



Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 14 October 2022 / Term 1, Issue 6



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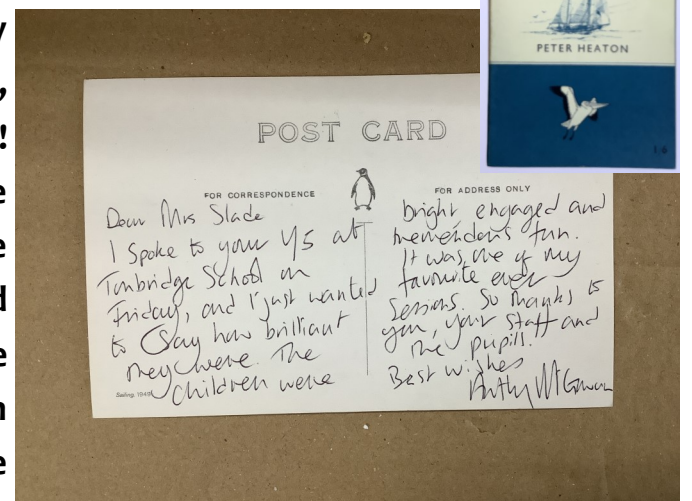


Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

There was a super surprise in my post this week when I opened a lovely handwritten postcard from popular children's author Anthony McGowan, congratulating me on our Year 5 pupils and saying "how brilliant" they were! Anthony met the children from Dragon and Wyvern Classes at Tonbridge School last week where he was delivering a talk on his life as an author. He went on to say in his message that our children were, "bright, engaged and tremendous fun. It was one of my favourite ever sessions." Huge congratulations and well done to all of the children in Year 5 for making such a great impression on Anthony and for representing themselves and the school in such a positive light. We are all very proud of you!



Yesterday was such a special, memorable day in the Slade calendar when the whole school gathered together at St Peter and St Paul church for our Harvest Festival, the first time that we've been together in such a way since 10 October 2019! And what a joyful occasion it was too; well worth the wait! Children from each of the year groups led us through a feast of songs and poetry, helping us to reflect on the meaning of Harvest. A shout out to our Reception children who took to the stage and performed in front of us all after not even 1 term in school! You were all amazing. Thank you to the many parents who joined us in our celebration and escorted us walking to and from school; we hope you enjoyed the occasion as much as we all did.

Thank you too to all families who sent in produce for our harvest collection which was delivered by our Year 6 House Captains this afternoon to some of our local elderly residents. The remainder of our food collection has been delivered to the Nourish Community Foodbank, a local charity providing practical support to families in Tonbridge during times of need. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the sorting and distribution of food parcels. We very much appreciate it.

There was much excitement amongst our librarians earlier today as they took a peek inside the book cases that were delivered from Scholastic, marking the start of our book fair. There is a beautiful selection of books from which to browse and choose! The fair will be open in the main hall after school today and is on until Thursday next week, providing opportunity for you to spend time with your children viewing the latest children's literature that is available to buy should you wish to do so. Do take a look if you can!

Thank you to our Class Reps who came into school on Tuesday afternoon for the first meeting of this year. It was great to catch up and to begin getting to know the new team whilst also hearing your thoughts and feedback on this term's 'hot topic' of school uniform. It was good to hear your thoughts and suggestions. A copy of our school uniform policy is available on the school website so please do take a look and get back to your class rep should you have any additional feedback that you wish to pass on.

Please find below a link to the dates and times for the parent drop in sessions to which you are all invited at the start of Term 2. [Drop-in schedule.docx](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Friday 14 October - Thursday 20 October	Scholastic Book Fair Main Hall 15:30 - 16:30
Monday 17 October	Wyvern Class Swimming 12:00 - Yeti's Booking window opens for Term 2
Tuesday 18 October	Parent - Teacher Consultations Booked appointments only, via child's TEAMS Login
Wednesday 19 October	Year 6 Science Trip to Tonbridge School
Thursday 13 October	Dragon Class Swimming Parent - Teacher Consultations Booked appointments only, via child's TEAMS Login
Friday 14 October	Last Day of Term 1

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Wyvern Class, Year 5, Mr Osborne
TUESDAY	Dragon Class, Year 5, Miss Meers
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Griffin Class, Year 6, Mrs Burnside
FRIDAY	Hydra Class, Year 6, Miss Buswell

