Slade
Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 18 November 2022 / Term 2, Issue 3

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Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done and thank you to everyone for supporting us with our fundraising today for BBC Children in Need. We've all been very excited in our 'own clothes' which made for a very colourful Zoom celebration assembly this morning! A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity when donating; we very much appreciate it. For anyone still wishing to contribute to this worthy cause then donations can be made at: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/slade-primary-school1

Thank you too to those children and staff who participated in 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday as part of Friendship Week here at Slade, as we all celebrated our individuality. Also, as part of Friendship Week, the children have joined in with other schools across the country by exploring the theme 'Reach Out', coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, reminding everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, to reach out and show each other the support we need. We continue to encourage all children to take action against bullying not just this week but throughout the year so please do email or call your child's class teacher if your child has shared any concerns regarding their friendships with you.

On Wednesday we held the first of our Open Mornings for prospective parents currently looking to choose a school for children who are due to start in September 2023. The morning was an opportunity for our visitors to hear about the provision on offer here at Slade followed by time to explore and see a typical Wednesday morning in action! As you would expect, our visitors were once again full of praise for all that they saw and were especially complimentary about our fabulous children! Well done to everyone involved, including our PTA team for providing the refreshments. Thank you everyone!

Following on from parent drop in sessions this term, your child will today be bringing home some of their work to share with you over the weekend. Books will be brought home today and are to be returned to school on **Monday 21 November.** This is another opportunity for you to talk to your child about their work and the learning that has taken place whilst also celebrating their achievements during the term. We ask that all books and folders be returned to school on Monday in order for the children to be able to use them in class during the week!

Congratulations and well done to the children who have represented the school so magnificently at sporting events in the county this week. Firstly, to Emi who competed in the county table tennis competition, winning 1st place in the 'plate' competition! Yay; well-done Emi! Then on Wednesday it was the turn of our girls' basketball team, Iris, Sophie, Harriet and Lily, who all fought off strong competition to be crowned West Kent champions! Well done Team! Fabulous achievements in both competitions which we all enjoyed celebrating together in our whole school assembly this morning; read on into the newsletter to find out more!

Finally, also falling in to your inbox today is a letter from me regarding two vacancies that we currently have on our Governing Body. We are seeking two representatives from our parent community who would be willing to offer their time and service to the school in the role of parent governor. Do get in touch or catch me on the gate if you want to find out more of what's involved!

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 21 November	Phoenix Class Swimming
Tuesday 22 November	
Wednesday 23 November	EYFS23 Open Morning - This event is fully booked
Thursday 24 November	Sphinx Class Swimming
Friday 25 November	Bikeability - Groups 2E and 2F Rearranged Level 2 Completion

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	Gruffalo Class, EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock

All sessions are due to cancellation and rearrangement at short notice due to recent flooding

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 30 November	16:30 - Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 5 December - Thursday 8 December	EYFS and KS1 Performances to parents
Tuesday 6 December	Choir performance at TU3A
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-O4rtz0m47TuDL8aBov8CyGViH9NFlnjtLW2ZevpUNUpaOEtROUNBVlQwQUk0RjZRQUpRQ1RMNy4u
Friday 9 December	Christmas Day at Slade
Tuesday 13 December	18:30 - Carols by Candlelight: St Savour's Church
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

Year 6 Bikeability

Most of our Year 6 cyclists have now completed their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability safety course, however due to the adverse weather this week, two groups are still waiting to finish the programme as their Level 2 Tour of Tonbridge was abandoned on Monday.

The instructors have quickly organised a rearranged date of next Friday, the 25th of November for these children to complete the second stage of the course and then everyone will be able to receive their certificates in Celebration Assembly the following week.

Early Years Application to Primary School in 2023

It was fantastic to welcome nearly 70 families to Slade on Wednesday morning. The families all have preschool aged children who are considering their choice of primary school; starting Early Years Year R in September 2023.

We hope everyone who came along had a good time and found the visit useful. Remember, we are here throughout the process to help where you need advice.

We will be holding a further, completely fully booked event next week.

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 . 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

Sibling Applications

Kent County Council have asked us to remind all parents who have a child starting school in September 2023 that they need to make an application even if they already have an older sibling in the chosen school. This applies to all parents of children currently in Year R-5. Please make sure you follow the same process, using the form in the attachment above.

Children currently in Year 6 do not count as a sibling link as they will not be attending primary school in September.

If you have, or are planning to make, a sibling link application to Slade could you please let us know by email to admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk - this assists us with the checking and validating process later on in the year.

