



# Slade

## Primary School

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From the  
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their fabulous performances during their end of Year presentation yesterday, an eclectic medley of their memories of Slade! I know that anyone who has seen it will agree with me in saying that all of the children taking part were a credit to themselves and should be very proud of all their achievements; from the singing to the stand-up comedy to the acting and rapping it truly was a lovely show! Thank you to all the adults involved in its production; we couldn't have done it without you! Well done Year 6; in the words of your final song "You're leaving on a high!"

Still with Year 6, this morning we held our final assembly of the year when we said our goodbyes to our fabulous pupils as they head off onto the next phase of their learning journey. As I shared during the Leavers' Assembly, all of us here are incredibly proud of each and every one of the year group not just on the progress that they have made and all that they have achieved during their years at Slade Primary School but also on the resilience that they have demonstrated during these Covid times too. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to hearing of all their fabulous achievements in years to come.

In addition to saying goodbye to some of our children we also bid farewell today to some of our staff team too. Firstly, after 9 years of teaching here at Slade, we say goodbye to Mrs Leanne McFerran. Leanne is leaving us today and the various roles that she has held, including time as a Senior Leader, to spend more time with her young family. We also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Amy Redden who leaves us after 4 years in school to take a break from teaching whilst she relocates to the coast. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all in the Slade community to publicly thank both Leanne and Amy for all that they have done and the huge difference that they have made to the lives of the many children that they have taught over the years. With all good wishes to you both as you begin your non-school based adventures!

Still with goodbyes, we also send our very best wishes to three members of our support staff team today who are also heading off to pastures new. Firstly, congratulations to Mrs Yashada Sabthai who leaves her Teaching Assistant position here in Year 2 to start a similar role at a school closer to her home. Well done too to Miss Leah Rabbett, Midday Supervisor in Pixie Class, for moving on from Slade as she expands her own business venture. And a final farewell to Mrs Fiona Toft, Finance Officer, who will be continuing in her role but at Hilden Grange School instead! Huge thanks to each of you for the part you have played in the life of the school in the years that you have worked here. Wishing you every success both professionally and personally too; thank you!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all children, staff, parents and governors for the part that you have all played in another successful year here at Slade Primary School. It really has been a whole team effort, working together to successfully navigate the challenges that have presented themselves along the way as we safely re-emerged from the Covid years; thank you and well done everyone.

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

**Karen Slade**

# For Your Diary



## Calendar Dates 2022 – 2023 (subject to change)

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> INSET Day – school closed for children
- 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day – school closed for children
  
- 5<sup>th</sup> Term 1 Starts  
EYFS Home Visits Start
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kent Test  
EYFS Group 1 start mornings  
EYFS Group 2 start afternoons
- 9<sup>th</sup> Meet the Team recordings to parents
- 12<sup>th</sup> Re-election of Pupil Council reps
- 13<sup>th</sup> EYFS mornings with lunch
- 15<sup>th</sup> EYFS Full Time
- 16<sup>th</sup> House Captain Elections (pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9am Year 6 Meet the Team
- 30<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 26<sup>th</sup> Individual Photos

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival TBC
- 14<sup>th</sup> NHS Child Flu Vaccinations  
Book Fair Arrives
- 18<sup>th</sup> Kent Test results to parents  
Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> End of Term 1

#### *Half Term*

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October*

- 31<sup>st</sup> Term 2 Starts

### November

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Books home for the weekend
- 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Sale (9am)  
Christmas Lunch (12pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Carols by Candlelight TBC
- 15<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2
- 16<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

#### *Christmas Holidays*

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January*

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day – school closed for children
- 4<sup>th</sup> Term 3 Starts

### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Books home for the weekend
- 7<sup>th</sup> E-Safety Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> End of Term 3

#### *Half Term*

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

- 20<sup>th</sup> Term 4 Starts

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert TBC
- 31<sup>st</sup> End of Term 4

### April

#### *Easter Holidays*

*Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April*

- 17<sup>th</sup> INSET Day – school closed for children
- 18<sup>th</sup> Term 5 Starts
- 24<sup>th</sup> Class Photographs
- 26<sup>th</sup> School Journey Meeting

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kent Test Information Evening
- 8<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> KS1 SATs Start
- 26<sup>th</sup> End of Term 5

#### *Half Term*

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> Term 6 Starts  
Multiplication Tests for Year 4 start  
Phonics Screening for Year 1 start
- 12<sup>th</sup> Open Evening
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sports Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sports Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> New Entrants Information Meeting  
Evening
- 28<sup>th</sup> New Entrants Information Meeting  
Morning

### July

- 6<sup>th</sup> Transition Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential
- 17<sup>th</sup> Reports Home
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Production
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Production
- 21<sup>st</sup> End of Term 6

*Summer Holidays starts on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July*

A full Forest School timetable will be sent at the beginning of September, the first sessions of the year will run as follows:

Thursday 8 September : Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)

Friday 9 September: Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Monday 12 September: Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Tuesday 13 September : Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

# Around School



## Reconnect Summer

We are delighted to share with all families, details of the Kent County Council Reconnect Summer offer.

