



Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 13 January 2023 / Term 3, Issue 1



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends. A special welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us over the break; we hope that you soon feel part of our Slade family.

A special welcome too to Emma Smith who this week joined our admin team, working in the school office in her new role of Finance Support Officer. Emma will be working across the week during the afternoons so do say hello when you are next at the office window! It is lovely to have you on the team Emma; we hope that you soon feel at home and settled in your new role!



It has been a busy first full week back with lots of learning taking place both indoors and out in spite of the wet weather! Well done to the children in Years R who made a long awaited return to a soggy Forest School this week and enjoyed their hammering in the rain! It really has been lovely to see all the children settling back into school, catching up with friends and sharing their news at the start of their learning journeys for this term.

Do check out the year group newsletters that were sent out on Monday to find out more of what your child will be learning across the coming weeks. As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via their class email address should you have any queries or concerns about your child in school.

As some of you are aware the children in Hippogriff Class have been learning in new surroundings since the start of this term. Unfortunately, Hippogriff classroom suffered flood damage to the classroom roof and ceiling during the holiday period with the repairs to the roof still ongoing. Therefore, whilst the classroom is out of use and the ceiling is repaired Hippogriff Class has relocated to the small hall in Deacon House. Well done and thank you to all of the children in Hippogriffs for demonstrating such resilience and positivity whilst this situation is ongoing. So much so that they have still won both Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup this week in spite of all the additional challenges that they have faced! Fingers crossed that it stops raining soon in order for the roof to be fully repaired!



We are currently recruiting to our Breakfast Club Team and are looking to appoint to the role of Play Worker for our morning sessions, working across the week at the start of the day. Full details about the role and application details are available on the Kent teach website at www.kent-teach.com or do come to speak to either myself or Miss Garrett if this is something that you would be interested in applying for and you would like to find out more about what the role entails.

At the start of this new year a reminder please of our expectations with regard to school uniform; all of our children are expected to wear regulation school uniform to school every day. This includes black school shoes; trainers are not permitted unless in exceptional circumstances following a discussion with either myself or Miss Garrett. Hair should be a natural colour and tied up if longer than collar length. Any hair accessories should be discreet, not brightly coloured and jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which should be removed for PE lessons. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children.

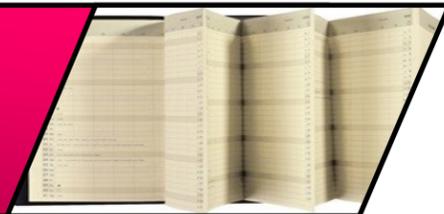


Finally, for those of you planning ahead, term dates for the next academic year 2023-2024 are now available on the school website.

Have a good weekend,

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 16 January	Hydra Class Swimming Deadline for applications for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 to join primary school: https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx
Tuesday 17 January	Young Voices Concert: o2 Arena, Greenwich KS2 Choir event - details all included on communications
Wednesday 18 January	Year 1 Trip to Tunbridge Wells Please make sure you have paid and given consent via your Arbour Account
Thursday 19 January	Griffin Swimming
Friday 20 January	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)
TUESDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens)
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, Y1-6 First Class Football, Y2-6 Right Step Company, KS1 Multi Skills, KS1 BSL
TUESDAY	Y1 Book Club , KS2 DanceMode, KS2 Marshall's Cricket
WEDNESDAY	KS1 Sports , Y4-6 Yoga , Y4-6 Choir , KS2 West Kent Athletics, Y1-6 Art Trolley, Y5/6 Mindfulness
THURSDAY	Y3/4 Hockey , Y1/2 Signing , Y5/6 Homework , Y1-6 First Class Basketball, KS1 DanceMode
FRIDAY	Y5/6 Sports , YR - 6 SAMA 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 25 January	Invicta Literacy Challenge Participants aware of details
Thursday 26 January	KS1 Healthy Eating Roadshow More information nearer the time
Friday 3 February	Year 3 Roman Day Please make sure payment is made via your Arbor Account and make-up consent provided to the school office via form
Monday 6 February	Year 6 Hillview School Art Workshop More details nearer the time

Around School



Welcome to Slade

The admissions lounge has been busy this week as we have welcomed to Slade, two new pupils and a new member of staff.



On Wednesday, we were delighted to say hello to both Dorcas and Rohan. Dorcas has joined us in Gruffalo Class in the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has met up with her new friends and with Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Greehey as she begins her learning journey at Slade.

Rohan has quickly settled in to life in Hydra Class as he joins Miss Buswell and our oldest learners in Deacon House.

We hope that Dorcas and Rohan have enjoyed their first few days at Slade. We look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship with them and their families, to who we extend our warm welcome.



Also joining us this week is Emma Smith. Emma is the newest member of our office team and will become a familiar voice and face to afternoon callers and visitors to school. Emma will be on the telephone and welcome desk as well as having an administrative focus on Finance at school. We will meet Emma in more detail in a future issue of the newsletter.

