



Slade Primary School

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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 is now well underway, and is proving to be a busy and industrious one for us all!

Today the whole school came together, for the first time this term, to commemorate Remembrance Day, honoring those who have lost their lives in combat during wartime. All children and staff joined me outside as I led our short ceremony from the playground. Well done and thank you children for marking this occasion so thoughtfully and respectfully. Thank you also for donating so very generously this year through our school based collection tins to the Royal British legion and for wearing your poppies with pride. Look out too for our poppy display on the school railings which were looking lovely in the autumn sunshine this morning; thank you Mrs Hill and team!

It's been a busy one outdoors this week with lots of learning taking place both in our fabulous grounds and further afield too in spite of the relentless rain! A special mention for those pupils in Year 6 who have braved the elements across the week spending their days outside completing their Bikeability training. Bikeability is a cycling course that teaches children the practical skills of cycling whilst providing an understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads. Well done Year 6; we look forward to hearing of how your training progresses in the coming weeks. Well done too to all of the children and staff who have been down in the forest in all weathers this week! A special mention to Gruffalo class who not only created some beautiful leaf art work in the rain but also learnt how to jump safely into puddles too!



This week it was the turn of parents lower down the school to drop into class and to discover where the children in Years 1, 2 and 3 spend their days. It was once again lovely to see the children proudly showing their adults around their classroom and celebrating their learning together too. Thank you so much for the positive feedback that you have shared following your visits; we are pleased that you enjoyed your time in school! Next Tuesday (15th) it is the turn of our Reception parents to step inside Elmer and Gruffalo classrooms; a reminder and details of access arrangements will be sent out to each class prior to your visit. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to all members of the PTA who have been working tirelessly in recent weeks in the build up to this evening's much anticipated Fireworks Extravaganza! We are all very excited by the welcome return of this annual event; thank you for making this happen for all of us to enjoy! Your time and energies before, during and after the festival are very much appreciated by everyone who attends and we are all looking forward to joining together as a community once more for some firework festivities! See you there later; don't forget your wellies!

I look forward to seeing everyone wearing their odd socks to school on Monday as we all celebrate our individuality as part of 'Friendship Week!' Then on Friday a chance to wear your 'own clothes' to school as we have a non-uniform day in support of BBC Children in Need.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 14 November - Friday 18 November	Friendship Week - See Page 5
Monday 14 November	Odd Socks Day - See Page 5 Phoenix Class Swimming Bikeability Group 2D
Tuesday 15 November	Bikeability Group 2E, 2F 14:30: Parent Drop In - Elmer and Gruffalo Classes
Wednesday 16 November	EYFS23 Open Morning - See Page 4 This event is fully booked
Thursday 17 November	Sphinx Class Swimming
Friday 18 November	Children in Need Own Clothes Day - See Page 5

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Sphinx Class, Year 4, Miss Lipman
TUESDAY	Phoenix Class, Year 4, Mr Duffin
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, KS2 BSL, EYFS/KS1 Multi Skills
TUESDAY	Y1 Book Club, Y3-6 Cricket, Y3-6 Dance
WEDNESDAY	Y4-6 Choir, Y3/4 Basketball, Y2 Singing, Y3-6 Athletics, Y1-6 Art
THURSDAY	Y4-6 Yoga, Y3 Signing, Y1-6 Basketball, Y2 Football, Y1-2 Dance
FRIDAY	Y5-6 Sports Club, 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:

Wednesday 23 November	EYFS23 Open Morning: FULLY BOOKED
Wednesday 30 November	16:30 - Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 5 December - Thursday 8 December	EYFS and KS1 Performances to parents - See Page 5
Thursday 8 December	Year 5 Visit to The Judd School Primary Music Concert Year 5 Parents: Please make sure you have completed the attendance sheet via https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-04rtz0m47TuDL8aBov8CyGViH9NFlnjtLW2ZevpUNUpa0EtROUNBVIQwQUk0RjZRQUpRQ1RMNy4u
Friday 9 December	Christmas Day at Slade
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



Today's Remembrance

This morning, Mrs Slade led the whole school in a mark of remembrance on this Armistice Day.