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:

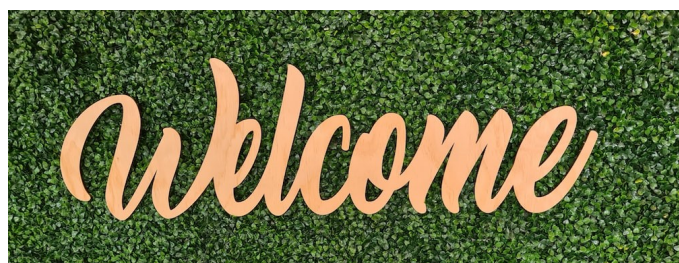
Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October	October Break School Closed to all pupils
Monday 31 October	First Day of Term 2
Thursday 15 December	Last Day of Term 2
Friday 16 December - Tuesday 3 January	Christmas and New Year Holiday School Closed to all pupils
Wednesday 4 January	First Day of Term 3

Around School



Welcome to Slade, Beatrice

Everyone at Slade would like to offer a very warm welcome to Beatrice, who has joined us in Mrs Potter's Year 2 Gnome Class this week.



Everytime we see Beatrice she has a wonderful smile on her face as she cheerily says 'hello'.

We hope you have enjoyed your first week with us and have made lots of new friends, Beatrice.

Yeti's Wraparound in Term 2

The booking window for securing places in Yeti's Wraparound (Breakfast and After School Clubs) opens on Monday 17 October at midday.

To book places you will need to have topped up your SCOPAY account with funds to pay for the sessions in advance before logging in from midday on Monday.

Regular users of the Wraparound Care provision will know that the last three weeks of this term have seen an unprecedented increase in the numbers of children attending Yeti's each day and that we are now regularly full. It is therefore important to remember that places are not guaranteed and that you should only be booking for sessions that you will actually be using as children booked in but that do not attend are often preventing another family from using the service. We thank you for your cooperation with this and understanding on days where the provision has been full and bookings have not been able to be made.



Extra Curricular Clubs Update

Tonight and Next Week

You will have seen the posters around school and here in the newsletter that the Scholastic Book Fair has arrived at Slade and that everyone is invited to come along and browse the shelves after school. As a result, the following clubs have been cancelled:

- All School SAMA Karate, Tonight
- KS1 and KS2 Active Sports Gymnastics, Monday 17 October
- KS2 Dancemode Dancing with Nicole, Tuesday 18 October
- KS1 Dancemode Dancing with Katie, Thursday 20 October

Clubs that usually take place on the playground throughout the week and Mrs Ball's Multi Sports Clubs (Wednesday and Thursday) will be on the school field. Please be aware that these may be subject to late cancellation if the weather dictates.

Learn BSL: Term 2 for KS2 !

The Learn British Sign Language (BSL) Club for KS1 children takes a break (it will be back in the new year) and is now inviting children from across KS2 to sign up for sessions in Term 2.

The club runs on a Monday afternoon from 15:30 to 16:15 - places are limited and can be booked via your Arbor account now!

Around School



Class Reps 2022/23

Our Class Reps enjoyed their first meeting together earlier this week where they discussed the school uniform policy. They will no doubt be in touch with you shortly if not already asking for feedback on this important issue for parents.

Elmer Class

Lisa Ewens, who had been Class Rep for Elmer Class has unfortunately had to stand down and we thank her for taking on the role to date.

This means there is a vacancy for Class Rep in Mrs Pearson's EYFS Elmer Class. If you are interested in taking on the role, please email the school office before 16:00 on Tuesday 18 October.

Elmer and Gruffalo are First Class

Our youngest learners in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes will feature alongside other Early Years classes from schools across the county in next week's Kent Messenger titles.

The KM Group will be publishing their annual and incredibly popular First Class supplement, which will be available within paid for versions of the paper from Wednesday 19 October. Schools from Tonbridge and Malling will be included within the main Kent Messenger paper on sale in all local supermarkets and newsagents.



For more information : <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/whats-on/news/dont-miss-your-copy-of-first-class-274807/>

Harvest Festival: Lost and Found

Thankyou to everyone who was able to come along to the Harvest Festival on Thursday at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.

We have had an adults necklace handed in after the event, if you believe this may belong to you, please contact the school office via email over the weekend, or by telephone on 01732 350354.

