



Slade Primary School

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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

This final week of Term 3 has been another busy one with lots of exciting learning happening across the school! There's been a trip to an Art exhibition in Year 3, Prevent Training in Year 5 and even an introduction to Judo for some children in Year 6. Do read on into the newsletter or check out our Twitter feed to find out more about what the children have been up to during the week!

Firstly, a huge well done and massive congratulations this week to our Girls in Green, winners of the Horsepower National League Trust Cup Football Final, played last week at the Longmead Stadium. I'm not sure that there is anyone who has not yet heard the news that our girls' football team were crowned tournament champions after their 3-0 victory against St. Augustine's! All in the Slade community are extremely proud of you on this amazing achievement in addition to being so proud too of the way in which you have represented our school and upheld our values throughout this incredible journey. It was so lovely to catch up with you all during your celebration breakfast earlier this week! Do read on into the newsletter for a match report and more photos!

Well done and thank you too to our Year 6 'Safeguarding Champs', who took a lead role in our Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. All children across the school were learning how to stay safe online as part of this year's national event, through the theme of 'Want to talk about it?' Thank you to the children who led the E-Safety themed assemblies and worked alongside some of our younger children in school too helping everyone in finding out more about staying safe online! As always please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about online safety and keeping your child safe.

Thank you to all children and staff who also participated so enthusiastically in the activities that were planned as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Thank you to Mrs Knee, one of our mental health first aiders, for signposting us to the activities to explore. The theme for this year has been 'Let's Connect', which has focused on us encouraging the children to be comfortable to talk about how they feel and to make good choices on who they speak with too. Again please do reach out and get in touch if at any point you are worried about your child's mental health; we are all here to help.

Today Miss Garrett and I welcomed our Golden Table Winners to join us at lunchtime, where we acted as their hosts whilst they dined at the top table. Our winners had all been nominated by our lunchtime staff for a place on the table in recognition of their behaviour and attitude at lunchtime during the term. It was a pleasure to serve them all their lunch and spend this time with the children; well done!

Hopefully you will have all received the separate communication regarding the Valentine's gift that your child will be today bringing home courtesy of our fabulous PTA. Thank you to all involved in arranging this gift for all of the children and setting up the half term fundraising challenge for them too. I look forward to hearing about all of your good deeds children during the half term break!

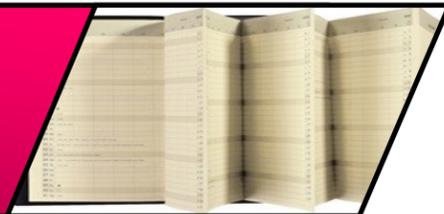
We are currently advertising two Teaching Assistant positions here at Slade. Do check out the adverts on Kent Teach or get in touch with Mrs Barber, Inclusion Leader, if you would like to find out more.

I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 20 February.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February	February Break School Closed to all Pupils
Monday 20 February	First Day of Term 4 Hydra Class Swimming: This is the last session
Tuesday 21 February	
Wednesday 22 February	Table Cricket Competition, Maidstone Leisure Centre Mote Park Participants aware of details
Thursday 23 February	Griffin Class Swimming : This is the last session
Friday 24 February	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
TUESDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

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:

Monday 27 February	Pegasus Class Swimming: This is the first Session Details on how to pay for these sessions will be emailed soon
Thursday 2 March	Hippogriff Class Swimming: This is the first Session Details on how to pay for these sessions will be emailed soon
Friday 3 March	World Book Day <i>This is a date alteration</i>
Friday 10 March	Sports Relief Mini Mile

Around School



PTA Uniform Sale



The PTA will be holding their Term 4 Quality Uniform Sale on Thursday 23 February in the school playground between 15:20 and 15:50.

They will be selling logoed school uniform, trousers, dresses and skirts as well as all the essentials for Forest School including boots and trainers.

Cash and card accepted, no pre ordering required.

Contacting Kent School Health

The Kent School Health Team have been in touch to hope that all families have had a pleasant and healthy start to 2023. They look forward to working with schools, children and families throughout the year to support better health outcomes for all.



Kent Community Health
NHS Foundation Trust

The team have a new telephone number for parents who have questions to use, which is **0300 123 5205 (Option 2)**.

For details on all of the work carried out by Kent School Health, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents, follow the link below.