The Headteacher read The Exhortation and The Epitaph, either side of the Tonbridge Castle cannon fire and an impeccably kept two minutes silence as the children and adults gave their thanks to those who fought for freedom in Europe and across the world in conflict through the years and still today.

Thankyou to all of the children, for many the first time they will have stood in silence at such an occasion, for their respect and understanding of the sombre message Armistice Day brings.



Late for After School Club?

We understand that from time-to-time, parents may struggle to get back to school to collect children from Yeti's After School Club provision. This week in particular has seen strike action hit the railway and many delays on local roads including the A21 and M25 which have made getting around on time incredibly difficult.

If you think you will be late collecting children from either the 16:30 or 17:30 collections at After School Club, please telephone the following number in advance of the booked collection time:



01732 37 77 60

This number is only available between 15:30 and 17:30 for the reasons given above, or if you arrange for someone different to collect the children one night at late notice. We advise saving this number into your mobile phone for such occasions.

Early Years Open Events: Advance Warning

We are looking forward to welcoming over 140 parents over the next two Wednesday mornings to Slade who will be visiting as they weigh up their choices of primary education for their children who will be starting school in September 2023.

The open events start at 09:15, with parents arriving shortly after drop-off time. This means it may be busier around the perimeter of the school and at entrance points at this time on Wednesday 16 and Wednesday 23 November. This event also means that the school office will be busier than usual and therefore if you have a non-urgent question or comment for the office, please make use of the email address rather than calling in personally.

We thankyou for your patience and understanding.

If you are a parent of a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you need to apply for a place at primary school - this applies even if you already have a child at your chosen school.

You must do so via the Kent County Council online portal at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places> anytime up to midnight on Monday 16 January 2023.

For more information: https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/126774/Guide-to-applying-to-Primary-in-Kent.pdf

Around School



Christmas Events Return to Slade

We were delighted to share with you on Wednesday, the Christmas Newsletter of Diary Events.

To date we have already taken over 160 ticket orders for the six performances in EYFS and KS1 classes - please remember the only way to book these tickets is via the link in the Events Newsletter or by scanning the QR Code in the same publication. The tickets are for adults in these classes only - unfortunately we do not have provision for younger siblings to attend.



Further details about the Carols by Candlelight which is taking place in the new venue of St Saviours Church on Dry Hill Park Road on the evening of Tuesday 13 December will be released soon.

If your child is hoping to have a Christmas Lunch on Friday 9 December, we have been asked by Helena and her team in the Kitchen for numbers. To help with this, please complete the form behind the link below:



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtzom47TuDL8aBohlUOtojvWxlj8LwmD_bv7FUQoNZMU1UM1hLN1BLUVVIUUC3Wjl5VIBBRy4u

This survey should be completed by Wednesday 16 November.

Friendship Week, Odd Socks Day and Children in Need

Next week, classes across the school will be taking part in Friendship Week, organised at Slade by the Pupil Council with help from Mrs Potter.

The council will be holding assemblies to the whole school on Monday and Tuesday and the week will include special lessons as we refresh our ideas on what bullying means and the work of the NSPCC.

The theme of Friendship and Anti Bullying Week this year is Reach Out. The children will be learning how to Reach Out if they are in need of assistance, but also different ways to spot and help someone who may need to Reach Out for help themselves.

On Monday, we will hold the annual Odd Socks Day which celebrates our individual selves - everyone should come to school on Monday with a pair of odd socks on - no-one will be the same! Pictures from across the school will be shared on our Twitter feed at the beginning of the week.

The special week is finished with an Own Clothes Day on Friday 18 November in aid of Children in Need.

Children do not need to wear school uniform next Friday, instead you are free to wear whatever you choose to! There is no obligation to pay for this event, however if you would like to donate to the annual BBC fundraising efforts, you can do so by using our own Just Giving page by following this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/slade-primary-school1>



Be Involved This Christmas

Eleanor Hoyle and Caroline Zuber - Slade PTA

The festive season is nearly upon us and we want to make the Slade Christmas activities the best yet!! There are lots of ways that you can be involved, please contact the PTA via email or Facebook for more information.

DONATE - The table below gives details of donation dates and what we’re collecting.

