



Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 23 September 2022 / Term 1, Issue 3



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following last week's elections I was delighted to present the newly elected House Captains with their captaincy badges during Tuesday's Key Stage 2 assembly! Well done and congratulations to all of our successful candidates! Well done too to all of you for carrying out your first duties of the year so diligently and efficiently during the week, which culminated in celebration assembly this morning; I look forward to working with you all during the coming year! Details of our winning captains feature further on in this newsletter and on our Twitter feed too.

One of the first tasks for our new House Captains will be to help organize our Harvest Celebration which will be held on Thursday 13 October at the parish church. More details, including information about our planned food collections, will be included in next week's newsletter.

Other pupils too have also been stepping up to fill other important leadership roles in school this week. Each class has been holding elections to appoint their pupil council representatives, with the posts of librarians and lunch time carers all being quickly being filled too. Thank you to all of the children who give of their time in these positions to support others in the school. It is very much appreciated!

On Tuesday we welcomed Chris Jacobs our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser to the school for his first visit this academic year. Chris spent time with myself, senior leaders and the Chair of Governors to hear of the progress that has been made since he last came to visit in July. He was particularly full of praise for the way in which the school has responded to the challenges that we have faced in recent weeks, including the re-housing of the Reception classrooms. He thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new Gruffalo and Elmer children and being given a guided tour of their indoor and outdoor learning spaces by some of the children! The gloop was a particular favourite during the tour! Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved in making him so welcome!

This week also saw the return of students from Tonbridge School who volunteer at Slade on a weekly basis during Wednesday afternoons. This term sees the boys supporting Mrs. Ball with the learning in PE lessons in addition to them leading art and drama activities too. We appreciate the time that the boys give to our school and look forward to further developing this partnership between our two schools during the coming year.

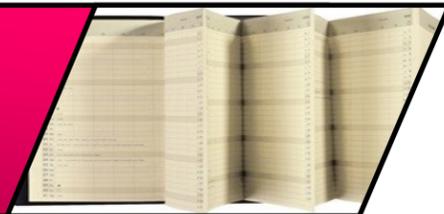
Christine McInnes, Director of Education for Kent Local Authority, has asked all headteachers to inform parents of the pending three-day revisit by Ofsted to Kent from Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 September. The purpose of the revisit is for inspectors to assess whether the local authority has made sufficient progress in addressing the areas of significant weakness identified during their previous inspection in 2019. We have also been asked to share the [letter sent by Ofsted and CQC to parents](#) which gives details about an online survey for parents and carers of pupils with SEND to complete should they wish to do so.

A reminder please that at the end of the day pick up parents and carers are asked to vacate the playground as soon as children have been collected in order that after school clubs and activities can commence on the playground. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 26 September	Individual School Photographs with Matthew Walker - See page 4 Wyvern Class Swimming KS1 Girls Football Tournament St Margaret Clitherow School - Participants informed
Tuesday 27 September	
Wednesday 28 September	18:30 - Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 29 September	Dragon Class Swimming
Friday 30 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning - See Page 5

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Griffin Class: Year 6, Mrs Burnside
TUESDAY	Hydra Class: Year 6, Miss Buswell
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Elmer Class: EYFS, Mrs Pearson
FRIDAY	Pixie Class: Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee

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

*All Clubs on Monday 19 September are Cancelled

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-
Thursday 20 October	Parent Consultation Meetings Please take part in our survey: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-
Friday 21 October	Last Day of Term 1

Around School



Welcome to Slade, Charlotte

Everyone at Slade would like to say a big welcome to Charlotte, who joined us this week in Mr Osborne's Wyvern Class in Year 5.

We hope you have enjoyed your first week in your new class, Charlotte. The staff in Wyvern have been very impressed in how quickly Charlotte has settled into life at Slade.

Our warm welcome is extended to all of Charlotte's family, with who we hope to share a long, happy and successful relationship.



School Photographs

On Monday we welcome back to Slade, Matthew Walker, photographer at Portrait Days.



Portrait Days...

Matthew will be taking the children's individual photographs, which will be ready for online purchase later in the week ; full details of how to buy will be sent home for your information. These photographs will also be used for your child's Arbor profile for the next year.