Tree Thanks

Tina Hall, our Forest School leader would like to thank everyone who was able to donate a used Christmas tree this week, we had so many it has really made a difference to the children's enjoyment of Forest School in its first week back in action.



The children have been dragging them up the field, using them to plan and build dens and they have noticed that using the needles on the ground helps to dry up the mud and gives them an easier path to walk on.

It is great to be back in Forest School following the flooding before Christmas, and has been made possible with these kind donations.

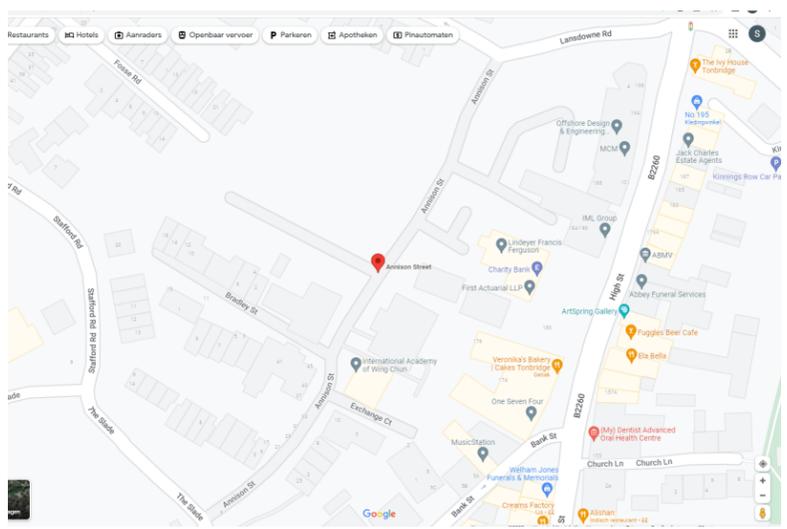


Road Closure: Advance Warning

Due to building works which require the presence of a crane, **Annison Street** will be closed, except for access, between 08:00 and 15:00 next Monday and Tuesday (16/17 January.)

Parents who drive to and from school may be inconvenienced by this closure, and those of children who walk to school on their own may wish to warn them of possible disruption or danger.

We are grateful to Deacon Properties for giving us pre warning of this closure. They have said that the work may be delayed if the weather is not suitable for crane operation.



Around School



Vicar Visits

Year 1 had a very special visitor on Thursday, as they were joined by Parish Vicar Ben Thorndike.

Rev. Thorndike came in as part of the children's Religious Education lesson as they begin to learn about different religions, the holy buildings and the way different people pray. They will also find out about the important people in each religion.

Ben was able to engage the children in learning a bit more about Christianity and the role of the Vicar within a parish and a church.

After his visit, the children set about using their learning by designing and building their own church buildings!



GameFinder: Age Related Gaming

Finding games for children which are appropriate for their age, which work on the devices the children use and the children will actually enjoy playing can be a minefield, particularly when parents are being bombarded with the 'but everyone else is playing this game' script!



Game Finder is a new and free service available from Taming Gaming which shows parents advised games for their child, depending on factors such as how old they are What devices they have and what types of games do they like to play.

The answers to these filters will then allow GameFinder to provide an instant list of recommendations of suitable games.

To use GameFinder, visit: <https://www.taminggaming.com/en-gb/gameFinder>

2023/24 Term Dates Released

The full set of Term Dates for 2023/24 are now available to view on the school website and were released earlier today on our Twitter feed. You can download the term and holiday dates from the website by using the link below. Don't forget, all of our event and special lesson dates are also online in the school calendar section of the website.

Term Dates for this and next year via the school website: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?>

Fire Treat

The Fire House Captains are pleased to have picked up the Housepoint Champions for Term 2. As is tradition at Slade, the winning captains are allowed to choose a treat for the rest of the children to celebrate their success. In this case they have decided to offer everyone in Fire House the option to wear pyjamas and bring in a favourite soft toy or teddy for the day on Friday 20 January.

House Captain Matthew says, 'You can wear pyjamas and bring in a soft toy, please make sure that the pyjamas are appropriate wear (this can be above other warmer wear given the conditions!) with no explicit or inappropriate wording or pictures please!'



Nourish News



Census Day Lunch

We are very pleased to be partnering again with our friends from Nourish Contract Catering for a special Census Day Lunch next Thursday. We encourage all pupils to try out the lunch, which remains free to all pupils in EYFS and KS1, on Thursday. The numbers of children eating lunch on the day can affect our funding and the funding of all schools - so if you fancy trying a Nourish dinner, Thursday is the day!

Meals cost £2.40 for children in KS2, with payment made via your Arbor App and Portal.