[More > Via kentcht.nhs.uk](#)

Train to Teach with Teach Kent and Sussex

We are proud to work with Teach Kent & Sussex to train new teachers. If you or someone you know is interested in a career in teaching we would encourage you to attend one of Teach Kent & Sussex's upcoming 'Train to Teach' information briefings.

- Thursday 23 February 19:00 at St Simon Stock Catholic School, Maidstone
- Wednesday 29 March 19:00 online via Zoom
- Tuesday 18 April 19:00 online via Zoom
- Thursday 11 May 19:00 online via Zoom



TEACH
Kent & Sussex



Further information about these events can be found at www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk/events

You can contact Teach Kent & Sussex by emailing contact@teachkentandsussex.org.uk to find out more and to register to attend one of their train to teach information briefings. In the meantime you might find it interesting to watch this short film about [Training to Teach](#).

Working at Slade

If you would like to kick-start a career in education, without jumping in to a teaching position, we currently have two one-to-one Learning Support Assistant positions vacant at Slade.

Both positions are Monday to Friday term time and involve working to support positive outcomes for children in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The closing date for applications is midday on Monday 27 February.

KENT-TEACH.COM

All vacancies at Slade are advertised on Kent Teach via www.kent-teach.com.

[Full Details and to Apply > KS1 1:1 Learning Support Assistant at Slade](#)

[Full Details and to Apply > KS2 1:1 SEND Learning Support Assistant at Slade](#)

Around School



Year 5 PREVENT Training

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome back to Slade, Sally Green, Kent County Council PREVENT Trainer. Sally was here to present a special session to both Year 5 Classes on the theme of keeping safe on the internet and what to look for in suspicious behaviour from others that we may end up interacting with while online. The children were shown a series of clips and were challenged to spot the mistakes made by the main character who was someone their age. The character had given lots of personal information out whilst playing games online and then accepted friend requests in the same way from people they did not know. One of the characters exhibited behaviour that should have been reported, but because they were a 'friend' was left unchallenged - putting our character and his actual friends in danger of getting hurt or in trouble. This story included themes of racism and how our behaviour can be influenced adversely by others more malicious ideas.

Parents; Save The Date: **Tuesday 23 May 2023**

We are very pleased to say that Sally will be presenting an Online Safety Workshop for Parents on Tuesday 23 May between 09:30 and 10:30.

More information and details on how to access this workshop will be published nearer the date.



February Break with Tonbridge Children's Centres

Full details of this programme can be seen on our website: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/>

	 Little Foxes Children's Centre, Waveney Road, TN10 3JU	 Woodlands Children's Centre, Chapman Way, East Malling, ME19 6SD	 Burham Children's Centre, 37 Bell Lane, Burham, ME1 3SY	 Snodland Children's Centre, Holmesdale School Site, Snodland, ME6 5JG	 South Tonbridge Children's Centre and Youth Hub, Avebury Ave, Tonbridge, TN9 1TG
Monday	Stepping Stones 10am - 11am <i>Referral only</i>		Family Fun Time 9.30am - 11.00am		
Tuesday	Family Fun Time 10.00am - 11.30am	Chill Zone 1.30pm - 2.30pm Balloon Buggy's 1.00pm - 2.30pm <i>Booking required</i>	Family Fun Time Borough Green Village Hall 9.45am - 10.45am	Afternoon Tea 2pm - 3pm <i>Booking required</i>	
Wednesday	Baby Valentines 10am - 11am Chill Zone 1.30pm - 2.30pm <i>Booking required</i>	Family Fun Time 9.30am - 11.00am		Stepping Stones 1pm - 2pm 2.30pm - 3.30pm <i>Referral only</i>	
Thursday		Baby Yoga Taster 10am - 11am <i>Booking required</i> Stepping Stones 1pm - 2pm 2.30pm - 3.30pm <i>Referral only</i>			Family Fun Time 10.00am - 11.30am
Friday		Baby Time 10am - 11am		Family Fun Time 9.30am - 11.00am	

Information about the activities

Family Fun Time
Join us for fun activities, messy play, toys etc for the whole family 0-8
Booking required

Baby Time
For pregnant carers and babies from new-born until walking, involves sensory play, heuristic play and baby signing.
Booking required

