



Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 30 September 2022 / Term 1, Issue 4



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see our Reception Classes exploring further afield this week which has seen them venture to the hall for their first PE lesson; Miss Garrett and I loved hearing them learning how to keep fit and active with Mrs Ball on Wednesday morning. Then Thursday saw Elmer Class take their first visit down to the woods and enjoy a morning at Forest School in the late September sunshine. A fabulous time was had by all; there will be some very tired children this weekend!

A huge thank you to all those parents and staff who supported our MacMillan coffee morning today by providing and eating cake whilst donating so very generously too! Thank you also to those parents who gave of their time serving teas and coffees; it was lovely to see you all there and supporting this very worthy cause! In addition, we thoroughly enjoyed being entertained by the Slade School Choir as we ate and drank as they gave their first public performance this year. You all sounded fabulous and even made some of us a little bit teary too!

Many thanks too to the very many parents, carers and staff who attended the PTA welcome meeting last night which also included the Annual General Meeting too. It was lovely to see so many of you there showing your support and commitment to the school whilst enjoying the drinks and nibbles! The PTA continues to make such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money to provide those additional extras for all of the children across the school to enjoy. Special thanks to committee members, led by outgoing Chair Jo Johnson, who have worked so tirelessly over the years to raise such amazing funds for our children. We are very excited and look forward to all that our new committee has in store for us in the coming months! Don't forget to check out the PTA page further on in this newsletter.

Thank you to all parents and staff who took the time to reply to our recent parent evening consultation survey; we very much appreciate your feedback. As a result, we will be reverting to holding these consultations in school rather than meeting remotely. However, due to the ongoing building works this change will now not commence until the planned consultations in March. Therefore, the meetings to be held during the final week of this term will take place remotely with the booking system opening on Monday 3 October at 6pm. In addition to the online consultation meeting, each class will be inviting parents and carers to a drop in session during the first week of Term 2 in order that you can spend some time in class with your child and look at their books with them. Dates and further information regarding these drop in sessions will be shared next week.

We are delighted that this year's Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Thursday 13 October at 9.30am at the Tonbridge Parish Church. This will be the first time that we will have gathered together as a whole school since the first lockdown in March 2020! We will be looking for volunteers to walk to the church with us and for donations of produce too so please look out for the letter which will be sent out on Monday to see how you can get involved.

Finally, a reminder that in the interests of everyone's safety would parents and carers of children who scoot to school please ensure that they dismount from their scooters when crossing the road and entering the school site. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 3 October	Wyvern Class Swimming
Tuesday 4 October	
Wednesday 5 October	Girls Friendly Rugby Event: Participants contacted directly and should have consented via email to Wendy Ball
Thursday 6 October	Dragon Class Swimming Kent Golf Festival: Participants contacted directly and should have consented via email to Wendy Ball
Friday 7 October	Harvest Festival Donation Day: See Page 6 Year 5 Author Talk: Dogs of the Deadlands Tonbridge School (See email of 27 September)

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Elf Class: Year 1, Mrs Hill
TUESDAY	Gnome Class: Year 2, Mrs Potter
WEDNESDAY	Gruffalo Class: EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Sprite Class: Year 2, Mr Louth

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French , Y1-6 Football, Y1-6 Gym, 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:

Thursday 13 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 More information on how to book nearer the time
Thursday 20 October	Parent Consultation Meetings More information on how to book nearer the time
Friday 21 October	Last Day of Term 1

Around School



School Photographs by Matthew Walker

On Monday, we were joined by Matt Walker from Portrait Days, who was busy taking the individual school photographs of all of our children here at Slade.

You will have received your proof and ordering card on Thursday afternoon. Orders should be made by visiting www.portraitdays.net, clicking on Online Ordering and entering the Access Code from your card, or by simply scanning the QR code from your mobile device.

There are a number of packages to choose from, and orders need to be made online before Friday 14 October to ensure free delivery to school.

Order your picture here - direct link to the Online Ordering Page:

<https://portraitdays.flexschools.co.uk/>



Matthew will be back at Slade in the summer to take class group photographs.

Earrings in School

A quick reminder that children should not be wearing earrings on days that they are due a PE lesson, swimming or other activity unless they are confident enough and are prepared to take them out before the activity takes place.

Earrings can not be taped over - children who can not take their earrings out will have to sit out activities as there is still a significant risk to them.

We encourage any parent who is considering to have their child's ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the seasonal holidays (Christmas, Easter and the main Summer break.)



Win With Brita and Dougie Poynter

Many thanks to Imogen in Hippogriff class who has presented Miss Taylor with an opportunity for the school to enter a competition in association with Brita, the world leading German water filter manufacturer.

In June, Brita launched The Whale Watchers, authored by the bassist from band McFly Dougie Poynter (right) who is also a well known Climate Activist.

