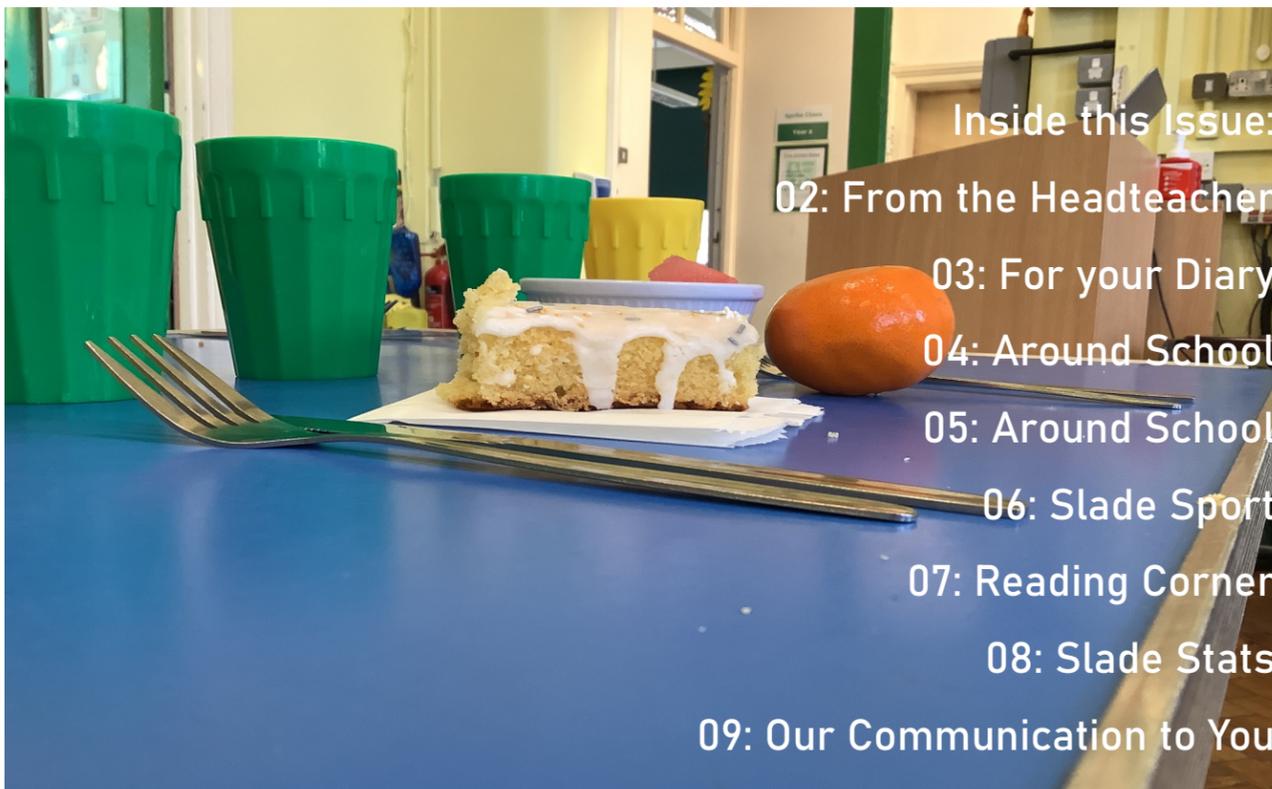




Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 7 October 2022 / Term 1, Issue 5



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week of October has been another busy one here in school!

Earlier this week I enjoyed spending time with Pixie and Elf Classes, supporting them with their learning in class. Firstly, we were learning to use adjectives in our sentences during our Writing lesson before using the Numicon to help us partition our numbers in Maths with all of the children working incredibly hard throughout both lessons! It was great to see how quickly the children have transitioned and settled into their new year group and the progress that they have already made this term with their learning. Thank you for making me so welcome Pixie and Elves! Across the coming weeks Miss Garrett and I will be spending time in all of the classes working alongside the children and supporting them in lessons. Watch this space for more updates!

As shared last week, you too will have an opportunity to drop in to your child's class during the first week of Term 2 to spend time with your child in their classroom and look at their books with them. Dates and further information regarding these drop in sessions are currently being finalized ready to be shared at the start of next week. A reminder too that the booking system for parent consultation meetings is now open. Please do all sign up if you haven't already done so as this is your opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and to hear of the progress that they are making.