Organisations across the County are delivering some fabulous opportunities for children, young people and families. In addition to the offers detailed in the link below, many local events will be delivered by groups such as Scouts, sports clubs and community groups, and they will promote these through their local networks and direct contacts with families.

Reconnect Programme Director, David Adams told us, 'We know some offers have been incredibly well received, such as the free bus passes. I hope families find something of interest to them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of organisations and thousands of volunteers who are supporting Reconnect this summer, and to thank you and the school staff for everything you have done to support the County's children, young people and families through significant challenges this year. I wish you all a great summer.'

If you have any further queries, please email the Programme Team at [reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk) or call on 03000 423423.

This information can also be found on the For Families section on the school website.

[More > The Reconnect Offer via \[slade.kent.sch.uk\]\(http://slade.kent.sch.uk\)](#)



## Tonbridge and Malling Council Parking for 2022/23

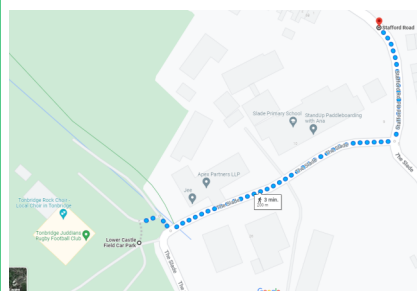
We are again partnering with Tonbridge and Malling Council to provide free parking in the Lower Castle Fields (Swimming Pool) car park for families at drop-off and collection times.

This is an invaluable service for anyone who has the responsibility of carrying out the 'school run' in the car, and we are incredibly lucky to be able to offer this facility preventing the hassle and danger of parking on the street and waiting in the very busy and narrow lanes surrounding the school.

Details on how to apply for the permit to park and its time of operation are included in the link below, also available on our website in the School Day section.



[www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)



The Lower Castle Fields Car Park is less than 300 metres and a three minute walk from the Main Playground Gate, so ideal for all families to use.

Thankyou for taking advantage of this free offer, in turn helping to keep the streets safe for adults and children at Slade and for our neighbours in the Slade Community.

[More > Apply for Free Parking at Drop-Off and Collection Times at Slade via \[slade.kent.sch.uk\]\(http://slade.kent.sch.uk\)](#)

# Around School



## Winner of the Future Creatives Arts Sustainability Competition : Hillview Primary Arts Festival

Twitter viewers will be aware that Ellie in Phoenix Class was the first placed winner at the recent Hillview Festival, where they held an art competition, the prize being an art course at competition sponsors University of the Arts (UAL) London.

Ellie drew inspiration from her love of art to produce a fabulous collage of a macaw and provided information on this beautiful bird's endangered status. Ellie told us how she loves art and decided to use collage as this makes pictures of animals in particular more realistic, especially the feathers. This is why she decided not to paint the picture, as this would not have been effective.



Mariana Jaureguilorda Beltran from UAL spoke to Wendy Ball this week, saying, 'Congratulations to the winner Ellie on her artwork celebrating and bringing attention to macaws and winning first prize in our competition! Huge thank you to everyone that participated in the competition! We were overwhelmed by all the amazing submissions, and it was very difficult to choose the winner. We run courses after school, weekends and school holidays in Tonbridge. Classes provide a fun, creative environment and are held in small groups to make for an engaging session.'

UAL have provided a **10% discount code for any family who would like to take part in a Future Creatives Course. Just use code FC00JUL010** for a Future Creatives booking!

### Future Creatives Art and Design Workshop for 7 to 11 Year Olds

22 - 25 August | Mon - Thur | 09.30 - 12:00

### Future Creatives Art and Design Workshop for 11 to 17 Year Olds

22 - 25 August | Mon - Thur | 13:30 - 16:30



## Reminder: The 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



## Important Change to School Dinner Payments

We are always looking for ways to make life at school easier for our families. Feedback from parents and our shared desire to consolidate the number of systems you are made to use means we are delighted to say that from September, payments for school dinners will be made through your Arbor account. This means you will not need an account with any other app to ensure that your child receives a school meal from Nourish and Slade Primary School. We are also pleased to say this change also means that in partnership with Nourish, we are able to keep the price increase to a minimum.

For pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 - 6) the cost for a school dinner from 1 September will be £2.40. School meals remain free of charge to all pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) under the government's Universal Free School Meals scheme.

To pay, just log into your Arbor account via the portal or app and view the Accounts area. Here you can top up your **MEAL** account using your card details for any amount recommend weekly e.g. £12 per week. The balance will then show at the top of the screen and you will receive a confirmation email from Arbor when the payment has been made.

Details of the school meals that your child has had will appear on this screen, along with the cost per meal and current total. Each time a meal is charged for, it will automatically be taken from your balance which will be amended accordingly. We ask that payments are made in advance, although where this hasn't been possible, that payment is made within 2 weeks of the meal order. You do not need to pre order meals, the children will choose their meal at morning registration as usual.

