.

The inclusive dates for Term 1 are Monday 5 September to Friday 21 October.

Parents in EYFS (Elmer and Gruffalo Classes) will be able to book sessions for dates on and after Thursday 15 September, when the children are at school fulltime. If you are new to SCOPAY, or new to paying for Wraparound Care by Childcare Voucher or Government Tax Free, please let Jill Westwood, Business Manager know by email (yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk) including your Voucher system or provider and your Reference Code.

News from the PTA



PTA Committee 2022/23

Firstly, a huge thank you to Jo Johnson, who is stepping down as Chair. Jo has been part of the PTA for many years and has done a fantastic job as Chair this year.

We've decided to have a change in committee structure this year to give the PTA some extra support. Eleanor Hoyle will take over as Chair from September 2022 and there will be 2 Vice Chairs, Caroline Zuber (Events) and Emily Richardson (Operations). Annie Denny will also be taking on the role of Secretary. Amy Packard is staying on as Treasurer. In addition to these roles, we are looking for;

- a Co-Treasurer to work with Amy; if you're good with numbers, please think about offering to take this role.

- a Co-Secretary to work with Annie; to ensure the PTA meets all of its requirements and to generally help with organisation. If you're organised and enthusiastic, this could be the role for you!

If anyone would like more information about the committee roles, or just to know more about the PTA, please email us at sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk or DM on Facebook.

We will be holding a PTA open evening in September, with food and drink on offer, to give everyone a chance to find out more and offer ideas and support. More information will be provided in the first newsletter of the new school year in September.

Reading Corner



Buster's Special Prizes

Congratulations to Miss Lipman and all of Sphinx Class for winning the county wide Buster's Book Club Class of the Week.



Kathy Beel, from the KM Group spoke to us this week: 'Well done again to Sphinx class for being chosen as the winners for Buster's Book Club and Walk to School. Their reading minutes had gone up from 712 minutes on the 22nd June to 1412 on the 29th June! Fantastic reading from the class. They, along with the other classes are performing well with Walk to School too. In fact since the start of the academic year your school have had over 10,000 green journeys and taken over 6000 cars off the road really amazing work from your pupils!'

Star Readers 2021/22

Caroline Mawson, School Librarian is delighted to say Emilia in Gruffalo class and Finnegan in Sphinx class have been awarded Buster's Book Club Star Pupils for the academic year 2021/2022.

'Emilia and Finnegan should be very proud of their achievement this year, they have shown a love for reading not just in school, but especially at home as well, I was very happy to be able to present them with their KM certificate and letter this morning and can't wait to be able to pass on their winning T shirt as soon as they arrive.'



Last Week Book Return

If you have any school Library Books at home or sitting in your child's school bag, please make sure these are returned to Mrs Mawson and the school library before the end of term. Ideally, books will be returned by Tuesday 19 July.

This request is extended to all Home Reading school books - those books that come home for reading from the class teacher. Please make sure that these books are sent back to school on Monday if you have one at home.



Out With Year 1



Calverley Park and Back to the Beach

On Wednesday, the Year 1 classes went out of school on their first ever trip together. They took the train from Tonbridge station to link in with their previous learning about transport, whilst for lots of them it was a chance to relive the highlights of Train Club that many of the Year 1 children attended with Mrs Hill in the Spring.



After boarding the train at Tonbridge, they journeyed to Tunbridge Wells where they alighted and took the short walk across to Calverley Park.

They then proceeded to have lots of fun playing in the playpark which included sandpits and, luckily, lots of shade for everyone when it became a bit too hot!



The children of Pixie and Elf Classes then had a picnic lunch under the trees and on the lawns of the park before a special treat - a Calippo Ice - just what was needed as the temperature hit 28 degrees!



The trip back was equally as fun as attention turned quickly to the fun that the Year 1 classes will be having next Monday as they prepare for their special 'Beach Day'.

They will be enjoying water games in the paddling pools, painting rocks and enjoying a fish and chip dinner, all without leaving the school field!

For this event, Year 1 parents are reminded that the children should come to school in sensible beach clothing, a full water bottle, and a towel. Please also make sure sun lotion has been applied before coming to school.

Many thanks to Southeastern Railway for making the booking and travel process so smooth and affordable and to Miss Morey, Mr Clark and Mrs Hill's son, Joe, for coming on the trip and making the day so much fun for all of the children.

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

93.9%

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
Monday 11 July	Today at Slade	
Monday 11 July	Let the Activity Begin!	
Monday 11 July	Netball Club Cancellation	Netball Club Participants
Monday 11 July	Governors Annual Survey	All School
Monday 11 July	Abseiling Down, Cycling Around	
Monday 11 July	Year 1 Notes	Year 1 Parents
Monday 11 July	Hot Weather	All School
Monday 11 July	Washing Up	
Monday 11 July	The Great Escape	
Monday 11 July	Evening Swimming	
Tuesday 12 July	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 12 July	Cool Kickabout	
Tuesday 12 July	Ready for Day 2!	
Tuesday 12 July	Wraparound Care: SCOPAY Login Details	New EYFS Parents
Tuesday 12 July	Kayaking and The Great Escape	
Tuesday 12 July	Year 2 Non Uniform Day	Year 2 Parents
Tuesday 12 July	Bushcraft	
Tuesday 12 July	Images of the Day	
Tuesday 12 July	Day 2 Fun!	
Wednesday 13 July	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 13 July	Early Morning at Carrotty Wood	
Wednesday 13 July	Year 1 School Trip	
Wednesday 13 July	Archery: Yellow Hat Challenge	
Wednesday 13 July	Year 1 Fun in the Sand	
Wednesday 13 July	Slade Parent Space	New EYFS Parents
Wednesday 13 July	Leap of Faith	
Wednesday 13 July	Top Knot Fashion!	
Wednesday 13 July	Year 6 Go Wild!	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 14 July	Today at Slade	
Thursday 14 July	Climbing and Leaping	
Thursday 14 July	Mrs Buckland, superstar climber	
Thursday 14 July	Change to Menu	All School
Thursday 14 July	Water Challenge	
Thursday 14 July	Archery	
Thursday 14 July	Waterproof Den	
Friday 15 July	Today at Slade	
Friday 15 July	Thankyou from Carrotty Wood	