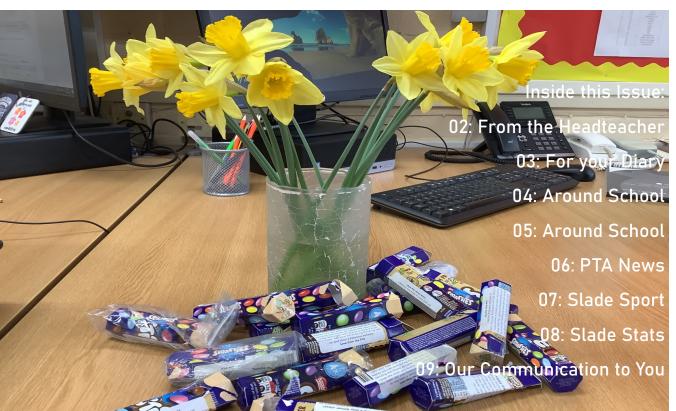


# Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 24 February 2023 / Term 4, Issue 1





# Karen Slade



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a super half term break and are looking forward to everything that we have planned for Term 4.

As you will be aware from the current media coverage the The National Education Union (NEU) is planning a second day of regional industrial action for Thursday 2 March. As you also now know a large proportion of our staff team are members of the NEU and therefore it is highly probable once again that learning will be affected on this strike day next week. Once again I am working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date with the situation, and will update you with further details as soon as I am aware of any classes that will be affected by the industrial action this time around. I am sorry that I cannot be more specific this side of the weekend but I plan to share the information that I do have available to me on Monday in a separate letter to you all.

Due to the proposed industrial action on Thursday, World Book Day has been moved to Friday 3 March in order that all children can participate in this annual event should they wish to do so. Thank you to the English Team for organising and planning this year's book filled bonanza of events and reading based activities for us all to enjoy. So whether you plan to come dressed as your favourite book character, or wear your pyjamas to school or maybe choose to wear your own clothes and bring your favourite book along we're sure that there will be something for everyone to enjoy!



Today in assembly I launched this term's Times Table Rock Stars competition which sees classes battle against each other to determine who has the greatest Rock Stars! Whichever class gains the most points in Term 4 will earn a session of activities and games on the field with Mrs Ball so definitely a prize worth learning your times tables for! Thank you for all your support in helping your children with this aspect of their home learning and promoting the importance of this key skill. I am looking forward to finding out who the winners are at the end of Term 4!

Also in assembly today, children were reminded 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 or letter to either myself or Miss Garrett. We will be paying special attention to everyone's footwear in the coming days so please ensure that your child is wearing the correct shoes to school or get in touch if there is a reason why this will not be possible. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing all of our school uniform regulations with your children.

Do look out for this term's year group newsletters which will all be dropping into your inboxes next week; these are a great opportunity for you to find out more of what your child will be learning throughout this term and offer ways in which you can support your child too. You will have also received today this month's Maths newsletter which is jam packed with maths based activities for you to enjoy as a family at home. Do take a look to find out which family won last month's maths at home competition!

Finally, today we say goodbye and good luck to Cassandra Abisoye who leaves her role as Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor as she heads off to pastures new after 5 years working here at Slade. Many thanks from us all Cassie; wishing you every success and happiness in your new role!



Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade.

# For Your Diary



# Next Week:

Day	Event	
Monday 27 February	Pegasus Class Swimming: This is the first session	
	Please make sure you have consented and paid via your Arbor account	
Tuesday 28 February	Year 5/6 Football Tournament	
	Participants aware of details	
Wednesday 1 March		
Thursday 2 March	Hippogriff Class Swimming : This is the first session	
	Please make sure you have consented and paid via your Arbor account	
Friday 3 March	World Book Day at Slade	
	See Page 5 for full details	

# **Forest School Next Week:**

MONDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)		
TUESDAY	Dragon House (Year 5, Miss Meers)		
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)		
FRIDAY			

# **Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:**

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, KS1/2 Football, Y2-6 Gymnastics and Cheerleading, KS2 BSL, EYFS/KS1 Muti Skills	
TUESDAY	Y1 Books, KS2 Play Leaders, KS2 Street Dance, KS2 Cricket,	
WEDNESDAY	Y3/4 Sports, Y4-6 Yoga, EYFS/Y1-3 Play Leaders, KS2 Choir, KS1/2 Athletics, KS1/2 Art	
THURSDAY	EYFS/Y1-3 Play Leaders, Y3 Signing Choir, All School Homework, KS1/2 Basketball, KS1 Street Dance	
FRIDAY	Y5/6 Sports, EYFS/Y1-3 Play Leaders, All School 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 For full details see: <a href="https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=25">https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=25</a>

# Further Ahead:

Tuesday 21 March	18:00: Tonbridge Choir Event: - Details known to participants	
Wednesday 22 March	Pegasus Class visit to Pizza Express	
Thursday 24 March	NHS Visit for screenings in EYFS and Year 6	
Monday 27 March	HI Titans Toddler Group	
Wednesday 29 March	Hippogriff Class visit to Pizza Express	

# **Around School**



### Welcome to Slade, Shaheer

Everyone at Slade would like to offer a very warm welcome to Shaheer, who joined us this week from Barming School in Maidstone.

