

# Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 16 September 2022 / Term 1, Issue 2



## Karen Slade



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy second week here in school which has included the return of all our extra- curricular activities for the term. School has been a hive of activity both before and after school, not to mention lunchtimes too, with the varied range of clubs all holding their first sessions with some very enthusiastic children! From choir, to British Sign Language to Yoga, to name but a few, there has been a wide offer for your child to choose from and enjoy. Thank you to all staff members who volunteer and give of their time to offer these extra-curricular activities for our children; we all very much appreciate it. A list of all clubs on offer this term can be found on our school website with some spaces still available so do take a look.

It has also been lovely to have all 60 of our Reception children in full time this week, experiencing school lunches for the first time too! It has been great to see them exploring the learning opportunities available to them both inside and out including venturing further than their classrooms at times! Miss Garrett and I loved having them join us in our office earlier this week! Well done Elmer and Gruffalo!

Today saw democracy in action as the ballot was held for House Captaincy positions across the school. Well done to the Year 6 pupils who stood for election and for the time and effort that you put into your election presentations. Well done too to the children in all other year groups who carefully considered the campaigns they heard before casting the votes in our ballot boxes. The winners will be announced in assembly on Tuesday when our leaders will be presented with their House Captain badges. The names of our new House Captains will be shared in the newsletter next week. I look forward to working with the elected children in their new roles across the coming year!

Thank you to those who have already responded to the surveys that are currently open to parents. Today is the last opportunity to respond to the Governing Body's annual online parent and carers survey which 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. The second survey currently open is regarding parent consultation meetings for the coming year and whether your preference would be to hold them online or in person. Your feedback is really important to us so I would encourage all of you to respond if you can; thank you.

At the start of this new term a reminder of our expectations with regard to school uniform; all of our children are expected to wear regulation school uniform to school every day. This includes black school shoes; trainers are not permitted unless in exceptional circumstances following a discussion with either myself or Miss Garrett. Hair should be a natural colour and tied up if longer than collar length. Any hair accessories should be discreet, not brightly coloured and jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which should be removed for PE lessons. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children.

A reminder that following the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II Monday has been declared a Bank holiday and therefore school will be closed to all children and staff, reopening at the usual time on Tuesday morning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

# For Your Diary



#### Next Week:

Day	Event	
Monday 19 September	National Holiday: Marking the State Funeral of The Queen	
	School Closed to All Pupils	
Tuesday 20 September		
Wednesday 21 September		
Thursday 22 September	Dragon Class Swimming	
Friday 23 September		

#### **Forest School Next Week:**

MONDAY		
TUESDAY	Phoenix Class - Year 4, Mr Duffin - Change of Date, See Page 4	
	Sphinx Class - Year 4, Miss Lipman	
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY	Wyvern Class - Year 5, Mr Osborne	
FRIDAY	Dragon Class - Year 5, Miss Meers	

#### **Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:**

MONDAY*	Y1-4 French , Y1-6 Football, Y1-6 Gym, Y3-6 Creative Writing,	
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 - See Page 8	
Friday 30 September	MacMillan Coffee Morning - More Details to Follow	
Thursday 6 October	Harvest Festival	
Friday 14 October	NHS Childhood Flu Immunisation Clinic	
	Please sign up via https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/immunisation-team/school-age-flu/	
Tuesday 18 October	Parent Consultation Meetings	
	Please take part in our survey:: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-	
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Friday 21 October	Last Day of Term 1	

<sup>\*</sup>All Clubs on Monday 19 September are Cancelled

## Around School



#### **Free School Meals**

We are very keen to make sure that every child and family that is eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding is registered correctly. This funding is vital to be able to offer support to the individual children and across the school.

You can check if you are eligible by completing the online form via the Kent County Council website, link below.

We know that applying online can be sometimes be difficult, so we have staff on hand at school to be able to assist if you would prefer. All conversations remain private and confidential, all we need to complete the application for you is:

- Parent and Child Full Name and Date of Birth
- Contact Details
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Number

If you would like to take advantage of our team making the application for you, please let us know by your preferred method: by telephone to 01732 350354 (option 4), or via email to office@slade.kent.sch.uk, flo@slade.kent.sch.uk or via your class teacher.

To apply: <a href="https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/">https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/</a>

Everyone can apply, KCC and Slade funded Free School Meals should not be confused by Government Universal Free Meals offered to EYFS and KS1 children - despite receiving free lunches parents should still apply for this scheme which provides much more than just at lunchtime.



#### **Parking Permits**

Thankyou to all of our parents, carers and friends for applying for their annual Tonbridge and Malling parking permit. The free permit allows anyone with drop-off or collection responsibilities to park in the swimming pool Lower Fields Carpark for an advertised period of time in the morning and afternoon school run times.



To take out the need to find an on street parking space and to give yourself more time in the morning and afternoon, take advantage of this free scheme today.

