

Slade Primary School

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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thank you to the Christmas elves who have once again been at work hanging the Christmas decorations and scattering some Christmas sparkle in each of the classes throughout the school!

Rehearsals for all of our traditional events and performances are now well underway, with the sound of Christmas music and song echoing throughout the school. It is all feeling very festive! A reminder that a full breakdown of all our Christmas activities including dates, timings and booking details for performances was shared with you at the start of this term so please do revisit it to make sure that you have those all-important dates in your diary. Thank you to our Class Reps for being on hand to answer any Christmas queries on the class WhatsApp groups, with daily updates also shared on our Twitter feed too for anyone worried that they may have missed something! We are all very excited to be sharing our Christmas celebrations with friends and families of Slade in the coming days!

Still on the theme of Christmas and as we approach the end of term and the holiday season, we're all too aware of the heightened financial pressures that many are facing at the moment. As such, this year more than any other, we really want to emphasise that our staff never expect to receive any 'thank you' gifts from pupils and no parent should ever feel that they have to buy a present or contribute towards a collection for any member of staff. Any gifts are always very much appreciated and greatly received but nothing beats a home-made Christmas card with a few kind words inside; they are the gestures that really do mean a lot!

It hasn't just been Christmas music and tunes echoing around the school as this week also saw the second of our special assemblies, led by tutors from Music Station, during which the children were treated to a live musical performance and demonstration; the electric guitars were sounding particularly spectacular! As well as providing an opportunity for the children to enjoy live music it has also hopefully encouraged more of our children to consider learning to play a musical instrument too!

Huge congratulations to Jing-Yi, Ethan, Iris and Tapasya in Year 6 who earlier this week entered the Invicta Maths Challenge competition at Invicta Grammar School Maidstone. Huge congratulations to the team for coming runners up in the competition and for representing the school so splendidly too. Do read on into the newsletter to find out more! Also, thank you too for the positive feedback that has been shared following the publication of our first ever Maths newsletter. It has been lovely to hear the children discussing some of the creative mathematical ways that they have been using pasta at home!

We had been looking forward this afternoon to welcoming our Mayor, Councilor Sue Bell, into school and down to the forest! However, due to the recovery process that is currently underway in Forest School we sadly had to postpone the visit until the new year by which time we will hopefully be fully operational once again. Watch this space for more details on the Forest School rebuild and a report from the Mayor's visit in Term 3!

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

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary

Next Week:

Day	Event	
Monday 5 December	Phoenix Class Swimming - This is the final session	
	Christmas Performances - Dress Rehearsals to school	
Tuesday 6 December	09:30 - EYFS Performance to Parents	
	14:00 - Year 1 Performance to Parents	
	KS2 Choir Christmas Show at TU3A	
Wednesday 7 December	09:30 - Year 2 Performance to Parents	
	11:30 - Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics - Participants Aware of Details	
	14:00 - EYFS Performance to Parents	
Thursday 8 December	09:30 - Year 1 Performance to Parents	
	Year 5 Music Festival at Judd School	
	14:00 - Year 2 Performance to Parents	
	Sphinx Class Swimming	
Friday 9 December	Christmas Day at Slade - See Page 4 for full details	
	This is a Non Uniform Day	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY		
TUESDAY	Pegasus Class, Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill	
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY	Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Miss Taylor	
FRIDAY		

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, <mark>Y3-6 Creative Writing</mark> ,	
	KS2 BSL, EYFS/KS1 Multi Skills	
TUESDAY	Y1 Book Club, Y3-6 Cricket, Y3-6 Dance	
WEDNESDAY	Y4-6 Yoga, Y4-6 Choir, Y3/4 Basketball, Y2 Singing, Y3-6 Athletics, Y1-6 Art	
THURSDAY	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:

Tuesday 13 December	18:30 - Carols by Candlelight: St Savour's Church	
Friday 16 December - Tuesday 3 January	Christmas and New Year Holiday	
inclusive	School Closed to all pupils	
Wednesday 4 January	First Day of Term 3	
Monday 9 January	Hydra Class Swimming - First Session	
	Please make sure you have consented and paid via your Arbor Account	
Thursday 12 January	Griffin Class Swimming - First Session	
	Please make sure you have consented and paid via your Arbor Account	

Around School



Yeti's Booking for Term 3

Yeti's Breakfast and After School Club are as busy as ever, but the team are already looking forward to welcoming the children back in January.