The book, aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils, follows the story of Finn, who ends up on a rescue mission to save a whale that has become entangled in plastic (Brita are very kindly sending us a copy of this book to enjoy in school). Any child who wishes to participate needs to create a unique and compelling design for the BRITA recycling bin that will inspire others to reduce, reuse and recycle to protect the environment. If any of our entries are successful, we could win the school £3000 to spend on a sustainability initiative of our choice, based on an area we are focused on improving within school.

This competition is open to children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) and templates will be given to class teachers for the children to design on.



Entries must be returned to Miss Taylor in Hippogriff Class or via the School Office by Thursday 20 October (with the child's initials and class name on), we will then be send them to Brita on Friday 21 October.

Slade Sport



KS1 Football Skills Festival

On Monday, the Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership held their first ever Girls Football Skills Festival.

After the tremendous success of the England team in the European Championships in the summer, interest in the women's games has never been higher - topped off last weekend when a record crowd of nearly 50,000 watched Arsenal beat their local rivals Tottenham 4:0. At Slade, we are also acutely aware of the ability and importance of girls football, as a number of our older girls already appear regularly for local teams and which saw our side win the district championship last year, as featured on these pages.



The future also looks very bright if the evidence of the festival is to be believed as the eleven girls from Year 1 and 2 took part in dribbling, shooting and passing skills training before playing games amongst themselves and other schools: Claremont, St Margaret Clitherow and Longmead.

The girls gave teacher Wendy Ball, and the organisers no impression other than pure enjoyment and the improvement in their skills as the afternoon went on was measureable. Mrs Ball presented the squad with their medals in today's Celebration Assembly - each member of the team fully deserves their medal for their performance and their outstanding behaviour and attitude - as Frankie put it, 'I loved being able to represent Slade!'



Congratulations to our squad of eleven:

Emma, Artemis, Ellie, Harriet, Sophia, Daisy, Poppy, Greta, Amelia, Frankie and Mia



We would like to thank the parents who took the girls to St Margaret Clitherow School for the football festival for your support of this activity. It was unfortunate that parents were not allowed to stay to see the action, we hope this did not disappoint or inconvenience the girls and your families too much on the day.

We are now looking forward to next week's Year 5 and 6 Rugby and Year 6 Golf events.

Slade in the Community



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thankyou to all of the parents, carers and friends who attended this morning's Coffee Morning in aid of cancer support and research charity, Macmillan.

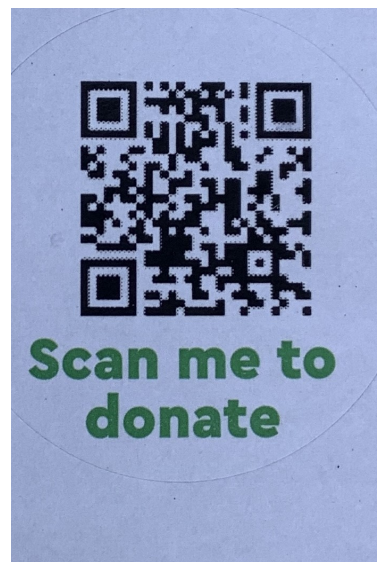
Just from cash donations made this morning, we are delighted to say that over £350 was raised for the vital work carried out by Macmillan.

Just as importantly, the event gave families a chance to come along, have a chat with new friends and old and in some cases have a place to share their own experiences of Cancer. The attendees were also treated to a performance from the Key Stage 2 Choir, led today by Sarah Luffingham.

Many thanks to the many volunteers from the PTA for setting up, serving and clearing away and to Family Liaison Officer Maxine Button for organising the event here at Slade.



Find out all about the work carried out by Macmillan:
<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>



Harvest Festival

We are delighted to be learning about and celebrating Harvest time around school at the moment, all in preparation for our Harvest Festival now taking place on Thursday 13 October.

More details on this special day will be sent via email next week to all parents and carers.

This year our Harvest Celebrations will be supporting the vital work carried out by local food banks and we are asking any families who are able to donate non-perishable food with a long shelf life such as tinned food, pasta, packs of rice or noodles as well as cereals, dry coffee and teabags.

Any donations will be kindly accepted and should be brought to school next Friday, 7 October.



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

97.1%

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

18

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



The PTA Does That?