Copies of the latest Nourish menu are available on the school website. If you have any queries about days that your child has eaten a school dinner, please contact us via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Please note that we continue to be unable to accept cash or cheque payments as we are a cashless school.

Our Business Manager, Jill Westwood, has agreed with Nourish that any credit left on Nourish ParentPay accounts from children currently in Year 3 - 5 will be transferred by us to the Arbor account for use in September.

If there are any debts on your ParentPay account for children currently in Year 3 - 6, these should be paid as soon as possible and in any case by Friday 19 August.

**Nourish**  
contract catering



# Leaving Us

Goodbye

Everyone at Slade wishes all of our Year 6 children much happiness and success in their new schools as they move on in September to Secondary School.

They have had a particularly busy year and of course were the first cohort for over two years to sit SATs earlier this summer following the uncertainty following COVID restrictions. They have completed their time at Slade with a flourish with a series of events designed to assist them in their transition to Secondary School and the independence that brings, the Carrotty Wood Residential Activity Week and performing their own Go Wild show to the school and parents this week.



## Year 6 Hall of Fame

Alric	Lottie	Teo
Ramya	Jack	Charlotte
Sophia	Edward	Benjamin
George	Ahaan	April
Charlie	Nicholas	Josh
Bonnie	Archie	Ewan
Alexey	Xavier	
Onur	Momo	
Lucas	Amy	
Yasmin	Matthew	
Charlie	James	
Tabitha	Hope	
Riley	Isobel	
Connor	Lena	
Brandon	Tyler	
Leila	William	
Milo	Alice	
Tristan	Phoebe	
Alex	Eleanor	
Freya	Tilly	
Zara	Jake	
Luca	Anshika	
George	Bruce	
Emily	Wyatt	
Leah	Lea	
Sofia	Zahra	
Pippa	Mia	
Sarah-May	Maya	

We are also sad to say goodbye to the staff who will be leaving us this summer, we wish them well in the next chapter of their careers:



Teachers  
**Mrs McFerran**  
and **Miss Redden**



Lunchtime Team  
**Miss Rabbett** and  
**Mrs Baldry**



Finance Officer  
**Mrs Toft** and  
Teaching Assistant  
**Mrs Satbhai**



# Reading Corner



## Summer Reading Challenge at Kent Libraries

Get ready for [Gadgeteers](#), arriving online and in your local library this summer.

Children aged 4 to 11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries across Kent this summer. The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 is on now and will continue to run throughout the summer, finishing on 10 September.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as supporting parents and carers with children already at home. And it's completely free!

Gadgeteers is the theme for 2022 – in partnership with the Science Museum Group, this Summer Reading Challenge will inspire children and their families to get inspired about reading, imagination and to explore amazing science around them every day. Children will join the Gadgeteers characters as they work together to create awesome inventions and solve problems by working together. As children read library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge.

Gadgeteers will feature bespoke artwork from children's illustrator Julian Beresford and will celebrate imagination, innovation, reading and fun!

As in previous years, children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#). Once completed, children (whether library members or not) can visit the library for their medal and certificate.

The Summer Reading Challenge has been shown to help encourage children to continue their reading over the summer and we would love your help in supporting as many children to take part as possible.

Let us know how you are getting on with the Gadgeteers Reading Challenge or with any of the fun reading ideas sent out earlier today from Miss Redden for all yeargroups. Use our Twitter account to update us throughout the summer, or email your pictures to [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk) for inclusion in September newsletters.

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

**Story Trails**

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

**GADGETEERS**

SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP | IGNITING IMAGINATION INSPIRING INNOVATORS | 20 YEARS THE READING AGENCY

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# Slade Sport



## Mrs Ball Completes the Mighty Hike

This year, Mrs Ball has organised countless internal and external competitions for the children across the yeargroups at Slade. She has also introduced many fitness and wellbeing activities that each of the classes have taken part in.

Last weekend, fresh out of the Year 6 Residential Week at Carrotty Wood and in the 30 degree heat, she undertook her own latest fitness challenge - all for the best cause, Macmillan Cancer Support. Wendy completed a 26 mile Hike around Windsor, Maidenhead, Eton and Slough River Thames Path Hike.

Congratulations to Wendy on her feat and for raising lots of money for a fantastic cause.



## Sports Crew Breakfast

Yesterday, Mrs Ball along with the Year 5 Sports Crew, who have supported her at competitions and were able to show off their abilities and confidence in front of large crowds at sports day with their assistance at each of the activity posts, shared a special thankyou and well done breakfast in the playground. Everyone at Slade has been very impressed by the way that the crew have taken to their voluntary role this year and thank them for representing our school so brilliantly.



## Green Goes Gold!

For all of our sporting success and more importantly, the physical activity, mental and physical wellbeing activities and opportunities we have provided each of the children across the school this year we have been awarded the School Games National Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest of those given out by National School Games and is for a school's contribution and commitment in providing physical activity opportunities for all.

# 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

87.7%

Attendance This Year

94.2%

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

16

## 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>