This week I am delighted to share some exciting staff news! I was informed earlier this week that Susie Martin, Teaching Assistant for the Deaf here at Slade, was recently nominated for an award in this year's Kent Deaf Children's Society (KDCCS) Awards for Recognition & Achievement. I am thrilled to announce that from a strong field Susie has been selected by the panel of trustees as winner for the 'Outstanding Contribution to the Deaf Community' this year! Huge congratulations to Susie on this fantastic achievement in recognition of all that she does to support the deaf community not just here in Slade but outside of school too, particularly with her work with her Signing Choirs. Well done and thank you Susie; we are all very proud of you!

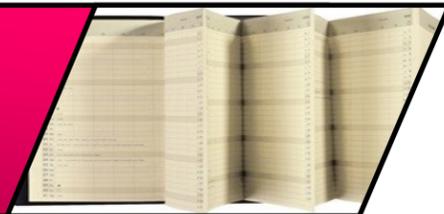
Also this week we have seen the removal of the scaffolding from Gruffalo Classroom and the reappearance of the classroom building! I have been informed by KCC and the building contractors that the roofing work currently underway on the classroom is still on track to be completed to schedule for the start of Term 2, at the end of October. We now have a new roof on the building but are awaiting on a new ceiling to be installed and the remaining interior works to be completed. Thank you to all children, staff and parents for your ongoing patience and understanding as we continue to navigate our way through this building project. Fingers crossed that it's not for too much longer now!

A huge thank you to the PTA and all the parent volunteers who have been busily organizing the long awaited return of the Key Stage 2 school disco this evening. There is much excitement and anticipation amongst the children who are very much looking forward to getting their dancing shoes on! Huge thanks too to the staff team who are delaying the start to their weekend to be here this evening too. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the dance floor later!

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 10 October	Wyvern Class Swimming
Tuesday 11 October	Class Reps Meeting
Wednesday 12 October	Tag Rugby Festival: Participants contacted directly and should have consented via email to Wendy Ball
Thursday 13 October	Harvest Festival: See Page 4 Dragon Class Swimming
Friday 14 October	NHS Childhood Flu Immunisation Clinic Please sign up via https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/immunisation-team/school-age-flu/ Scholastic Book Fair Open: 15:15 - 16:30 Main Hall

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Pegasus Class, Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill
TUESDAY	Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Miss Taylor
WEDNESDAY	Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin - <i>THIS IS A DATE ALTERATION, PLEASE SEE PAGE 5</i>
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman

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

Clubs are cancelled between 14 - 20 October due to Scholastic Book Fair

Further Ahead:

Sunday 16 October	23:59 - Closing of the booking window for Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 18 October	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 19 October	Year 6 Science Trip to Tonbridge School
Thursday 20 October	Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 21 October	Last Day of Term 1

Around School



Welcome to Slade, Aarna



Everyone at Slade would like to offer a very warm welcome to Aarna, who has joined us in Year 6 this week.

Aarna has settled really quickly with her new friends and teacher, Mrs Burnside, in Griffin Class.

We hope you have enjoyed your first week with us, Aarna.

Our welcome is extended to Aarna's family, with who we hope to share a happy, lasting and successful relationship.

Parent - Teacher Consultations

Thankyou to everyone who has already booked their appointment to meet with their child's class teacher later this month for the Term 1 Parent - Teacher Consultations.

We have seen 351 bookings made online since the window was open for the consultations which are a chance to find out how the children have settled into their new yeargroup, their targets for the year and to share any questions from home.

If you are one of the few yet to make a booking, please do so as soon as possible by logging into your Arbor account.

Appointments are available for either of the two days:

- Tuesday 18 October
- Thursday 20 October

The evenings both run between 16:00 and 19:00 and will be held online via the child's Microsoft Teams account. Details on how to login to the meeting will be sent nearer the time, however you will need the login details - if you are unsure of these, please contact your class teacher in advance via the class email address: classname@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Used Forest School Kit

If you have any items of clothing at home that no longer fit and would be suitable for use at Forest School, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating to Slade for the benefit of children across the school who do not have all of the correct kit for their sessions during the year.

