

Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 10 March 2023 / Term 4, Issue 3



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to all of the staff for their help and support in keeping the school open and fully operational following the unseasonal snowfall that took us by surprise on Wednesday! It was once again a real team effort with everyone working together and playing their part to keep our school community safe. A special thank you to Mr. Hewish who came to the rescue and helped with clearing the pen area and playground first thing that morning; huge thanks to you from us all.

We were very excited on Tuesday morning for the start of our Year 2 tutoring program which saw a group of our Year 6 children providing one-to-one phonics tuition to their Year 2 buddy. All of the Year 6 children involved had undertaken their phonics training and were taught some of the games and activities that they themselves would then be teaching to the younger pupils. It was such a pleasure to see both groups of children working so diligently together first thing in a morning whilst learning their phonics sounds and enjoying a healthy breakfast too! Well done and thank you to all involved.

Thank you too to the children in our Reception classes who this week helped to decide on the names of our two newest members of the Slade community! I can now reveal that our two new pet rabbits have been officially named 'Spotty' and 'Smiggle'! And what fitting names they are too! A huge thank you to all of the children in Elmer and Gruffalo for their eclectic and varied suggestions which made it a very difficult decision to make. Do take a peek and say hello to Spotty and Smiggle next time you pass their pen!

There have been a couple of staffing changes that have taken effect this week. Firstly, I'm delighted that following the departure of Christina Ekperigin from her FLO role during last term, Maxine Button has now increased her hours from 2 to 3 days per week and will now be working in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. We are very grateful to Maxine to agreeing to work the additional day and look forward to having her here on a Thursday too! Maxine continues to be able to be contacted for support or advice on the school telephone number or via email at mbutton@slade.kent.sch.uk

In addition, Jayne Laker, Teacher of the Deaf, has broadened her remit and is now extending her role beyond the Specialist Resource Provision to work alongside Catherine Barber, Inclusion Leader, in providing support for all of the SEND children in school in addition to the children in Titans that she currently leads the provision for. This will include deputising for Catherine when required and supporting her with our pupil caseload. Thank you both for the work that you do! On a practical note, Jayne will be relocating within the Titans building and moving to share office space with Catherine in the new Inclusion Den with both of them contactable on the school telephone number, extension 308.



A reminder that Parent Consultation meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 21 and Thursday 23 March in your child's classroom. This is an opportunity for you to meet face to face with your child's class teacher to discuss the progress they are making, to hear of their targets for the coming terms and to take a look at some of their work too. There are still spaces available for anyone who has not yet taken an opportunity to sign up; we look forward to seeing you all there!

Finally, please find at the back of this newsletter the most recent version of our communication flow chart which signposts you to the names and details of the member of staff to contact in the first instance for any queries or concerns that you may have.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 13 March - Friday 17 March	BSL Week: Protecting BSL
	See Page 10
Monday 13 March	Pegasus Class Swimming
	Y5/6 Netball Competition, Weald of Kent School - details known to participants
Tuesday 14 March	Y3/4 Kwik Stix Hockey - details known to participants
Wednesday 15 March	14:00 - 16:00 Pegasus Class Trip to The Judd School (Hunchback of Notre Dame showing) Y5/6 Stingers Netball Competition, Skinners Academy - details known to participants
Thursday 16 March	National League Trust Cup Regional Finals: Bromley FC - See Page 7
	Hippogriff Class Swimming
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day - See Page 5

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Mrs Knee and Miss Elliott)	
TUESDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)	
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)	
FRIDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)	

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: https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=25

Further Ahead:

Tuesday 21 March	18:00: Tonbridge Choir Event: - Details known to participants
Tuesday 21 March	Parent - Teacher Consultations (See Page 4)
Wednesday 22 March	Pegasus Class visit to Pizza Express
Wednesday 22 March	09:30 SEND Roadshow (See Page 4)
Thursday 23 March	NHS Visit for screenings in EYFS and Year 6
Thursday 23 March	Parent - Teacher Consultations (See Page 4)
Wednesday 29 March	Hippogriff Class visit to Pizza Express
Friday 31 March	Last Day of Term 4

Around School



Fantastic Take Up for Parent - Teacher Consultations

83% of parents have already booked up for a Parent - Teacher Consultation meeting for the week beginning 20 March (most meetings are for between 16:00 and 19:00 on Tuesday 21 or Thursday 23 March, with different arrangements in Pixie and Pegasus Classes.)

This is a fantastic take-up as the booking window only opened earlier this week. Thankyou if you have already booked on for these vital meetings with the class teacher.

If you are one of the 17% who are yet to book, please log on to your Arbor account this weekend and choose one of the remaining timeslots to meet with the teacher.

Claim your Coat!

Lost property is a staple every week story for most school newsletters. Today, we will join in!



Despite the weather being wet and miserable, we have three black winter coats that have been handed in and are yet to be claimed.