To apply: <a href="https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?">https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?</a>

#### **Monday Postponements and Cancellations**

Due to the announcement that the school and the swimming pool will be closed on Monday, it is necessary to postpone the planned Forest School session for Mr Duffin's Phoenix Class and the Swimming Lesson for Mr Osborne's Wyvern Class.

The Year 4 Classes will now share the Forest School time on Tuesday 20 September. Could all Year 4 children please bring their Forest School kit in on Tuesday.

The revised date for the Wyvern Class Swimming Lesson will be communicated when we have more information.

We have cancelled Yeti's Wraparound Care bookings which have been refunded back to SCOPAY accounts for use on future bookings.

## Around School



#### First Days at School: Elmer and Gruffalo Classes

The children in our Early Years Foundation Stage Classes enjoyed their first full days at school this week. We caught up with them as they got to know all of their new friends in and out of the classroom after a week of learning and playing in smaller groups. They also had their first taste of Nourish School Dinners - which we hope they found super delicious!

The children have been exploring the outside areas of the school, sharing lots of time mixing between classes and learning the daily routines at Slade. Once the rain went away, they even had an hour or two on the Trim Trail!





Parents of children in EYFS can find out more in today's first issue of their own yeargroup newsletter which details the learning each week and offers tips on how to help your child at home to develop on the activities we have been doing at school.



















### 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** 

97.3%

**Attendance This Year** 

97.3%

#### **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** 

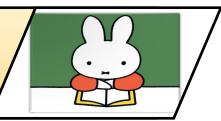
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Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup winners are announced each Friday live from the normal celebration assembly via our Twitter feed which also includes the weekly winners of our Pupil of the Week prizes from the EYFS and KS1 Golden Book and KS2 Diamond Book as well as the champion house from the weekly totting up of Housepoints from across KS1 and KS2.

Follow us to find out more @sladeprimarysch.



## Reading Corner



Caroline Mawson, School Librarian

#### **Reading Cloud**

It is great to see the library bustling again with every class scheduled to visit each week.

Just a reminder that you can access the library catalogue from home via your phone or iPad, by downloading a free App called **Reading Cloud.** The App is available from the App store and Android Market. On the App you can see what books are available to borrow from the library, your child's loan history, reserve books, write and read reviews and get ideas for new authors.

To access this facility, you will need your child's username and password. Please email the office to request this and I will be happy to pass these on to you.

On the School Library section of the school website, link below, you will find a guide to how to use Reading Cloud.

More Information > https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/attachments/



#### Thankyou, Akshara!

We are very grateful to Akshara's family for the donation of lots of books to the school library. The books have been logged onto our system and put out on display and for loan by our Key Stage 2 School Librarians this week.



#### **Autumn and Winter Term Librarians**

We are always delighted to know that so many of our older children are eager to volunteer their time by being a school librarian - helping Mrs Mawson in the library at lunchtimes by doing vital jobs such as logging the return of books, loaning

them out to children who are visiting the library and by carrying out other tasks such as making sure all new books, such as the kind donation from Akshara's family, are on the system, barcoded and ready to be lent out.

Our super team of librarians to start off the school year are

Year 3: Maddy, Teddy, George, Ruby

Year 4: Nadiya, Anabelle, Pietro, Lenny

Year 5: George, Victoria, Winnie, Michael

Year 6: Anais, Imogen, Jake, Jean

Thankyou for your hard work already this term and for volunteering to help out in the School Library.



## PTA News







# · Welcome Evening ·

- Slade PTA presents the first social event of the year with their Welcome Evening which will include the Annual General Meeting
- An opportunity for everyone to meet socially at the start of the school year and welcome new families as we look forward to the year ahead

The PTA

will supply wine, beer and soft drinks

Thursday main School Hall

enter via the

main playground gates

@archfordesign

To celebrate Slade's diversity, please bring and share your favourite savoury or sweet treats

Come and get to know your new PTA Committee

Hear about the exciting events planned for Term 1 and Term 2



## 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
Monday 12 September	Today at Slade	<b>Y</b>
Monday 12 September	State Funeral of The Queen	All School 📀
Tuesday 13 September	Today at Slade	<b>Y</b>
Tuesday 13 September	Governors End of Year Survey	All School 🧇
Tuesday 13 September	Parent Consultations Survey	All School 📀
Tuesday 13 September	Elmer and Gruffalo Lunches	<b>Y</b>
Wednesday 14 September	Today at Slade	<b>Y</b>
Wednesday 14 September	Art Club Correction	<b>Y</b>
Wednesday 14 September	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6 Parents
Wednesday 14 September	Free School Meals: Apply Today	All School 📀
Wednesday 14 September	Making Payments on Arbor	All School 📀
Thursday 15 September	Today at Slade	<b>Y</b>
Friday 16 September	Today at Slade	<b>Y</b>
Friday 16 September	Celebration Assembly	<b>y</b>
Friday 16 September	Forest School: Pegasus Class	Pegasus Class Parents 🍫
Friday 16 September	Voting Begins	<b>y</b>
Friday 16 September	EYFS Newsletter	EYFS Parents