



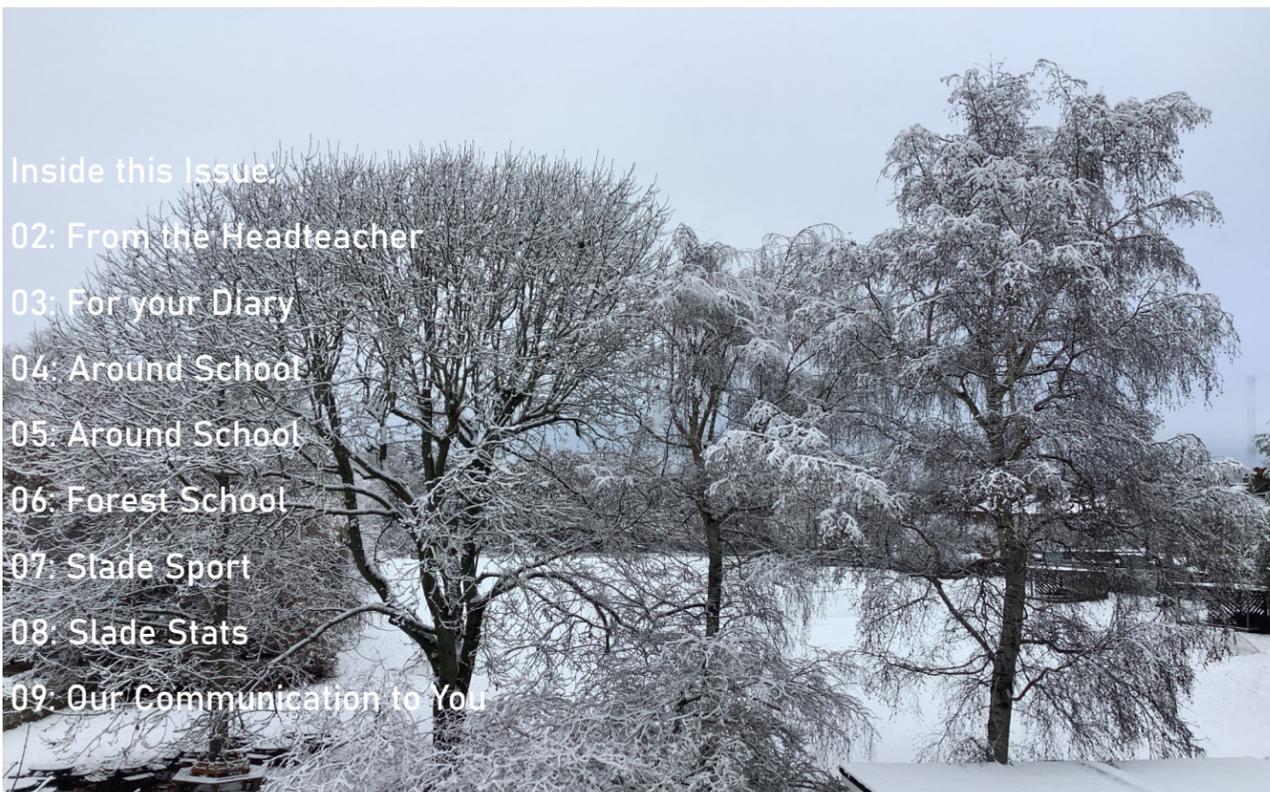
Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Thursday 15 December 2022 / Term 2, Issue 7



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this term and what a week it's been to finish on!

Thank you to all of the staff for their help and support in keeping the school open and fully operational following the snow and ice that we have experienced this week. It has been a real team effort with everyone working together and playing their part to keep our school community safe. Whilst the snow and ice has prevented us from being able to offer some of usual curriculum offer, such as the Daily Mile and Forest School, we are pleased to say that the weather has not impacted in the main on our end of term Christmas celebrations; well done and thank you everyone! Do read on into the newsletter to find out more about this week's festive fun!

On the theme of festive fun, Tuesday evening saw the long awaited return of our 'Carols by Candlelight' service in its new location of St. Saviour's Church. This was the first time that we had come together in this way since Christmas 2019 so the evening was a very special moment for all involved. The carol service was a lovely celebration of singing, music and readings all of which retold the story of the Nativity. Thank you to all of the children who took part and performed, either individually or collectively, and for leading us through the packed programme. Thank you too to all of the staff involved in teaching and preparing the children for this event. Many thanks to all of the friends and families who came to join us on a bitterly cold evening and for sharing your thanks and positive feedback following the service. Everyone went home from church feeling very Christmassy indeed!