More information about the Spring Census: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-the-school-census>

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DANCE DAY

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2023

HOKEY COKEY HOT DOG 1,3,5,6
MACARENA MACARONI 1,3,7 V
JIVING JACKETS 7,8,9

WEDGES - GANGNAM STYLE
VOGUE VEGETABLES

BOOGIE BISCUIT ,
FRUIT POTS & YOGHURT ,

ALLERGEN CODE: (1) WHEAT GLUTEN (2) CRUSTACEANS (3) SOYBEAN (4) MUSTARD (5) SESAME (6) SULPHITES/SULPHUR DIOXIDE (7) MILK (8) FISH (9) EGG (10) PEANUTS (11) MOLLUSCS (12) CELERIAC/CELERY (13) NUTS (14) LUPINS (15) OAT GLUTEN (16) BARLEY GLUTEN

Slade Sport



KS1 Physical Literacy: The Angel Centre

On Wednesday we were pleased to make the walk down to the Angel Centre for the Key Stage 1 Physical Literacy Festival of Activities.

The children took part in a number of different sports that involved bowling, throwing, skipping as well as games using balloons and the parachute.

All of the children did incredibly well and they will all be presented with a medal from Mrs Ball to celebrate their effort and success.



In addition to the KS1 squad, we were honoured to be asked by the Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Partnership to help organise and supervise the event. This task was brilliantly carried out by 10 of our Year 5 and 6 Sports Leaders. They showed great maturity and enthusiasm in carrying out their tasks which involved looking after and helping out KS1 children from schools across the West Kent region.

KS2 Beginners Badminton

Also on Wednesday, Mrs Ball took a team of KS2 children to Hayesbrook Academy to try out the sport of Badminton. It was the first time that the children had been introduced to this sport and they all had a great time trying it out!

They took part in 10 activities, each one helping to improve their skills. They started by using a soft ball to hit using a badminton racquet, before using a shuttlecock. They balanced the shuttlecock and then learnt how to hit it using forehand and backhand strokes. Michael, one of the team, told us today that he had a great time and was so pleased that tried badminton: 'Thankyou Mrs Ball for taking me, I was very happy that I was able to hit the shuttlecock very far and high, I hit the soft ball right to the ceiling!'



Thankyou very much to the parents and carers who helped out at both of these events, with out your time we are unable to take the children out to experience so many different sports and physical activities.

Good Luck Ethan, Iris and Ollie

Ethan, Iris and Ollie in Year 6 will all be competing at the Kent County Athletics Trials in Ashford on Sunday.

They will be involved in Decathlon events all day at the Julie Rose Stadium.

Everyone at Slade wishes our three athletes the very best of luck and success at the trials on Sunday.



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

96.4%

Attendance This Year

94.4%

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.

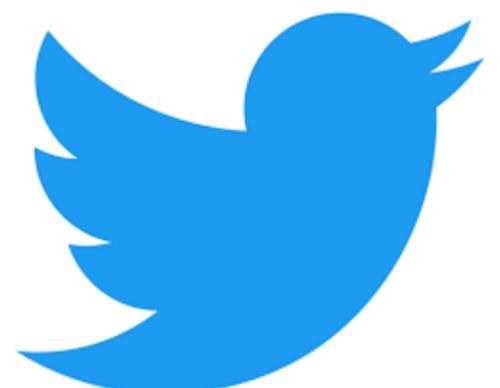
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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).



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
Sunday 1 January	Happy New Year	
Wednesday 4 January	Welcome Back!	
Wednesday 4 January	Wyvern Class Update	Wyvern Class Parents
Wednesday 4 January	Cheerleading Club: Delayed Start Date	Participators Parents
Wednesday 4 January	Hippogriff Class Update	Hippogriff Class Parents
Thursday 5 January	Today at Slade	
Thursday 5 January	Mobile Devices: Letter from Miss Garrett	Year 5 and 6 Parents
Thursday 5 January	Pet Club Cancellation	Participators Parents
Friday 6 January	Today at Slade / Year 6 Swimming	
Friday 6 January	Parent Workshop: Keeping Children Safe Online	All School
Friday 6 January	Griffin Class Forest School Highlights	Griffin Class Parents
Monday 9 January	Today at Slade	
Monday 9 January	Hydra Class Forest School Highlights	Hydra Class Parents
Monday 9 January	Yeargroup Newsletters	Year 1-6 Parents
Monday 9 January	Elmer Class Forest School Highlights	Elmer Class Parents
Tuesday 10 January	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 10 January	Right Step Company	Year 2-6 Parents
Tuesday 10 January	Year 3 Roman Day	Year 3 Parents
Tuesday 10 January	Menu Change	All School
Wednesday 11 January	Out and About Today	
Wednesday 11 January	Our Team: KS1 Athletics	
Wednesday 11 January	Gruffalo Class Forest School Highlights	
Wednesday 11 January	Well Done Sports Leaders	
Wednesday 11 January	Young Voices: Event Information	Participators Parents
Wednesday 11 January	Our Team: KS2 Badminton	
Thursday 12 January	Today at Slade	
Thursday 12 January	Hippogriff Class Update	Hippogriff Class Parents
Thursday 12 January	Welcome to Slade, Emma	
Friday 13 January	Today at Slade	
Friday 13 January	Physical Literacy Action	
Friday 13 January	Term Dates 2023/24	
Friday 13 January	Celebration Assembly	