



# Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 8 September 2022 / Term 1, Issue 1



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# Karen Slade



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to the start of this new school year! I do hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break, spending time with family and friends, and that you are now all rested and ready for this new academic year.

A special welcome to all of our new Reception children and their families who enjoyed their first session in school just yesterday! The children have already settled in fantastically well and have been busy discovering lots of new exciting things during their half day sessions. It has been lovely to see them getting to know each other and growing in confidence in their new surroundings during the time that they've been in! We hope that you and your child both soon feel part of our Slade family.

As you are all too sadly aware Buckingham Palace announced yesterday the death of Her Majesty The Queen. We will be taking time in school during the coming days to reflect on her passing with the children whilst also celebrating her reign and lasting legacy, details of which will be shared in due course. On a practical note, the Department for Education (DfE) last night released the following guidance for schools, stating:

*“We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Guidance providing the public, businesses and institutions with advice on the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be issued by the Cabinet Office and available on GOV.UK. Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, we will write to you with further guidance and information. **Schools should remain open; normal attendance is expected.**”*

We will of course keep you updated on the implications for us here in school following the release of this expected guidance.

In addition to this newsletter you will also be receiving today information from your child's class teacher regarding the learning that will be happening this term. This includes a link to the pre-recorded 'Meet the Team' presentation for each year group. I would encourage each of you to take the time to view these recordings in the coming days to ensure that you have all the necessary information required for this term, enabling you to support your child with their learning during the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for taking the time to take a look.

Finally, thank you to you all for quickly adjusting to and following the new arrangements and routines at drop off and pick up times as a result of the ongoing building work and change in classroom locations. This has enabled all of the children to have a calm, smooth start and finish at the beginning and end of each school day.

A reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Please ensure that all dogs, unless an assistance dog, are safely tied to the railings away from the entrance and not blocking entry and exit into the school grounds. Thank you for your support with both of these safety matters and in helping keep everyone safe at these busy times of the school day.

**I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.**

**Karen Slade.**

# For Your Diary



## Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 12 September	EYFS Children in AM/PM Groups
Tuesday 13 September	EYFS Children in AM Session plus Lunch
Wednesday 14 September	EYFS Children in AM Session plus Lunch
Thursday 15 September	EYFS Children in school Full Time
Friday 16 September	House Captain Elections
Date to Watch	Thursday 29 September: PTA Welcome Meeting Opportunity for everyone to meet socially and learn more about PTA. More information to follow next week!

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Gnome Class - Year 2, Mrs Potter
TUESDAY	Sprite Class - Year 2, Mr Louth
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pegasus Class - Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class - Year 3, Miss Taylor

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French , Y1-6 Football, Y3-6 Creative Writing, EYFS/Y1 BSL, EYFS/KS1 Multi Skills
TUESDAY	Y1 Book Club, Y3-6 Cricket, Y3-6 Dance
WEDNESDAY	Y4-6 Yoga, Y4-6 Choir, Y2 Multi Skills, Y2 Singing, Y3-6 Athletics, Y1-6 Art
THURSDAY	Y3 Signing, Y1-6 Basketball, Y3-4 Athletics, Y1-2 Dance
FRIDAY	Y5-6 Athletics, 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 26 September	Matthew Walker Photography: Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 28 September	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 29 September	PTA Welcome Meeting
Friday 30 September	MacMillan Coffee Morning

# Around School



## Our Youngest Learners

We were delighted to say hello to our youngest learners as they joined their new friends in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes for the first time yesterday.

They are in their induction period, before starting at school full time on Thursday 15 September. Both classes are in temporary accommodation in our Titan's Classrooms as building and improvement works are completed on the Gruffalo Class roof - they should be back in their normal surroundings by Term 2.

We will catch up with all of the children next week and we will feature pictures of what they have been up to in next week's newsletter.

We extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families with who we hope to enjoy a very happy, successful and long lasting relationship.



## Our Oldest Learners

### Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2023

The online application window for children currently in Year 6, who will be enrolling into Year 7 in September 2023 opened on Thursday 1 September 2022 and will close at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022.

Apply online at [kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022

For children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, Transferring to Secondary school in September 2023

Secondary Schools will be holding open days for families in Year 6 through this term. We encourage you to visit the schools to make a fully informed decision on your choices, if these visits are during the school day, please let us know by email to [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk) so we can appropriately complete the register and prevent making unnecessary telephone calls to you on the day.

#### What to do

##### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions).

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

##### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

##### Receiving your offer

On offer day (Wednesday 1 March 2023) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Wednesday 15 March 2023.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

#### Key dates

Thursday 1 September 2022	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
Monday 31 October 2022	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Wednesday 15 March 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 28 March 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

#### Need help?

Email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



# Around School



## NHS Flu Vaccinations

The NHS Kent Community Health team will be visiting us again on Friday 14 October to administer the annual child flu vaccinations.



**flu: 5 reasons**  
to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**Flu i mmunisation**  
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Every child in the school is offered a vaccination against the flu with full details of the programme included in the letter sent via Arbor email on Monday. The consent form has to be completed for every child where:

- **Consent is given for the vaccination to be given in school**
- **Consent is not given for the vaccination to be given in school because the child is having the vaccination at another time**
- **Consent is not given for the vaccination to be given at any time**

Completing the form will prevent you from being contacted again by the NHS team.