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens **Friday 4 November 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 16 January 2023**

For children born between **1 September 2018** and **31 August 2019**, Transferring to Primary school in **September 2023**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at *www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.*

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 4 November 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 16 January 2023.**

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 17 April 2023**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 1 May 2023.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Friday 4 November 2022	Online application process opens. Go to *www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions* to register and apply.
Monday 16 January 2023	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to *kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk*
Monday 17 April 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after **4pm.**
Monday 1 May 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Friday 12 May 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at *www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals.* You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email *primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk* or *kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk*
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at *kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

Around School

Daily Mile Initiatives

Every term the children take part in different initiatives involving the Daily Mile to improve their personal fitness.

This term we would like the children to participate in the Tonbridge and West Kent School Sports Daily Mile Bingo Challenges.

The challenges can be completed at home and school and there are individual awards for the number of challenges each child completes. There are also awards for the school in the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells area who have the highest participation.

Each activity can be signed off by myself, any member of staff or parents. Please take pictures of any evidence and email it to Fitness and Wellbeing Leader, Wendy Ball via office@slade.kent.sch.uk

The closing date to return completed forms is Wednesday 14th December.

We really hope you can support your children to complete some or all of these activities and enjoy keeping fit at the same time.

We will send a copy of the bingo card to all parents early next week via Arbor email if you want a full page version. If you would like a printed copy of the card, please email us via the school office and we will be able to provide one from Monday.

PTA News

Slade PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS AT SLADE

❄ CHRISTMAS RAFFLE LAUNCHES ❄
THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

❄ CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE ❄
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

❄ CHRISTMAS SALE ❄
FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

❄ CHRISTMAS SALE DONATION ❄ DAYS

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

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. SEE EMAIL FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

❄ CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND ❄ CHRISTMAS JUMPERS DONATION DAYS

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER
MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER
TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

BOTTLES OF WINE, LUXURY FOOD ITEMS OR ACTIVITY VOUCHERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND ANY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS IN GOOD CONDITION.

@ARCHFORDESIGN

Slade Sport

Basketball Champions!

The girls of Slade Primary School have added to their trophy cabinet this week by claiming the Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge All Stars Girls Basketball crown.

They were up against 12 teams from 10 other schools in the West Kent region and remained undefeated all night in the eight minute matches at the competition at Leigh Academy (formerly Hayesbrook School.)
They played five group games (versus St John's Tunbridge Wells, St James, Tunbridge Wells, Claremont, St Margaret Clitherow and Hildenborough Primary School) before taking on and beating Claremont A Team in the Semi Final. The semi final went to extra time, where our team won with a 'Golden Basket' shot.
This took us to the final, where we came up against the ever competitive St Matthew's of Tunbridge Wells. Our teamwork and using the team spirit our girls had alongside Mrs Ball and Mrs Elliott on the sidelines took us to a fantastic, if nail biting, 9:8 victory in normal time.

Thankyou to The Suns and to Hayesbrook School for putting this event on, we are looking forward to the mixed boys and girls competition next Thursday at Skinners School.

We are very proud of our team: Iris, Sophie, Lily and Harriet who all performed brilliantly throughout the competition.

It was an extra special evening for Lily, who was presented with a jersey of organising local team, the Sevenoaks Suns.

Find out more about Sevenoaks Suns Basketball: https://www.sevenoakssuns.com/about

Emi: Table Tennis Champion!

The champions tag sits well with Girls Sport at Slade presently. In this case however, we are super proud of an individual this time, who represented the school on her own. Emi travelled to Medway to compete in the Kent Table Tennis Tournament on Tuesday and was delighted to win the 'second division' or 'plate' tournament 2-1 in the final!

She ran away with the final set winning it 11-1. This tournament was open to those who lost their first-round match. Emi narrowly lost in the first-round to a girl who eventually came second in the main tournament. That match ended 2-1, with the final set being a closely fought 11-8 with some brilliant rallies.

The experience was great for her confidence., especially as it was a little intimidating initially. Other than Emi and one boy, all the children there were from four schools that had competed in the morning, so were already acclimatised to the setting, plus some who went to the venue as a Table Tennis club - they were getting some coaching from the organisers as Emi and her dad arrived!

Emi quickly introduced herself and challenged some boys and girls to some friendly matches, winning a few and doing very well against the girls champion. So, it was a great experience for her with Emi playing around 5-6 matches.

Emi has told us she has asked her parents to find her a club to join!

Mrs Ball and everyone at Slade is very proud of Emi, for her victory , but especially for competing on her own. We are also very grateful to Emi's father for taking her and supporting her at the venue, and for providing the detail for today's newsletter.

Super Susie!

The Kent Deaf Children's Society Awards Dinner

Everyone at Slade could not be more delighted for and proud of Susie Martin, our multi award winning Teaching Assistant who works across Slade with our Hearing Impaired children out of Titans Class.