From The Kitchen



Thankyou to everyone who entered the Mr Nourish Birthday Card competition - in the final count Nourish were presented with over 50 cards for their orange mascot.

Head Chef Helena and her team had the impossible task of choosing four

winners, and they spent last week making their decision.



Congratulations to the prize winners: Ruby, Beatrice, Dylan and Jackson who were presented with their winnings by Mrs Slade at today's celebration assembly.

Slade Sport



Tonbridge Juddians Mixed Tag Rugby

Tonbridge Juddians once again played host to the West Kent Sports Partnership this week as they held the Mixed Tag Rugby competition for children in Year 5 and 6.

It was a wonderful occasion and attracted schools from across the region, including St Margarets, Weald, Paddock Wood, Yalding, Longmead, Bishops Down, Ide Hill and Woodlands as well as ourselves.

Rugby does not always come naturally for children at primary school as it requires completely different tactics to that played out in football - the coaches at Juddians were on hand to help out though, offering not only encouragement, but helpful hints, tips and friendly instruction on how to improve during and at half time of each match. This excellent communication showed as the teachers who took their respective teams to the festival all noticed an improvement in the personal and team performances as well as how well the matches were played out.

A full team list appeared on our Twitter feed on Wednesday, congratulations to everyone who represented Slade and to Mrs Ball and Mrs Buckland for being our touchline duo.



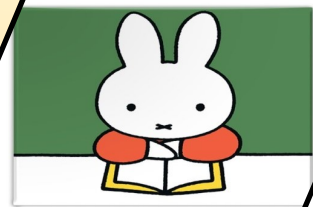
Catch our neighbours in action; Tonbridge Juddians fixtures and latest news are all on their website. Tickets for Men's first team games in the National League 2 East are priced from £10 for adults and are free to all Under 18's.

Coming Up: Tonbridge Juddians vs North Walsham on Saturday 22 October

The next home match for the ladies first team is on Sunday 13 November and is against Blackheath.

<https://www.tjrjc.co.uk/home>

Reading Corner



Scholastic Book Fair

Caroline Mawson, School Librarian

We are delighted to inform you that the Scholastic Book Fair is back and is open now until Thursday 20 October.

There are 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 - 16:15
Monday 17 October	15:15 - 16:15
Tuesday 18 October	15:15 - 16:15
Wednesday 19 October	15:15 - 16:15
Thursday 20 October	15:15 - 16:15



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 on 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.

Book Fair Review Competition

We have 5 winners of the book review competition who have all won a book voucher each worth £5 to be spent at the book fair. Congratulations to:

James in Sprite Class – 'The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton – This was written in beautiful handwriting and was a lovely description of the book.

Oscar in Hippogriff Class – 'Beast Quest' by Adam Blade – Oscar introduced all the characters and added a fabulous drawing.

Harry in Griffin Class – 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio – one of my favourites too, review was set out a bit like a poem so it caught my eye.

Megan in Hydra Class – 'The Midnight Gang' by David Walliams – It really came across in the review how much Megan enjoyed this book and so would definitely encourage you to pick this book up.

Isabela in Griffin Class – 'A Little Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett – Isabela described the characters so well; I was intrigued to find out more about them.



PTA News



Eleanor Hoyle, PTA Chair

Sad News: Halloween Spooktacular Cancelled

It is with great regret that we are cancelling our Halloween Spooktacular. We've struggled to get enough volunteers to run the event and we're really conscious that there have been, and will be, a lot of other PTA events taking place. We really hope you can all join us for the other exciting activities we have planned for term 2, and that some of you may feel able to volunteer also. See the Fireworks information below for more details of the return of that fabulous event!!

Great News: Fireworks Night is Back With a Bang!

On Friday 11 November, Slade's Fireworks display is BACK!!

There will be drinks and food, games and glow sticks, and following the fabulous KS2 disco, Matt the DJ will be there too!

The event will open from 5.30pm with the firework display taking place at 7pm. All other details to follow in next week's newsletter.

This event can't happen without volunteer support; if you're able to help in the preceding weeks with preparation, with setting up before the event, or by volunteering for a stall at the event, please let the PTA know either by emailing sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk or by joining the Fireworks Volunteers Whatsapp group at [Fireworks 2022 Volunteers](#)



SAVE THE DATE:

Friday 11 November from 17:30!

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

94.9%

Attendance This Year

96.5%

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).