In an improvement to the service, if consent is given, but for any reason the vaccination cannot be administered in school (due to illness etc.) then the Community Health team will send you a link to be able to book an appointment at a local clinic.

More Information, including children's video and parental consent form:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/immunisation-team/school-age-flu/>

## Deadline Reminders: Swimming and Bikeability

### Year 5 Swimming

Our programme of swimming sessions for Key Stage 2 classes commences next week as our Year 5 children from Wyvern and Dragon make the short walk to Tonbridge Swimming Pool for the beginning of their six weeks of lessons.

Thankyou to all of the parents who have signed up and paid for their child to attend these sessions already. We still have a few outstanding - we are unable to take any child where consent has not been received. This must be done before Monday 12 September via your Arbor account, just login and visit the Clubs section.

The six week course costs £14.60 (£2.43 per session).

### Year 6 Bikeability

The annual Bikeability course for our Year 6 children takes places in November. Places have to be reserved this month so that the course leaders, organised by Kent County Council, can plan the sessions ahead. If your child would like to take part in this invaluable road safety course, please make sure that a signed copy of the consent form has been returned to us, either scanned or photographed as an email, or brought into school as a paper copy by Thursday 15 September.

The two session course costs £12.00, which can be paid via your Arbor account, just login and head for the Clubs section.

# Slade Stats



## Attendance

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.**

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

**Attendance Target**

**97%**

**Attendance This Week**

**97.4%**

**Attendance This Year**

**97.4%**

## Punctuality

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**

**6**



Congratulations to Mrs Knee and all of Pixie Class for winning Attendance Ted this week with an attendance in the class of 100%.

Also, well done to everyone in Miss Lipman's Year 4 Sphinx Class for achieving Punctuality Pup. They had no pupils late this week, with an attendance of 99.6%.

Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup winners are announced each Friday live from the normal celebration assembly via our Twitter feed.

Follow us to find out more [@sladeprimarysch](https://twitter.com/sladeprimarysch).

# Forest School



## Autumn Clothing

Forest School sessions take place in all weathers, please make sure that your child comes in to school with their full forest school clothing in a kit or carrier bag.

Whilst the weather remains warm, but increasingly wet, the suggested kit consists of:

- Full waterproof over clothing (jacket and trousers)
- Thin long sleeved top
- Spare pair of socks
- Boots (it is useful for the boots to be in a separate bag)



## Term 1 Timetable

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

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

Thursday 15 September - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Friday 16 September - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Monday 19 September - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Tuesday 20 September - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Thursday 22 September - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Friday 23 September - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Monday 26 September - Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Tuesday 27 September - Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)

Thursday 29 September - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Friday 30 September - Pixie Class (Year 1, Mrs Knee and Miss Elliott)

Monday 3 October - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Tuesday 4 October - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Wednesday 5 October - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Friday 7 October - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Monday 10 October - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Tuesday 11 October - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Thursday 13 October - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Friday 14 October - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Monday 17 October - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

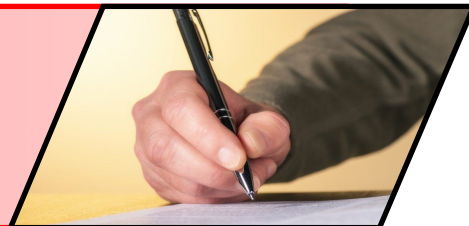
Tuesday 18 October - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Thursday 20 October - Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Friday 21 October - Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)



# Dear Parents & Carers






























## Our Communication to You

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
Tuesday 30 August	EYFS22 Family Picnic	EYFS Parents 
Wednesday 31 August	Starting School: An Update from Mrs Slade	EYFS Parents 
Friday 2 September	Paying for School Meals: A Reminder	KS2 Parents 
Friday 2 September	Important Update from Mrs Slade	All School 
Friday 2 September	Term 1 and 2 Activity Club Timetable	All School + Website 
Friday 2 September	School Day Update	All School 
Friday 2 September	Menu change from Nourish	All School 
Monday 5 September	Welcome Back	
Monday 5 September	Walking Home Permissions	Year 5 and Year 6 Parents 
Monday 5 September	Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme	All School 
Wednesday 7 September	Year 1 Forest School	Year 1 Parents 
Thursday 8 September	Welcome to new Elmer and Gruffalo Classes	
Thursday 8 September	Forest School Returns	
Friday 9 September	Marking the Death of The Queen	
Friday 9 September	Today at Slade	
Friday 9 September	Meet the Team: Year 1 	Year 1 Parents 
Friday 9 September	Meet the Team: Year 2 	Year 2 Parents 
Friday 9 September	Meet the Team: Year 3 	Year 3 Parents 
Friday 9 September	Meet the Team: Year 4 	Year 4 Parents 
Friday 9 September	Meet the Team: Year 5 	Year 5 Parents 
Friday 9 September	Meet the Team: Year 6 	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 9 September	Gordon and Polo	Year 2 Parents 