Christmas Jumper Sale	Friday 2 December	
Christmas Sale	Friday 9 December	
Christmas Raffle Launches	Thursday 1 December	
Christmas Sale Donation Days	Friday 18 November	Small new or nearly new gifts for siblings and grown ups, such as toiletries, games, teddies, socks, sweet treats. Please no DVDs, CDs or jewellery. An email will be sent with further details.
	Friday 25 November	
	Friday 2 December	
Christmas Raffle & Christmas Jumper Donation Days	Friday 18 November	Bottles of wine, luxury food items or activity vouchers for the Christmas Raffle and any Christmas Jumpers in good condition.
	Monday 21 November	
	Tuesday 22 November	

SORT - We need volunteers to help sort donations on the mornings of Friday 18 & 25 November and Friday 2 December. This will happen straight after drop-off and usually takes until around 0945/1000.

WRAP - Each Christmas, the PTA donates towards a book gift being given to every pupil. We need some superstar gift-wrappers to help us wrap all of these - this is a great way to help from the comfort of your own home, in front of the tv, with a festive drink by your side if that’s your thing!

RE-LOVE - We need volunteers for our Christmas jumper sale, after school on Friday 2 December. The stall will also have second-hand books for sale.

SELL - We need volunteers for Friday 9 December to run the Christmas sale, where all Slade pupils are given the opportunity to buy small gifts for their immediate family. We will need volunteers on site straight after drop-off to set up stalls and then to run them as year groups come to buy their gifts throughout the morning.

BUY - Raffle tickets will go on sale online on 1 December, with the raffle being drawn on Monday 12 December. Please support the PTA by buying tickets.

PTA meeting - postponed.

Usually, we would have a meeting every half term. However, as there is so much going on this term with Fireworks and Festive activities and many of you are giving your time as volunteers, the PTA committee will instead do an update report for next week’s newsletter.

Reading Corner

Term 2 KS2 Librarians

School Librarian Caroline Mawson has been enjoying the first week with the new pupil librarians who have volunteered their time to help out in their lunchtimes booking in new books, putting returned books back on the correct shelves and helping visitors to the library find books and logging them out using the School Librarian computer system.

Our KS2 Librarians this term:

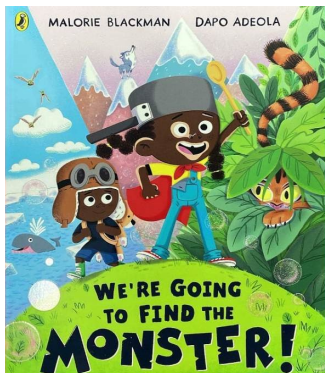
Year 3: Marley, Juliet and Isla

Year 4: Arabella, Jacob, Malvina and Jack

Year 5: Lucy, Jade, Olivia and Toby

Year 6: Matthew, Jing-Yi, Ivy and Leila

EYFS Book Giveaway from Book Trust



Every child in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes were lucky to take home with them this week, a special pack from Book Trust, the UK's largest reading charity who reach millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading, regularly and by choice, something close to our hearts here at Slade.

The pack contained the reading book We're Going to Find the Monster by Malorie Blackman and Dipo Adeola.

We hope the children and their families enjoy reading the book and that it provides inspiration to enjoy other books at home.

Our News

Jacob's Swimming Success



Everyone in Pegasus Class and across Slade offers their congratulations to Jacob who has had a very successful time in the swimming pool recently.

For the last 6 months Jacob has been taking swimming lessons outside of school and has made an amazing achievement by passing his level one learn to swim and has now started level 2

He received his swimming certificate and badge last week and was over the moon by this achievement.

Jacob has shown great determination to succeed and is already looking forward to the challenges in Level 2.

We look forward to hearing how Jacob gets on.

If you have a story from outside of school that you would like to share through the school newsletter, please let us know via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

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

95.5%

Attendance This Year

96.0%

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).



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a black pen, poised to write on a white sheet of paper. The hand is wearing a dark, long-sleeved garment. The background is a solid light yellow. The entire image is framed by a thick black border, which is itself set against a white background with a pinkish-red gradient on the left side.

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:

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