Shaheer joins us in Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee's Year 1 Pixie Class as well as being our newest member of Miss Laker's Titan Class as part of our Hearing Impaired provision that we are so proud of at Slade.



Miss Elliott tells us that Shaheer has had a fantastic first week and is already a very popular member of Pixie Class.

Our welcome is extended to Shaheer's family, with who we hope to enjoy a long, happy and successful relationship.

### **Term 4 Activities**

The full list of the rich and varied out of classroom activities available at Slade for the end of Spring (Term 4) was released earlier this week and is free to view on the school website.



If you are booking places for any of the school led free clubs, please make sure you have booked using your Arbor account. This ensures we know which children are meant to be with us before or after school and helps us to safeguard our pupils at all times that there are activities happening at Slade. If you have booked on to a club, please make sure your child knows that they are supposed to be attending.

All clubs will run each week of Term 4, except the last week - meaning that there are no clubs before, during or after school in the week Monday 27 March to Friday 31 March inclusive. All paid for club organisers have been informed of this and should not charge for sessions in the last week of term.

Details of Extra Curricular Clubs in Term 4 via the school website

### Working at Slade: Application Closing Date Nears

The closing date for our two current job vacancies is nearing.

If you would like to consider a rewarding career as part of the Slade team, we have two one-to-one Learning Support Assistant positions vacant at school.

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**



# World Book Day: Friday 3 March

Our English Leaders have been pleased to launch our plans to celebrate World Book Day, taking place on Friday 3 March.

We will be having a full day of activities across the school, which will involve all of the children visiting other classrooms for teacher-led workshops on different books.

This year, the children have a choice of what to wear for this fun day at school.

In addition to the traditional book themed costumes which we know the children love to wear, we would also like to offer the opportunity for them to come into school wearing their pyjamas and, if they would like to, bring a favourite

teddy too. This will hopefully recreate the idea of a bedtime story session through the day!

Furthermore, in order encourage us all to get creative, we will be running an optional competition to produce a reading or book-themed hat. Entries can be brought in on the morning of the day and will be judged by Mrs Slade.





We will also be running a book swap within each class, so if you can, please send your child in with a book that they are happy to part with. If you would like to donate more than one book, this would be very much appreciated to spread the love of reading even further.



We are delighted to say that World Book Day (a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens) are again providing book tokens worth £1 / €1.50 for every child. For more information visit their website.

More >

Via 2023s-1-books (worldbookday.com)

#### Nourish's Novel Menu (with a lot of help from Benjamin!)

One of our pupils has been preparing for World Book Day in a very inventive way. Pupil Librarian Benjamin from Phoenix Class has had a very special idea of a special World Book Day lunch. He spoke with Caroline Mawson who looks after the library who encouraged him to approach Nourish, our catering company with his idea.

Benjamin used the menu for Friday 3 March and has made up some fun and inventive alternative names for the dishes on offer. Helena and her team in the kitchen were keen to support the idea, which is shown below:

Science Fiction Sausages
Vegan Hot Dog Diary
Book Jacket Potato
Chapter Chips, Bookmark Beans, Page turner Peas, Carrot Story Sticks
Toffee Apple Adventure Flapjack
Fruit Plots
Yarn Spinning Yoghurts

Thankyou to Benjamin for planning and executing this fantastic idea and to Nourish for incorporating it into their menu for the day. We hope as many children across the school are able to enjoy lunch next Friday with these super menu choices!

Lunch is free to all children in EYFS, KS1 and those eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium (FSM) and costs £2.40 for children in KS2 and not eligible for FSM - payable in advance via your Arbor account.

# PTA News



# **Smarties Turn to Gold!**

Thankyou to everyone who took part in the PTA treat challenge over the February break.

In return for a Valentine's gift of a tube of Smarties, which could be enjoyed on it's own, or reused to make a little money for the Slade PTA.

Children were encouraged where they could, to do jobs around the home or for the family in the week away from school in return for loose change which could be used

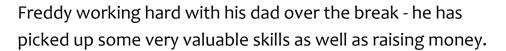
to refill the now empty Smarties tube and donated to the PTA for the benefit of every child at Slade now and in the future .