Stepping Stones
A fun play group for children ages 2 - 5 years, come along to play and enjoy fun activities with your little one. A great opportunity for children to develop their physical skills and learn through play. Sessions can include active movement, song time, messy and sensory play including craft. *Referral only service via health visitors, Specialist Teaching Service or LIFT*
Booking required

The Chill Zone
Calm environment for children with sensory or SEND needs. Lights, bubble tubes, dark den, quiet environment. 1 hour sessions 4 - 7 years.
Booking required

Balloon Buggy's
Run by Adult Education. Have a go at making your own Balloon Buggy. A fantastic activity for budding young scientists. All equipment provided suitable for 2-8yrs
Booking required

Afternoon Tea
Come along, have a healthy afternoon tea indoor picnic with your child, spend time together with little games and challenges. 3-7 years
Booking required

Baby Valentines
Celebrate the love for your baby, craft activities and photo background to take pictures to celebrate your baby. From new-born until walking
Booking required

Baby Yoga
Babies must be at least 8 weeks old and have no medical hip issues. Join us for this fun session which helps baby's development including fun stretches and movements.
Booking required

To Register with the Children's centres please scan this QR code.



Champions!



The Girls in Green: Champions Again

Everyone at Slade is hugely proud of our Year 4,5 and 6 Girls Football team, so much so that everybody has been talking about their fantastic cup victory last weekend at the home of National League South side Tonbridge Angels, in the Horsepower National League Trust Cup Final versus St Augustine's Primary School in Tunbridge Wells.

The team: Sophie, Olivia, Emi, Tapasya, Victoria, Mia-Rose, Keeva and Harriet won the game 3:0 in the final, which they got to after finishing top of their qualifying round a few weeks ago. They await details of the next phase of the competition, which we will bring you as soon as we have them. The match was played on the pitch at Longmead Stadium before Tonbridge Angels league clash against Worthing, which was won by Jay Saunders' home team 2:1.

The day was incredibly special for everyone involved and we have caught up with a few people who were there to gauge what it meant for them:

The Parent: Mrs Vokes



We were so delighted for all of the girls, they totally deserved their success, especially after such a dominant performance. We were nervous for them of course at the beginning, but they soon took control with an early goal - which we all cheered very loudly! The other team tried hard, but couldn't break through the defence of Slade.

The day was so special because of the number of Slade families and staff that turned out to watch and be part of the amazing day. Well done to them all to win another cup!

The Supporter: Mrs Buckland

I was thrilled that Slade reached the final of the competition, especially as it was at Longmead, home of my team; Tonbridge Angels, to see them both win in one afternoon made my weekend!

The girls match was fascinating to watch. You could see that the team played so well together in that they understood and kept to their positions, Emi brilliant in defence and Sophie and Victoria adding their experience and scoring the vital goals. Everyone in fact, **everyone** did their jobs fantastically well. What pleased me was that the girls looked like they were really enjoying themselves and enjoying playing as part of their team.



The match lasted 24 minutes (twelve each way) and I will admit, I was biting my fingernails a little bit when we were one goal up; their goalkeeper had an outstanding game and we were defending well, but you always think, what if they get back in to it? Victoria calmed all of those nerves though with her goal, and from then it was an easier watch as we took the trophy. Well done girls!

The Coaches: Mrs Ball and Mr Duffin



We are both obviously very proud of all of the squad. Some of the team experienced a winning tournament last year so brought that experience to this match and they also helped the newer and younger members of the team - who were all immense throughout all of the games a few weeks ago, and again on Saturday. You can see this is a good team who work hard for each other. They never get annoyed, play the game in the right spirit and show respect to the referee and to the opposition - and to each other. They deserve much praise for their achievement at Longmead.

We were, of course, nervous for the girls especially at the beginning of the match. We were quickly 1:0 ahead, but St Augustine's carried a threat and we had to defend well. Which we did!

The girls never gave up and, with determination and perseverance and all of their skills on top, they ran out winners. Two of the goals came later on in the game, which made the final moments a real pleasure as we could enjoy the moment that we all knew we would be champions!

Champions!