Susie was the winner at last weekend's Kent Deaf Children's Society awards dinner at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. The ceremony is held every year and recognises people in the deaf community young and old who have overcome difficulties and for people like Susie who have made an outstanding contribution to the deaf community. There was the award ceremony then a dinner and disco for all the attendees.

Susie won the Outstanding Contribution to the Deaf Community award for all that she does in school to support the deaf children and for setting up the Children's Signing Choir and for the performances they do inside and outside school as well as for promoting sign language in the wider community by setting up her mixed sign language choir which meet on a Wednesday night at Borough Green. She was nominated by parent Kelly Pilcher, who we thank for thinking of Susie for the award and for going through the nomination process.

Susie was joined at the event by teaching staff at Slade and the children and families of some our Titans Hearing Impaired Provision members themselves.

Susie told us, 'I was extremely grateful to be nominated for the award for Outstanding Contribution to the Deaf Community and I was even more thrilled to actually win the award!
It was a truly wonderful evening and I felt honoured to be part of it. KDCS is an incredible charity and they do such fantastic work for children and their families within the Deaf Community.
It was wonderful to see so many amazing people including many children, receive their awards. I felt humbled to be part of this award ceremony.
I absolutely love my role working in the Hearing Impaired resource at Slade and I always encourage wherever possible to teach as many of the students and staff to use BSL and sign within the school.
This has fortunately spilled out to the wider community where I have set up my own Award winning Signing Choir in my local village which I am extremely proud of having won an award at the National Signing Choir Competition in London this year!!
Also, of course, the Signing Choir here at Slade School. This has given the hearing children along with the deaf children the opportunity to learn BSL in a fun way through learning to sign the songs.
I feel blessed that my Signing Choirs outside and inside School have been received so well.
I can't thank the parents enough who nominated me. It means so much!'

Find out more about KDCS: https://kdcs.org/

Susie in action this week with the Slade Signing Choir, who will be performing at Christmas events locally, including our own Carols by Candlelight St Saviours Church on Tuesday 13 December at 18:30.

Friendship Week

Pupil Council Assemblies

Mrs Potter and the Pupil Council have been very busy this week as they have been organising special events and lessons across the school for Friendship Week at Slade, commonly known as Anti-Bullying Week from the Anti Bullying Alliance (ABA).

The theme for the 2022 week has been Reach Out: this theme came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the ABA. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2021 – when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. The week started with the annual 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday.

The children at Slade have been learning how to support each other, how to ask for support and also how to spot someone who may be in need of support.

Assemblies were written by Year 6 Pupil Councillors and presented to yeargroups by the Year 5 Councillors. They all did a marvellous job on this tricky and vital subject and deserve lots of thanks and congratulations for their efforts.

Here are a few of the slides prepared and presented by the Pupil Council

The Council in Year 5 and 6: Charlotte, Riitaj, Jean, Jackson, Enzo, Megan, Zach and Tilly

Find out more about the ABA: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/aba-our-work

Children in Need

Today has been Children in Need Day across the UK as schools, colleges and charities raise money for the annual BBC fundraising event. At Slade we have held a non-uniform day, including Yao in her traditional Chinese New Year dress (right.) The non-uniform day has been organised by Mrs Potter and the Pupil Council as part of their Friendship Week project.

Thankyou to everyone who has used the Just Giving link advertised on our Twitter feed this week to donate, if you would like to join them, just click here: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/slade-primary-school1

Find out more about this year's Children in Need Appeal: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.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	93.4%
Attendance This Year	95.7%

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	46

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.

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 14 November	Today at Slade	
Monday 14 November	Parent Drop In: EYFS	EYFS Parents
Monday 14 November	Odd Socks Day	
Monday 14 November	Super Susie / KDCS Awards	
Tuesday 15 November	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 15 November	Bikeability Abandonment	Participants Parents
Tuesday 15 November	Cycling in the Rain	
Tuesday 15 November	PTA Christmas Sale and Other Events	All School
Tuesday 15 November	Basketball Club Cancellation	Participants Parents
Wednesday 16 November	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 16 November	Girls Basketball	
Wednesday 16 November	Winterwear in Forest School	
Wednesday 16 November	Basketball Action	
Wednesday 16 November	Table Tennis Awards Action	
Thursday 17 November	Today at Slade	
Thursday 17 November	Wyvern Class Forest School	Wyvern Class
Thursday 17 November	Forest School Cancellation	
Thursday 17 November	Lockdown Practise: Letter from Mrs Slade	All School
Thursday 17 November	Tonbridge and Malling Flooding Update	
Thursday 17 November	Swimming Cancellation	
Thursday 17 November	Flooding and Parking	All School
Thursday 17 November	Dragon Class Forest School	Dragon Class
Friday 18 November	Today at Slade	
Friday 18 November	Parking for School and Flooded Field	
Friday 18 November	Celebration Assembly	