The coats, pictured here are from the 915 range at New Look, Kids Trespass and M&S Superior.

If one of the coats belongs to your family, please contact the school office.

SEND Event at Slade: Wednesday 22 March

Family Liaison Officer Maxine Button is proud to be holding an event for Parents and Carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) which will be at Slade on Wednesday 22 March from 09:30.



The meeting will be attended by Maxine, Catherine Barber our Inclusion Leader and other members of her team, the Kent SEND Partnership and Kent PACT (Parents and Carers Together) which is a forum for adults to talk and share experiences and ideas.

There will be details on how to access a range of information, services and support for not only the children, but for all of the family that is available locally and across Kent.

If you would like to attend this event, especially if your child is already on our SEND register or is on the pathway towards this, please secure your space by contacting Maxine Button via flo@slade.kent.sch.uk as soon as possible.



Visit the SEND information hub kent.gov.uk/sendinformationhub

The SEND information hub, Kent's local offer is a website about all the services and support available for children from 0-25 and their families, with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) from the local area and outside the area. Linked to this website, there is the Kent local offer directory which is a database of support, services and activities available to families with SEND in their local communities.



Visit Kent Pact's website kentpact.org.uk

Kent PACT (parents and carers together) is a forum for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) with the aim to make sure services provided by education, health and care meet the standard and need for children with SEND and their families. Kent PACT is about empowering parent and carers and giving them the chance to have their voices heard.



Visit IASK's website

lask.org.uk

Information Advice and Support Kent (IASK) gives free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for children, young people up to age 25, parents and carers. This is to help make informed choices about their education with help to communicate views and opinions confidently.

Around School



Feeding on Phonics

We were really happy to be invited to Mrs Hill's Classroom yesterday to experience a new tutoring programme, which is supervised by Mrs Hill but performed and executed by pupils in Year 6.

The Year 6's are gaining excellent experience by mentoring groups of children in Year 2 classes and helping them develop their phonics skills, which in turn has proven benefits to language, reading and writing ability.

Mrs Hill has trained the mentors on the way that phonics is taught at Slade and how to best deliver the programme. Each week, they take time to plan the

session ahead, before delivery and feedback back to the teachers.

The programme started this week and is already proving to be having a positive effect, both on the new, young teachers and their Year 2 counterparts especially as the twice weekly sessions include a nice healthy breakfast as well!





Other than the buzz of learning that we noticed when we visited the classroom, we are proud of all of the children involved for their level of engagement, which comes through in these pictures.

Red Nose Day 2023

Next Friday, the Pupil Council along with Mrs Potter will be hosting our Red Nose Day fundraiser here at Slade.



Mrs Potter says, 'As you may be aware, this year's Red Nose Day Comic Relief campaign is taking place on **Friday 17 March 2023**. To raise some money, we are inviting everyone at Slade to a non -uniform day. For those who wish to donate some money towards the Comic Relief appeal, please follow this link to our donations page. <u>Slade Primary School is fundraising for Comic Relief (justgiving.com)</u>. We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll help our school raise money for Comic Relief.'



Fire Marshall Training



Yesterday, a large number of staff attended Fire Marshall training under the stewardship of ex firefighter Mike Reeves, organised by Business Manager Jill Westwood.

It is a statutory requirement to have Fire Marshalls across the site and we are now very pleased to say our number has been swelled significantly thanks to this training, which means we are covered at all times regardless of different scenarios that may mean some staff are not in school.

The group learnt about the roles and responsibilities of the Marshalls, how the legislation reads and what it means to us.

Furthermore, they found out about different fires, how they spread and most importantly to the role, how to safely evacuate buildings in the event of fire.

PTA News



Caroline Zuber Slade PTA

The Easter Hunt is back! Tickets are £2.50 per child and will be on sale from Monday 13 March here.

Pre-school children are very welcome - please purchase a ticket for all children wishing to participate in the hunt.

Your child's Easter hunt sheet will act as their ticket and will be handed out by their class teacher on the day of the hunt. Additional sheets for pre-school children will be handed to siblings.

We will have refreshments on sale and will be running a bake sale, so please get your cake on and help us raise some money!

If you're able to help at the event, please contact the PTA via sladepta@gmail.com or by joining the (no obligation) PTA helpers group on Whatsapp here.



Slade Sport



Events Cancelled

We were all disappointed that the Girls Football competitions at Mascalls Academy and the SEND Multi Activity Festival at Weald of Kent Grammar School were postponed this week by the venues and organisers. We apologise to parents for these postponements and we look forward to the rearranged dates being made available soon.

Year 3/4 Boys Football

One event that did take place this week was the Year 3 and 4 Boys tournament at Hayesbrook School (Leigh Academy.)