Provides educational enrichment for our children

- ✓ Provides funds for dictionaries
- ✓ Celebrates diversity
- ✓ Pays for outdoor learning resources
- ✓ Ran the Perfect Playground fundraising project

Builds community

- ✓ Hosts a new intake picnic
- ✓ Runs whole school events: Halloween; Fireworks; Christmas; Easter; Summer Fete
- ✓ Plans year group activities: Movie nights; Discos; Leavers Party
- ✓ Provides refreshments at Sports Day and New Parent Evenings

Supports our wonderful staff

- ✓ Allocates funds each year for teachers to supplement their classroom resources
- ✓ Provides money for KS1 and KS2 year group trips and to support extra-curricular and celebratory activities for all pupils

Communicates

- ✓ Offers parents the chance to engage in a range of school events and be part of key discussions – providing valuable feedback and personal perspectives
- ✓ Acts as a source of information and advice
- ✓ Provides transparent fundraising updates and details of fund allocation

contact us:

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Slade PTA

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Supporting Your School... How It Works



ATTEND

- ✓ All families are automatically part of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) during their time at Slade. By attending meetings to provide your opinion you can help drive our activities and ensure the money we spend and the events that are held meet the needs of the whole Slade community.
- ★ If you wish to get more involved there are a number of vacancies on the PTA committee at the moment and we are always happy for people to share roles.

DONATE

- ✓ Any amount you feel able to give helps the school. Standing order forms are available on the PTA page of the Slade website for anyone interested in regular giving and Amazon Smile is a quick and easy way to raise funds. We also rely on donations for bake sales, second hand uniform and the Christmas sale, and hope everyone will enjoy supporting our community and fundraising events.

VOLUNTEER

- ✓ Strength in numbers! Together so much can be achieved in just one hour to make an event great and a fundraising effort successful.

Calendar of PTA Events Term 1 and 2

29 September	PTA AGM & Welcome Evening
30 September	Macmillan Coffee
7 October	KS2 Disco
22 October	Halloween Event
11 November	Fireworks Night
17 November	PTA Meeting
9 December	Christmas Sale

National News

School Census



Department for Education

National School Census Day: Thursday 6 October

The School Census is a statutory data collection for all maintained (state-funded) schools in England. This includes us at Slade Primary School. It is a statutory obligation for schools to complete the census before submitting it to Local Authorities (in our case, Kent County Council) and the Department for Education.

These figures include the numbers of children eating a school dinner.

Why is this important?

The data collected is a snapshot in time which the Government uses to assess the uptake of school meals, they are looking to see that every child entitled to a free school meal (either through eligibility due to being in receipt of benefits, or under the Universal Scheme (for all children in EYFS and Key Stage 1.)

This can affect school budgets, as the government will support existing funding if the numbers remain high (+90%) however may look to reduce them if it appears that families are not taking use of the free school meal offer.

Nourish support the school by producing a special themed day and menu, which can be viewed on page 9 of the newsletter. We encourage every pupil at school to have a Nourish School Dinner on Thursday 6 October.

From The Kitchen



Nourish

Mr Nourish's Birthday

Thursday 6th October 2022

Crispy Chicken Wrap ^{1,7}

Crispy Quorn Wrap ¹

Jacket Potato with a
Choice of Toppings ^{7,8,9}

Sweetcorn

Salad Bar

Herby Diced Potato

Birthday Cake ^{1,9}

Jelly Pots

Fruit Pots

Competition

**Design a
birthday card
for Mr Nourish**

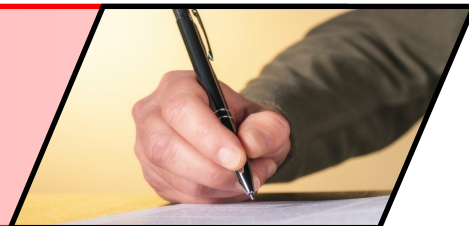
**Hand in to the
catering team**

**Prizes to be
awarded on
his birthday**



Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen: Allergen code: (1) Wheat Gluten (2) Crustaceans (3) Soybean (4) Mustard (5) Sesame (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide (7) Milk (8) Fish (9) Egg (10) Peanuts (11) Molluscs (12) Celeriac/Celery (13) Nuts (14) Lupins (15) Oat Gluten (16) Barley Gluten (17) Chickpea

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
Sunday 25 September	Dragon Class Forest School Highlights 	Dragon Class Parents 
Monday 26 September	Today at Slade	
Monday 26 September	Griffin Class Forest School Highlights 	Griffin Class Parents 
Monday 26 September	KS1 Girls Football	
Tuesday 27 September	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 27 September	Anthony McGowan Author Visit	Year 5 Parents 
Tuesday 27 September	Singing Club Cancellation	Participant's Parents 
Tuesday 27 September	Class Reps at Slade	EYFS Parents 
Tuesday 27 September	Hydra Class Forest School Highlights 	Hydra Class Parents 
Tuesday 27 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	
Wednesday 28 September	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 28 September	Late Menu Change	All School 
Wednesday 28 September	KCC Disney Inspired Fitness	
Wednesday 28 September	KS1 Football Action	
Thursday 29 September	Pupil Premium Photograph Offer	Pupil Premium Eligible Families 
Thursday 29 September	Today at Slade	
Thursday 29 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	
Friday 30 September	Today at Slade	
Friday 30 September	Setting Up	
Friday 30 September	From Today's Coffee Morning	
Friday 30 September	Celebration Assembly	