A special mention and a huge thank you to all of our PTA who have been working tirelessly across this term with their fundraising efforts which culminated last week in the Christmas raffle prize draw; huge thanks to all involved in making this happen and congratulations to the lucky winners! The hamper prizes were amazing! Many thanks too for the beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts that you provided for each child in school which Santa's Elves enjoyed delivering to the classes this afternoon!

Thank you to Mr. Daniel van Bregt and Mrs. Bérengère Mauduit who both responded to my recent invite to stand for election as a Parent Governor for Slade Primary School, where we currently have two Parent Governor vacancies on the Governing Body. Due to there being two vacancies and two nominations there is now no requirement for an election to be held. Therefore, we very much look forward to welcoming Daniel and Bérengère to the governing body and working with them during their time in office. I am very grateful to you both for wanting to give your time and service to the school in this way; thank you.

Don't forget to check out the Christmas Maths newsletter that will also be landing in your inbox today! It's full of seasonal Maths ideas to keep you busy during the festive period so do check it out.

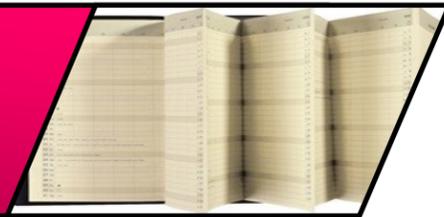
I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all back in school for the start of Term 3 on Wednesday January 4th 2023.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Karen Slade.



For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Friday 16 December 2022 - Tuesday 3 January 2023	Christmas and New Year Holiday School Closed to all Pupils
Wednesday 4 January	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 5 January	
Friday 6 January	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

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 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
Monday 16 January	Closing date for applications to start in Early Years of Primary School in September 2023 This includes sibling applications. More information: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places
Tuesday 17 January	Young Voices Concert - The o2 Arena, Greenwich

Around School



PTA Raffle Winners

Many congratulations to all of the winners in the PTA Christmas Raffle, which was drawn on Monday evening. The winners have been collecting their prizes this week to enjoy over the festive holiday.

Hannah Jackson
Kathryn Crockford
Lynn Watson
Lauren Pau
Hannah Mitchell
Hannah DeCourcy-Hallinan
Vicky Glenn
Tracy Acord
Amanda Rendle



The PTA wants to say a huge thank you to everyone in the school community for supporting our festive activities and fundraising. We will confirm a grand total raised in the new year.

Our next PTA meeting will take place on the second Thursday of the new term, details to follow.

Tree Plea

Tina Hall, our Forest School teacher and leader, has a message for families who may be lucky enough to have a real Christmas tree this December.

Tina says: ' If anybody has a real Christmas tree that they wouldn't mind donating to Forest school when the decorations come down, the children and Forest School would be very happy to take them. The children really enjoy lopping the branches off and laying them on the ground to help soak up the wet mud. The branches also make excellent cover for the dens they build.'

If you are interested in donating a tree after the Christmas holiday, please let Tina know by email to office@slade.kent.sch.uk and she will be in touch in January.

The Term 3 Forest School timetable can be found on page 6 of today's newsletter.



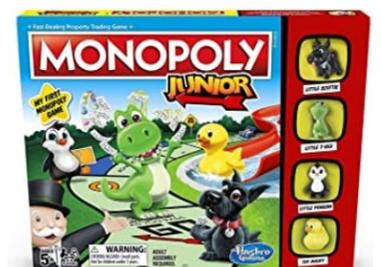
December Maths Newsletter

Earlier today, you will have received the latest Slade Maths Newsletter.



Mr Duffin would like to thank everyone for the amazing feedback from the first issue, which resulted in lots of extra maths happening all over Tonbridge, as the pictures (including Francesca and her dog, Blossom!) The winner of the November competition was Lilly in Year 1, who estimated the number of pieces of pasta, made patterns, went shopping in her own shop and calculated different ways to make different amounts of money. All of this was done with a huge amount of enthusiasm at home and particularly impressed Mr Duffin. Congratulations, Lilly!

This month's issue includes lots of ways to practice maths learning in fun, inventive ways at home and around town with lots of ways to win, just like Lilly who walks away this month with her own Monopoly Junior board game.



Around School



Merry Christmas and Happy 2023

Everyone at Slade would like to wish all of our children, families and friends a very peaceful, relaxing and happy Christmas and New Year break.

We look forward to seeing you again in Term 3, which starts on Wednesday 4 January.

Please note that the school office will be closed during this holiday and telephone messages and emails will not be monitored regularly. Parents are asked not to expect a reply in our normal timeframes, although all questions and comments will be addressed in January.