Items include boots, waterproof tops and/or trousers, long sleeved tops or gloves. Any donations can be made to the school office at anytime during the school day, or to the Yeti's staff if you use our Wraparound Care provision.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held at the Tonbridge Parish Church on Thursday 13 October. Donations for local food banks and our elderly neighbours can be made from next Monday - any donations can be brought directly to the class by the children.

Thankyou to our team of volunteers who have put their names forward to walk the children to the church. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer seating to volunteers at the church, however there will be standing areas to be able to watch the service on Thursday morning. Thankyou for your understanding.



Around School



Class Reps 2022/23

We are delighted to say that our Class Reps, who took up position last year are back this year and will be meeting next week for the first chance to get together since we returned to school in September.

We are very happy to share with you the names of our brand new Class Reps for our Early Years classes, who are Lisa and Charlotte - welcome to you both, we hope you enjoy the role.

The full list of Class Reps are:

Elmer - Lisa Ewens	Pegasus Class - Lisa Pearson
Gruffalo - Charlotte Adams	Hippogriff Class - Amy Packard
Pixie Class - Helen Vincent	Phoenix Class - Rachael Hays
Elf Class - Danielle Mulhern	Sphinx Class - Hannah Ludwig
Gnome Class - Emily Richardson	Wyvern Class - Jo Johnson
Sprite Class - Emma Pallett	Dragon Class - Maria Stolton
	Griffin Class - Jessica Holland



Class Representative

Phoenix Class Forest School: Date Change

Due to the Harvest Festival, which is now taking place on Thursday 13 October, the Forest School session for Mr Duffin's Phoenix Class has been moved and will now be a day earlier, on Wednesday 12 October.

All of Phoenix Class should bring their Forest School clothing on Wednesday ready to change into as normal.

From the PTA: Slade Spooktacular

Volunteer Request for the Slade Spooktacular

Caroline Zuber, PTA Committee

We are planning our Halloween event for Saturday 22 October, 12-2pm on the school field.

We are hoping that the event will include a Trick or Treat trail, apple bobbing, candy floss, hot dogs, hot chocolate, disappearing doughnuts, a pumpkin competition and a craft. This will be a community event, so entry will be free, but in order for it to go ahead we really need a team of willing volunteers!

We've had a few parents offer their help so far, but would love to hear from you if you might be able to join us to help set up or help cover a stall on the day.



Please contact the PTA at sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk or join the Halloween event WhatsApp group by following this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FtCaJkRBpmtIK7fsoJXlIhe>

Slade Sport



Tonbridge Juddians Rugby

On Wednesday, neighbouring rugby club, Tonbridge Juddians, played host to a festival for girls to help promote the game and give opportunity for those who hadn't tried Rugby before to have a go. The festival allowed girls to experience something new that would allow them to be physically active.

We were really proud of the squad that made the short walk to TJRFC, not only for their great performances, but for surprising themselves with their ability and how much they enjoyed themselves; as Amelia told us, 'I didn't really know why I was chosen before we went, but now I can see, I was really good at that!' Joining Amelia was Megan who, despite not being confident at the beginning, did not give up and showed how determination can help you improve very quickly at a new skill. One of the most important life skills shown through sport is teamwork, something mastered by the girls at the festival and personified by Isabella and Imogen in their activities.

The full list of competitors from Year 5 and 6 appeared on our Twitter page from the event on Wednesday.



The London Golf Club

An amazing time was had by all at The London Club yesterday as The Golf Foundation held a very special day for school children across the county to help celebrate their own 70th anniversary. Slade Primary School was chosen to represent the whole Tonbridge and West Kent area due to our commitment to fitness, wellbeing and physical activity within school and the community at the event which included 9 activities for the children to enjoy at one of the most prestigious venues for the sport in all of Europe.



The children who took part shared their excitement when they returned to school after lunch with everyone agreeing that they would like to try golf again, Mrs Ball is already on the case, watch this space!

They had activities in all aspects of the game including putting, driving and chipping (Francesca even managed to beat the record for chipping the ball out of all of the competitors at the event, and immediately impressing the organisers.)

The parents and relatives who accompanied the children also had a wonderful time; Jen, Harvey's nan was impressed at how well the Slade children worked together as she enjoyed watching Harvey continue his experience of Golf which has been started off by his dad, and Scarlett's mum was really happy, praising the organisation of the event and how friendly and inspirational the coaches were, Scarlett agreed, stating, 'I had a great time, I am looking forward to doing it again.'