Early Years Intake: September 2023

If you have, or know someone who has, children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you will just be starting to think about choices of Primary School for the Early Years (Year R) intake for September 2023.

We have two open days planned for Wednesday 16 November and Wednesday 23 November for parents and carers considering their choices, for which we are now taking bookings.

Both events will start at 09:15 with a short presentation from Karen Slade, Headteacher and other members of staff who will provide the full story of life at Slade and to help you through the application process. We then invite you to roam and ask questions of our children or staff as you experience a normal morning around school.

The morning will finish by 11:00.

Booking is essential for these events, please email us via admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk if you would like to attend stating which date you would prefer and how many people will be coming along.

The application window for your choices to be made directly to Kent County Council opens on Friday 4 November and closes on Monday 16 January.



Table Tennis Tournament



Mrs Ball is pleased to invite parents of any boy or girl in Year 5 or 6 interested in taking part in the Kent Schools Table Tennis tournament to contact her via office@slade.kent.sch.uk . Team and Individual competitions will be held at The Howard School Table Tennis Centre, Derwent Way in Rainham on Tuesday 15th November 2022. Entry fee is £6.00 per child and you would be required to transport your child to and from the venue for this event and pay the entry fee.

Around School



Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 30 September

All of our parents, carers and friends are invited to join us for a special social event next Friday morning as we join in with schools and organisations across the country in holding a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Weather permitting we will be holding the event on the school field* with entry via the Hawden Road Gate to school. This social event is a chance to meet and have a friendly chat over a drink and a cake with other parents that you may know, or not (yet!)

Joining the fun will be the PTA, who are organising and serving the refreshments, Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett as well as Maxine Button, our Family Liaison Officer who is known to many families already. They are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar and new faces as we bring together the Slade community for a very worthwhile cause.

There are also opportunities for you to help including any volunteers to help out on the refreshment stalls

Charity Donations

There are no prices attached to the drinks, cakes or cookies at this event. You are free to enjoy the event free of charge, there will of course be collection boxes available to make any cash donations of any amount towards the fantastic work that Macmillan provide for those with Cancer and the fight against the disease through research.

Cake and Cookie Donations

This event would not be possible without three things: People, Drinks and Cake!

We are very grateful to anyone who can donate any cake or cookies for sharing at the Coffee Morning; any donations of homemade or shop bought items can be made on Thursday 29 September or Friday 30 September. We will have a table for donations set up in at the main playground gate and by the school office at morning drop-off and afternoon collection time.



**In the event of bad weather, the event will be held in the main school hall*

Upcoming PTA Events

The PTA has an exciting programme of events coming up during terms 1 and 2 including the welcome evening advertised around school and on page 8 of today's newsletter – we need your help to make these a success!

Friday 7 October – Junior Disco – a return of the well loved school disco for Years 3 to 6, times and ticketing details to follow. The PTA is looking for some volunteers to help organise this event and to help out on the evening.

Saturday 22 October – Halloween event – a community event for all to attend, wear your scariest costume and enjoy games and activities on the school field. Details to follow. The PTA is looking for some volunteers to help out on the day.

Friday 11 November – Slade Fireworks – more details to follow...

Friday 9 December – Christmas Sale and lunch day – more details to follow...

Please email sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk if you're able to help out, or join our PTA Helpers Whatsapp group at the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E6cEL9oEiJv3l7UPO8H9Bb>

The PTA also has a Facebook page where we will post updates on all events and make volunteer requests.

Around School



Slade at Deaf Expo, Maidstone

Teacher of the Deaf Jayne Laker was at Cornwallis Academy in Maidstone last weekend at the Deaf Expo event, which showcases all of the services available families of deaf children across Kent and also nationally.

Examples of stall holders were schools with specialist Hearing Impaired services, NHS speech therapy services, Cochlear Implant/Hearing Aid companies, Deaf CAHMs, Cochlear implant centres such as Guys and St Thomas's, Kent Deaf Children's Service (KDCS) and the National Deaf Children's Service (NDCS) amongst lots of others.

The exhibition also included lots for the children to do including a small animal petting zoo, deaf basketball, craft activities and an inflatable assault course.

The event ran from 10am to 4pm and it was lovely to see so many families with deaf children come together.