The booking window to secure places for Term 3 opens at 13:00 on Monday 5 December.

Booking must be made via your SCOPAY account, which should be topped up with funds prior to booking.



Looking Forward to Next Week

We are all looking forward to welcoming hundreds of parents in to school next week for the EYFS ands KS1 Christmas Performances. We are lucky to have a number of special guests joining us through the week as well.

A reminder that parents should arrive ten minutes before the advertised start time, which means 09:20 for the morning performances and 13:50 for the afternoon shows.

Entry will be via the Main Playground Gate only and as places are limited, so please only turn up if you have already booked. In order to limit distractions for the performers and reduce disturbances for the audience we would ask that alternative arrangements are made for younger children, toddlers and babies when you attend to watch; thank you.

Thankyou to everyone who has asked this week about tickets: Parents do not receive a paper ticket for this event, just filling out the form is fine. We have been looking into different systems for ordering event tickets, and we are pleased to say that in the future we will be using Eventbrite for our free ticketed events with a capacity.

The children have been practising very hard and are super keen to share their hard work with you.

Christmas Day at Slade: Friday 9 December

By this time next Friday, we will have been able to report on a busy day across the school as we host the full return of 'Christmas Day at Slade'.

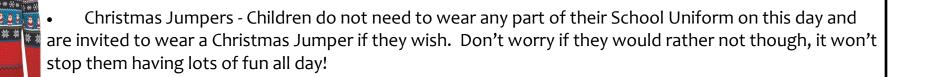
To help with a few questions that we have been asked all of this week:

• Christmas Sale - This event is for the children only; they will visit the stalls just like their



own Christmas Market. The items on sale have been donated by parents and sorted and organised by the PTA. All items will cost 50p, and children should being no more than £3 to spend.

 Christmas Meal - Thankyou to everyone who completed the survey for the Nourish Christmas Meal. This has greatly assisted the kitchen with expected numbers. Please don't worry if you were unable to complete the survey, the children will still be served the meal of their choice on the day.





PTA News



PTA Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle is now live!

To support the PTA and be in with a chance of winning a hamper or one of the other great prizes, please use the link below or QR code to the right to buy raffle tickets.

The raffle will be drawn electronically at 5pm on Monday 12 December and you'll be sent an email from host platform Raffall if you're a lucky winner.



Enter and Win with the Slade PTA: <u>https://raffall.com/324238/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-hampers-more-hosted-by-</u><u>slade-pta</u>

Production Photographs

If you are coming to any of the EYFS or KS1 productions next week, be sure to look out for the QR code posters allowing you to purchase special photographs of the events to treasure, allowing you to enjoy the show whilst it is ongoing.

The photographs available to buy will be taken during the dress rehearsals that will be happening at the beginning of the week to groups from the rest of the school.

Reading Corner



Non-Fiction November

The Month of November saw the school library take part in a special month of appreciation for Non Fiction text. The month, co-ordinated nationally by The Literacy Trust, looks to raise awareness of the fun of facts as children get to find out more about the world around them from reading, examining and questioning the books in front of them.

Librarian Caroline Mawson told us that over 85% of borrowed books in November were Non Fiction following the campaign and that we celebrated the occasion by having special Non Fiction displays both in the library and across the school.



Invicta Maths



Great Result for our Maths Challengers

On Wednesday, Invicta Grammar School in Maidstone hosted their Primary School Maths Challenge - an annual event for children at local primary schools to stretch their maths knowledge in the fun environment that competition can bring.

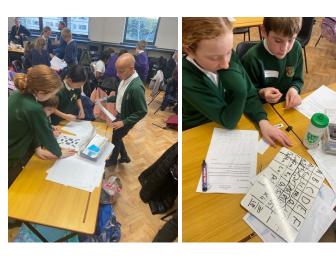
Mr Duffin and Mrs Buckland travelled with our team to the County Town and were immensely proud of them as Slade came a brilliant second place in the highly competitive, challenging tournament. This was a particularly fantastic result as the only team to finish above them were St Andrew's - a co-educational independent school in Rochester.