The Player: **Sophie**

The Slade football news

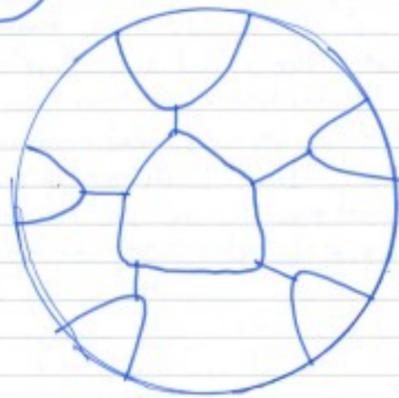
I woke up feeling "Today's the day!" I was so excited! My mum drove me to the Tonbridge Angels and I put Kira in the car park, and we were both so excited! We walked to the pitch, and were talking about the match. We met Harriet there and the rest of the team. I was non-stop talking and wondering where Mrs Ball was and to start practicing. Since I came to England I never really knew really anything about football but I started at my first club Tonbridge Juniors and then when Mrs Ball came to Slade she had made a huge difference. She started football, cricket, hockey, netball and a lot more. When I started school football (after school club) but there were only boys and Mrs Ball came and started. I was very excited to start. I had my first tournament a year ago now and it was all down to the last penalty I was taking. I felt all the pressure ^{pressure} on me. But I scored and we won our first tournament! I was overjoyed and I was very excited to know that it was happening all again. It was against St Agustines. The score was very pleasing but to start the game of, we were running around, chasing the ball when all of a sudden, Olivia ran up the pitch and took a shot it went over the line, past the goalie's hands and into the back of the net. GOOOOOOOOOO! So many people from Slade came to see us I rushed towards Olivia and we were both screaming! Mr Duffing and Mrs Ball were cheering as well. It felt really nice to be part of a team again and nobody is telling us what we can and what we can't do. It was half time and we all thought that it might be 1-1. I could feel the tension in the air. It was back on the pitch. I was wing this time and I ran up towards the goal, I had a shot but.....

the goalie had saved it. It was my turn to be sub. I hate sub. We were playing though and Victoria got the ball she ran for it. 2-0! Just as she scored I came on for her. We had a couple of times where the other team broke down into tears but we ~~came~~ kept on going to ourselves saying "Did I trip them up?" but we never really found out. Last things last, Mia ran with the ball, passed it on to me and we scored! We knew we were going to win now! The referee blew his whistle.

"YEEEEEEESSS!"

We won! At the end we went over to shake hands with the other team. We were over the moon!! It was all a very happy ending!

Goal!



- Sophie Elliott
Dragon class
Year 5



Pictures of Champions!



The Girls in Green take over Longmead!

Thankyou so much to the families, children and staff who came to support the girls, far too many to mention here by name, we hope you all enjoyed the day.

The team, Mr Duffin and Mrs Ball are all very grateful for your fantastic support on Saturday afternoon.



Around School



Children's Mental Health Week



This week has seen the children and adults across Slade take part in activities to think about their Mental Health as part of Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week.

We are grateful to Mrs Knee for putting together a programme of events for us to follow throughout the week as we tackle this most important of issues.

The theme this year has been Let's Connect, encouraging the children to be comfortable to talk about how they feel and to make good choices on who they speak with. Equally, they concentrated on how to spot someone who may wish to talk.

The wellbeing of the children is always at the forefront of our minds and we are very pleased to have been able to take an active role in Place2Be's efforts again this year.



More >

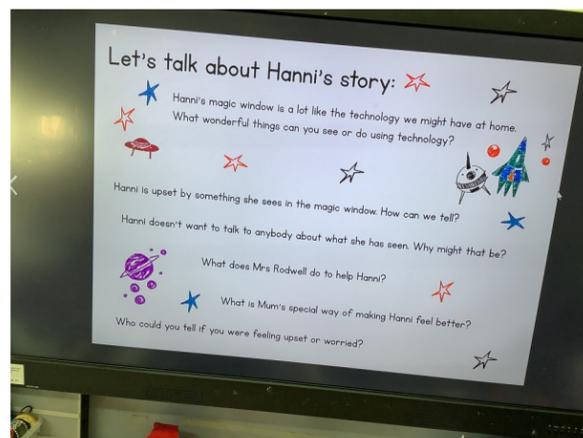
Via childrens-mentalhealthweek.org.uk

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday saw the return of Safer Internet Day at Slade as we took a close look at making sure we use online resources in a safe and responsible way, and what to do if we are unsure about anything we see when browsing or using the internet at home or in school.

The highlight of the day was the opportunity for our Safeguarding Champions from Year 6 to present their own assemblies to each of the Key Stage groups. They accomplished this extremely well, and managed to effectively talk about the subject and introduce the themes and ideas of the activities that would take place later that day.