If you have any safeguarding concerns that you would like to report, please use the dedicated email account safeguarding@slade.kent.sch.uk or through the Contact Us page on the school website:

<https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=18>

Term 3 Notable Dates

This is not an exhaustive list which will be added to as the term progresses, and all events are subject to alteration, postponement or cancellation. In the event that changes are made, we endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please address them through the office email or class email addresses.

Wednesday 4 January 2023: First Day of Term 3

Monday 9, 16, 23, 30 January and Monday 6 and 20 February: Hydra Class Swimming

Please make sure all children have had consent and payment made via your Arbor account (Go to Clubs)

Thursday 12, 19, 26 January and Thursday 2, 9, 23 February: Griffin Class Swimming

Please make sure all children have had consent and payment made via your Arbor account (Go to Clubs)

Monday 16 January: Closing date for applications to be made for starting Primary education in September 2023

Visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places> for more information

Tuesday 17 January: Young Voices Concert at the o2, London

Participants will receive coach payment and ticket collection information on Friday 16 December

Wednesday 18 January: Year 1 Trip to Amelia Museum, Tunbridge Wells

More details will be sent on Friday 16 December

Thursday 26 January: KS1 Healthy Eating Roadshow

More details nearer the time

Friday 3 February: Year 3 Roman Day

More details nearer the time

Tuesday 7 February: E-Safety Day

More details nearer the time

Friday 10 February: Last Day of Term 3



Forest School



Term 3 Timetable

Thursday 5 January - Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Friday 6 January - Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)

Monday 9 January - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Tuesday 10 January - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Thursday 12 January - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)

Friday 13 January - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Monday 16 January - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Tuesday 17 January - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Thursday 19 January - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Friday 20 January - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Monday 23 January - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Tuesday 24 January - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Thursday 26 January - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Friday 27 January - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Monday 30 January - Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Tuesday 31 January - Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)

Thursday 2 February - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Friday 3 February - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Monday 6 February - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)

Tuesday 7 February - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Thursday 9 February - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Friday 10 February - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)



Slade Sport



Daily Mile Bingo

Over the last month we have been taking part in the Tonbridge & West Kent School Sport Partnership virtual Daily Mile Competition.

Thankyou to everyone who has taken part and submitted a Daily Mile Bingo Card - Mrs Ball has been collating more than 300 entries, which will be sent to the partnership by the time you are reading this newsletter. The competition has been based around individual development and 'personal best'. This is done alongside the encouragement of working together through the challenges.

Thankyou to Wendy for coordinating the bingo cards and internal competitions and to Lauren at Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership for organising the initiative across the area.

Wendy spoke to us about the challenge and is looking forward to Slade receiving their results over the Christmas break. 'It has been great to see so many of our children attempting to improve their levels of personal fitness, which leads on to improved physical and mental wellbeing. This is reflected in the levels of fitness felt by the children across the school and in performances in competitions and festivals across the county. Thankyou to all of the parents who have helped their children take part in the bingo competition across the term, without your support we would not be able to take part in these initiatives. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a sporty 2023!'

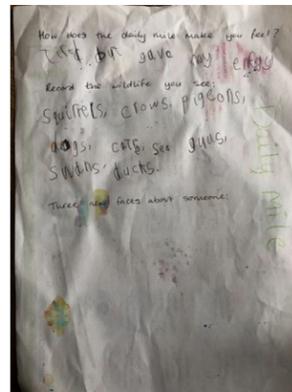


The Sports Leaders running a pre Daily Mile warm up

Bingo Card ticked off - with one of the challenges - to design a medal



Well done Otilie!



A special mention for Otilie in Year 1, who has been super busy in her pursuit of Daily Mile success.

We were really pleased to see Otilie when she visited the school office earlier today to tell us all about it:

'I had lots of fun doing the Daily Mile challenge and ticking off the things I have done. For the 'do the Daily Mile without walking or running' I decided to scoot, we went around the park with my friends Lily and Lucas. Lucas' mummy walked me round. I also made a medal for the Daily Mile, it was in my favourite colours blue and green and it was made out of pipe cleaners!'

Otilie continued, telling us about her favourite activities and how she feels after doing the Daily Mile, 'My favourite is running, I have some really fast shoes at home, the shoes with spots on make me go really fast. I feel tired when I have run the Daily Mile, but I also feel happy and fit!'

Thankyou to Otilie and to everyone who has completed the challenge this term, look out for more activities in the spring.



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

91.6%

Attendance This Year

94.8%

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

16

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).