Our team of Jing-Yi, Iris, Ethan and Tapasya thoroughly deserved their special mention in today's Celebration Assembly. Jing-Yi told us all about the day, 'We went to Invicta Grammar School for an amazing Maths Challenge - we worked as a team to answer the questions. First, we had the relay where we worked as two teams of two to answer 15 questions each. After lunch, we worked as a whole group for 15 questions and finally the Speed Round where we had 20 minutes for 20 questions. Team work and intelligence payed off as we came second!'





The maths teacher at Invicta who oversaw the challenge commented to Mr Duffin how impressed he was in the strategies that Slade used to work out their answers, especially their use of trial and error answers and using their whiteboards to maximum effect.



Our thanks to everyone at Invicta Grammar School for their hospitality all day on Wednesday and to the parents who took the children to Maidstone, enabling them to have the successful day that they enjoyed.

Find out more: <u>https://www.invicta.viat.org.uk/</u>

Now it's your turn! Have a go at some of these questions over the weekend, they are all from the challenge that Jing-Yi, Ethan, Tapasya and Iris undertook this week. We'll give you the answers next week!

Warm Up (just to get your brains working - these are their words, not ours!)

What is the value of the third cube added to the fifth square number?

• 2017 is a prime number, when is the next year that is prime?

Group Round

• The local hotel has 200 rooms. The rooms are numbered in ascending order starting with the number 1. However, the owners are a superstitious lot and none of the rooms have a number which is a multiple of 13 or has the sum of the digits of the room number equal to 13.

These rooms are given names instead of numbers. How many rooms have names instead of numbers?

Speed Round

- The product of three consecutive whole numbers is 990. What is the sum of the three numbers?
- It is 175 miles from Exeter to London by train. The train does the journey at an average speed of 60 miles per hour. How long does this journey take? Give the answer in hours and minutes.
- In a single day, 5% of my time is spent reading, 30% is spent sleeping and 20% is spent at school. I divide the remainder of my time equally between spending time with the family, spending time with friends and playing sports. How many minutes do I spend playing sports?





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.



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.

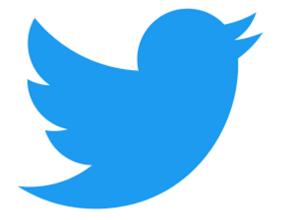
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Pupils Late This Week



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 <u>@sladeprimarysch</u>.



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 28 November	Today at Slade	Y
Monday 28 November	Year 5 Judd Music Tickets	Year 5 Parents 🛛 🚸
Tuesday 29 November	Today at Slade + Music Station Assembly	У
Tuesday 29 November	Year 6 Residential Trip Payment Information	Year 6 Parents 🛛 📀
Tuesday 29 November	Pixie Class Forest School Highlights	Pixie Class Parents 🛛 📀
Tuesday 29 November	Elf Class Forest School Highlights	Elf Class Parents 🛛 📀
Tuesday 29 November	Congratulations Luke Manley & Slade Primary School	Y
Wednesday 30 November	Today at Slade	Y
Wednesday 30 November	New Roadworks Alert	Y
Wednesday 30 November	Forest School Cancellations and Rearranged Dates	Year 4 and 5 Parents 🛭 🚸
Wednesday 30 November	On the Way: Invicta Maths Challenge	Y
Wednesday 30 November	EYFS and KS1 Performance Information	EYFS and KS1 Parents 🚸
Wednesday 30 November	Wednesday Wander Around School	Y
Wednesday 30 November	Maths Challenge Action and Results	Y
Thursday 1 December	Today at Slade	Y
Thursday 1 December	Hydra Class Swimming	Hydra Class Parents 🔹
Thursday 1 December	Griffin Class Swimming	Griffin Class Parents 🛭 📌
Friday 2 December	Today at Slade	Y
Friday 2 December	Celebration Assembly	Y