Reading Corner



Scholastic Book Fair

Caroline Mawson, School Librarian

We are delighted to inform you that the Scholastic Book Fair is back and will be visiting the school from Friday 14 October until Thursday 20 October.

There will be over 200 great titles to choose from, and with prices starting from £2.99 and is a fantastic opportunity to find books suitable for preschool children up to Year 6. With the commission raised from the sale of the books we will be able to purchase brand new books for the school library.

The Book Fair will be with us on the following dates in the Main Hall (Enter via main playground):

Friday 14 October 15:15 - 16:30

Monday 17 October 15:15 - 16:30

Tuesday 18 October 15:15 - 16:30

Wednesday 19 October 15:15 - 16:30

Thursday 20 October 15:15 - 16:30

Children will have an opportunity to browse the books during the week of the Book Fair.

Payment can be made at the fair, by phone by scanning the QR code to pay for books online, cash will also be accepted.

If you can't make our book fair, gift vouchers can be purchased online before the book fair at: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents>

Don't forget that every book you buy can help get **FREE BOOKS** for our school library.

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

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NEW The Baddies Hardcover only £7.99
NEW ROALD DAHL MATILDA Best Buy Only £3.99
NEW TOM GATES RANDOM ACTS OF FUN
NEW Blucy As seen on TV GOODNIGHT FRUIT BAT £6.99
NEW DR RANJ SUPERPOWER Like Mine £6.99
NEW THE ELEMENTAL DETECTIVES PATRICK LAWRENCE £7.99
Friday 14th October - Thursday 20th October
Main Hall
3.15 pm - 4.30 pm
Scan the QR code to pay online!

Book Fair Review Competition

I will be running a competition leading up to the book fair, to give children the opportunity to win a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. I would like children to write a book review of their favourite book in their most amazing handwriting, EYFS children can join in too by drawing a picture of their favourite book cover.

This can be done at home and entries handed in to the school office, or directly to me in the library; I have 5 vouchers as prizes and all reviews will be kept for children to read in the library. All entries should be with me by Thursday 13 October, so winners can be announced in celebration assembly on Friday 14 October.



BOOK REVIEW

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

96.0%

Attendance This Year

96.9%

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.

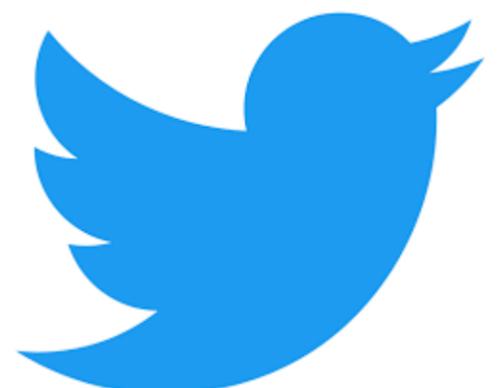
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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).



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 3 October	Today at Slade	
Monday 3 October	Teams Accounts now Active	All School
Monday 3 October	Flu Vaccination Clinic: Reminder	All School
Monday 3 October	Harvest Festival Update	All School
Monday 3 October	Year 6 Science Visit to Tonbridge School	Year 6 Parents
Monday 3 October	Elf Class Forest School Highlights	Elf Class Parents
Tuesday 4 October	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 4 October	Parent and Teacher Consultations	All School
Tuesday 4 October	EYFS Baseline Assessment	EYFS Parents
Tuesday 4 October	Menu Change	All School
Tuesday 4 October	Gnome Class Forest School Highlights	Gnome Class Parents
Wednesday 5 October	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 5 October	Teacher's Day	
Wednesday 5 October	Gruffalo Class Forest School	
Wednesday 5 October	Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Festival	
Wednesday 5 October	Rugby Action	
Thursday 6 October	Today at Slade	
Thursday 6 October	EYFS 2023 Open Days	
Thursday 6 October	Golf Foundation Festival	
Thursday 6 October	Happy Birthday, Mr Nourish	
Thursday 6 October	Golf Action	
Friday 7 October	Today at Slade	
Friday 7 October	Year 5 Anthony McGowan Talk	
Friday 7 October	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 7 October	Gruffalo Class Forest School Highlights	Gruffalo Class Parents
Friday 7 October	KS2 Disco	