The filled tubes have been submitted today and the amounts counted by the PTA. The amount raised will be counted and announced in the middle of next week which will be ploughed immediately into helping with the ongoing PTA

projects.







Freddy is more than welcome to come and do home improvements at our homes whenever he is free!







Likewise, Archie and Ruby clearly love cleaning the kitchen at home and not only have they left it sparkling (you can see their reflection on the cupboards!) they have done this job with beaming smiles as well!

Congratulations to these children and to everyone who took part.

# Slade Sport



# **Kent Table Cricket Champions**

On Wednesday, we returned to sporting action taking a team of seven KS2 children to Maidstone Leisure Centre situated in the grounds of Mote Park for the Kent Schools Table Cricket competition.

We are delighted to say that Slade have added to their trophy haul as our team ran out champions of the county against schools across Kent.

The day started with the organisers from Kent Cricket demonstrating this new sport to the participating children. Brian Hoskin was pleased to be able to share his experiences of this inclusive sport, which anyone can enjoy before allowing the teams to practise skills, get to grips with the technical side of the game and then in the afternoon, to take part in a tournament.

We spoke with Freddy yesterday, who took us through the day:



'Table Cricket is a great thing to do, it was my first time having a go at it and I really enjoyed the day. Basically, you play on a Ping-Pong (Table Tennis) table that has sides up around the edge. That is the pitch. The bowler then rolls the small, hard ball down a ramp towards the end where the batter is standing with a mini cricket bat. The batter will then attempt to hit the ball around the table. Depending on how you hit the ball and where it goes will tell you

how many 'runs' you score. There are sections around the table marked with 0, 2,4 or 6. If the ball hits the side you will score the number of the section you have hit. Each batter has six bowls to try and score from. To make things more difficult, there are fielders just like a real game of cricket. The opposition will be standing around the edge of the table with sliding characters attached to the table. When you see the ball coming towards you, you can field by blocking the ball with your character to stop them from scoring by hitting the side.'



The Slade team won the competition as they beat the opposition which included Snodland Primary School, Five Acre Wood School, Elms School from Dover as well as Mrs Ball's former school, Greenfields which is local to the Mote Park area. The children from Greenfields were thrilled to see Mrs Ball again!

Freddy was keen to say that although they won, they were pleased to be taking part and that they were considerate of their opponents by not celebrating until they had left the hall. He said, 'We were really proud to win, it was an amazing feeling - everyone playing for Slade played a part - we were happy that our fielding and batting was really good.'

#### Congratulations to all of the team: Freddy, Ronnie, Amelia, Thomas, Blake, Shane and Noah.









Thankyou to all of the parents and carers who made this event possible by taking the children to Maidstone for the day.



# 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** 

94.5%

**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.

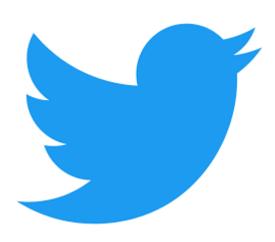
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

**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.



# 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 20 February	Beginning of Term 4	<b>y</b>
Monday 20 February	KS2 Swimming Lessons: Pegasus Class	Pegasus Class Parents
Monday 20 February	KS2 Swimming Lessons: Hippogriff Class	Hippogriff Class Parents 🔸
Tuesday 21 February	Today at Slade	<b>Y</b>
Tuesday 21 February	World Book Day at Slade	All School
Tuesday 21 February	Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities in Term 4	All School
Tuesday 21 February	World Book Day (Extra Information)	All School
Tuesday 21 February	Sports Club Cancellation	Year 3 and Year 4 Parents 💠
Wednesday 22 February	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Wednesday 22 February	On the Way: Mote Park	<b>y</b>
Wednesday 22 February	Table Cricket Winners!	<b>y</b>
Thursday 23 February	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Thursday 23 February	Road Crossing Patrol	All School
Thursday 23 February	No Road Crossing Patrol	<b>y</b>
Thursday 23 February	PTA School Uniform Sale	<b>y</b>
Friday 24 February	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Friday 24 February	Hippogriff Class Forest School Cancellation	<b>Y</b>
Friday 24 February	Hippogriff Class Forest School Cancellation	Hippogriff Class Parents 💠
Friday 24 February	Celebration Assembly	<b>y</b>
Friday 24 February	Maths Newsletter	All School
Friday 24 February	Maths Newsletter	<b>Y</b>

### Did you See?

Mr Duffin was very pleased to present the latest Maths Newsletter which dropped into your inbox and online this morning.

It is packed with fun ideas to play with maths at home, details of our new interclass Times Table Rockstars competition and showed lots of at home maths learning.

The winners of Mrs Duffin's prize this month were Charlotte, Scyld and Heidi, pictured here with their prize for baking, measuring heights and creating symmetrical patterns at home to help make their maths learning secure.