The Safeguarding Champions: Jackson, Imogen, Sofia, Freddie, Tilly and Imogen then spent the afternoon touring the classrooms to enhance the learning with fun games and activities pitched with the age of the yeargroup in mind.



More >

Via saferinternetday.org

Slade Sport



Judo Exhibition

On Wednesday, 20 children walked to Tonbridge Judo Club for a special event aimed at introducing them to the martial art sport of Judo.

One member of the group who didn't need an introduction to Judo was Max in Hydra Class, who was an absolute superstar in helping his peers understand what was going on, but also providing us with this report of the morning:

' I love Judo and it was great seeing Chris, the instructor (sensei) and coach when I went with school. I train with Chris every week and have achieved Orange Belt with 2 stripes so far. Chris explained to everyone that the language used in Judo is Japanese - we learnt that a Bow (showing respect at the beginning and end of each 'fight') is called a Rei (Ray). The start of the contest is *Hajime* and the end is called *Maté* .

We were shown how to throw and how to successfully perform groundwork and pin someone to the floor to earn points in the contest. An important lesson for anyone taking part in Judo is to be able to 'breakfall' which is how to safely fall when you have been thrown to the mat.

It was such a great morning, I was proud because two of my friends enjoyed it so much they are going to start coming to the club!



Find out more about
Tonbridge Judo Club via
their website >
[http://
www.tonbridgejudo.co.uk/](http://www.tonbridgejudo.co.uk/)



Forest School



Term 4 Timetable

Monday 20 February - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Tuesday 21 February - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Thursday 23 February - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Friday 24 February - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Monday 27 February - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Tuesday 28 February - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Thursday 2 March - Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Monday 6 March - Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)

Tuesday 7 March - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Thursday 9 March - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Monday 13 March - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)

Tuesday 14 March - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Thursday 16 March - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Friday 17 March - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Monday 20 March - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Tuesday 21 March - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Thursday 23 March - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Friday 24 March - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Monday 27 March - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Tuesday 28 March - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Thursday 30 March - Griffin Class (Year 6, Griffin Class)

Friday 31 March - Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)



Please remember kit in a separate bag for each Forest School session.

As well as on Page 3 of every newsletter, the school diary online will tell you which class is at Forest School each day:
<https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Our Twitter Feed also informs you of all of the events happening at Slade that day from 07:15 every morning.



@sladeprimarysch

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

94.9%

Attendance This Year

94.3%

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.

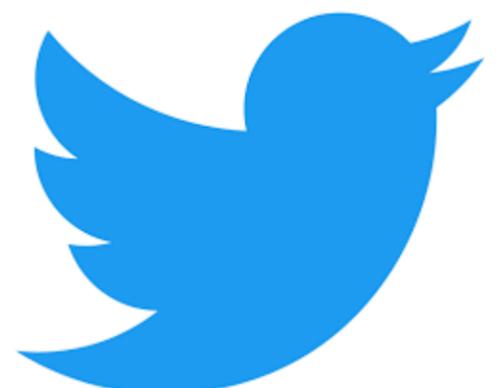
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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
Saturday 4 February	Mathchday!	
Saturday 4 February	Champions!	
Monday 6 February	Today at Slade	
Monday 6 February	Daily Mile Breakfast and Happy Birthday, Ellie	
Monday 6 February	Hydra Class Update	Hydra Class Parents
Monday 6 February	Hydra Class Forest School Highlights	Hydra Class Parents
Monday 6 February	Hillview School Art and Textile Workshop	
Monday 6 February	Thankyou Hillview!	
Monday 6 February	Year 1 Hearts	
Monday 6 February	Yeti's Booking	
Tuesday 7 February	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 7 February	Sports Breakfast	
Tuesday 7 February	PTA Sale Donation	All School
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day + Video	
Tuesday 7 February	Safeguarding Champions	
Tuesday 7 February	PTA Sale Donation	
Wednesday 8 February	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 8 February	Swimming Offer (Free School Meals and Year 5 and Year 6)	Eligible Children Parents
Wednesday 8 February	Year 5/6 Judo	
Thursday 9 February	Today at Slade	
Thursday 9 February	Wyvern Class Update	Wyvern Class Parents
Friday 10 February	Today at Slade	