Secondary School Open Events for Year 6

Secondary Schools are now advertising their open events as the application period for admission to Key Stage 3 is well underway. The following schools have sent us their details for inclusion in this week's newsletter. Please feel free to attend any of these events, but in order for us to plan ahead and record registers accurately, please let us know when you are planning for your child to be absent from Slade.

Hillview School for Girls

Open Morning: Saturday 1 October 2022 – 10 a.m. – 12noon

Open Evening: Thursday 20 October 2022 – 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Open Morning Tours: 08:50-10:30- Tuesday 4 October, Wednesday 5 October, Wednesday 12 October

For information on Performing & Visual Arts Places <https://www.hillview.kent.sch.uk/about-us/admissions/>



Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

Open Evening: Students and parents will have a unique opportunity to explore our departments, meeting our students and find out what makes MGGS such a special place.

Tuesday, 11th October 2022 - Year 6 Open Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm with presentations at 4.30pm, 5.15pm and 6pm.

Open Afternoons: This is a great opportunity to have a tour of MGGS with one of our current Year 7 students, visit our beautiful site and to see our school and students in action.

Tuesday, 18th October 2022 - Year 6 Open Afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday, 19th October 2022 - Year 6 Open Afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm

Bookings via: <https://www.mggs.org/joining-us/joining-our-year-7/open-events-for-joining-in-year-7/#y6transition>



Maidstone Grammar School
for Girls
Non sibi sed omnibus

St Gregory's Catholic School, Tunbridge Wells: www.sgschool.org.uk



Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls: <https://www.wealdofkent.kent.sch.uk/open-events>



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

96.9%

Attendance This Year

97.2%

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.

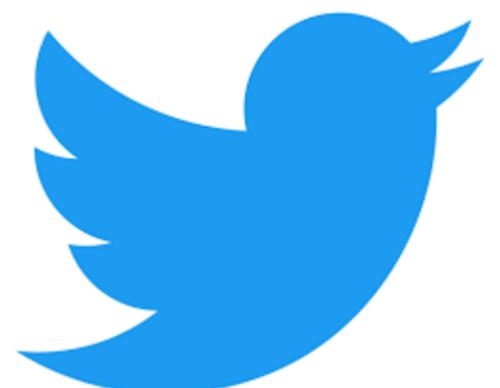
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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](https://twitter.com/sladeprimarysch).



PTA News



Slade Primary School PTA



• 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
29th
September
7:30 pm

Main School Hall
enter via the
main playground
gates

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

Our News



Xander's Squat Challenge Success

We were incredibly pleased to hear about Xander's super summer exploits as throughout August he took part in a '1,000 Squat Challenge' to raise money for We Are Beams – a local charity that supports disabled children and their families.

He worked really hard and achieved the 1,000 squats in 31 days. Even whilst on holiday on the Isle of Wight and in Dorset he was still working towards his goal, and we made videos of him squatting on the beach, at the monkey sanctuary, the Tank Museum, Corfe Castle and even the Poo Museum!

He managed to raise £411, which was the most raised by an individual in the challenge, so he was presented with a medal and a Certificate of Appreciation (photo attached) by the Beams Fundraising Team.

We are very grateful to Xander's mum for sharing this story, who concluded by saying, 'He was super proud of his achievement, and I wanted to share with the school too!'



Thankyou to Xander for agreeing for his story to be included in this week's newsletter; we are always looking for stories of our children's successes and achievements out of school. If you would like to join Xander in our weekly round-up, just contact us via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

From KCC



OFSTED Revisit Kent County Council

OFSTED and CQC (Care Quality Commission) have announced that they will conduct a three-day revisit to Kent from Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 September.

The purpose of the revisit is for inspectors to assess whether the local area has made sufficient progress in addressing the areas of significant weakness detailed in the SEND Written Statement of Action.

The inspectors will want to speak with partners and parents and carers, at the end of the revisit, the inspection team will evaluate all the evidence gathered. They will then send KCC a letter with their findings, which will be published on the [Ofsted website](#) and on the [CQC website](#).

Please have a read of the letter from OFSTED, which gives details about an online survey for parents and carers which is available to complete now.

OFSTED Letter and survey:

[Ofsted CQC SEND inspection: Letter to parents \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