The boys represented Slade wonderfully well despite not winning many matches on the evening. They enjoyed the feast of football though as they played 9 matches in total against local schools including the strong Paddock Wood team who have recently taken on professional training, Woodlands, Sussex Road, St Margaret Clitheroe, Hildenborough and Brenchley and Matfield - The team dominated large portions of their early matches against Paddock Wood and Hildenborough without scoring before being caught by the sucker punch at the other end.



Well done to all of the team, full team sheet was put out from the event via our Twitter feed.

National League Cup Regional Finals

The Under 11 Girls are back in action next week in the National League Trust Cup Regional Finals tournament on Thursday 16 March following their local success at Tonbridge Angels last month.

You are welcome to visit and support the girls as they head up the A21 to Hayes Lane Stadium, home of National League Bromley FC.

Bromley's Broomfields Bar and Kitchen will be open serving hot food and drink for the entire tournament.

The matches are due to start at 10:00 and be finished by 15:00. If you are visiting, please enter the 'overflow' parking on the right as you drive towards the stadium. Once parked, you will see the entrance to Broomfields Bar and Kitchen, located within the Glyn Beverly Stand.





We will provide regular updates from the matches on Thursday via our Twitter feed.

Getting There:

Hayes Lane is situated between the A21 London to Hastings Road and the A232 Croydon to Orpington Road.

From the M25 Motorway – Leaving M25 at Junction 4, follow A21 to Bromley and London, for approximately 4 miles and then fork left onto A232 s/p Croydon/Sutton. At the second set of traffic lights turn right into Baston Road (B265), following it for about 2 miles as it becomes Hayes Street and then Hayes Lane. Bromley FC is on the right hand side of the road just after a mini roundabout. There is ample free car parking. Free parking is also available for minibuses and coaches.









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.



97%

Attendance This Week

92.3%

Attendance This Year

94.2%

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 6 March	Today at Slade	y
Monday 6 March	Red Nose Day: Friday 147 March	All School
Monday 6 March	Parent - Teacher Consultation: Spring 2023	All School
Monday 6 March	Parent - Teacher Consultation: Spring 2023	y
Monday 6 March	Hydra Class Forest School Highlights	Hydra Class Parents 🔸
Monday 6 March	Parent's Meetings: Booking Window Open	y
Tuesday 7 March	Today at Slade	y
Tuesday 7 March	Year 2 and Year 6 Tutoring Programme	y
Tuesday 7 March	Year 3/4 Sports Club Cancellation	Year 3 and 4 Parents
Tuesday 7 March	Boys Football Tournament Teams	y
Wednesday 8 March	Girls Football Tournaments: Postponed	y
Wednesday 8 March	Today at Slade	y
Wednesday 8 March	Year 4,5,6 Yoga Cancellation	Year 4,5,6 Parents
Wednesday 8 March	Multi Activity Festival Postponement	y
Wednesday 8 March	On and Off!	y
Wednesday 8 March	Update from Mrs Slade: Hippogriff Class	Hippogriff Class Parents 📀
Wednesday 8 March	Football Coaching Cancellation	Club Participants Parents 💠
Thursday 9 March	Today at Slade	y
Thursday 9 March	Fire Marshall Training	y
Thursday 9 March	Letter from Mrs Slade: Lockdown Procedure Drill	All School
Friday 10 March	Today at Slade	y
Friday 10 March	Meet Spotty and Smiggle	y
Friday 10 March	Celebration Assembly	y
Friday 10 March	BSL Week	y
Friday 10 March	Update from Mrs Slade: Hippogriff Class	Hippogriff Class Parents
Friday 10 March	Update from Mrs Slade: Pegasus Class	Pegasus Class Parents

Dear Slade



Contacting Us

We are always keen to hear from you if you have a positive, negative comment to make about anything going on at school, or if you have a question or need clarification on anything we have sent or said.

We have a number of ways for you to reach out to us; please see the guide below to see where you should direct your question or comments in the first instance in order to make

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
My child's learning/class	Your child's class email address
activities/lessons/homework	e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk .
My child's wellbeing/pastoral support	Your child's class email address
	e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk
Someone different to collect my child from school	In advance:
from school	Your child's class email address
	e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk
	On the day:
	Call: 01732 350354
Payments	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
School trips	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Uniform/lost and found	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Attendance and absence requests	If you need to report your child's absence, call: 01732 350 354 in line with our attendance policy.
	If you want to request approval for term-time absence, please refer to the attendance policy
	in the first instance (<u>www.slade.kent.sch.uk</u>)
	and then email your request to office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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Bullying and Behaviour	Your child's class email address
	e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk
School events/the school calendar	Please ensure you have read the newsletter first or visited www.slade.kent.sch.uk
	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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Special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Before and After-school clubs (Yetis)	yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
Hiring the school premises	sbm@slade.kent.sch.uk
РТА	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
Governing Body	chairofgovernors@sladeschool.org.uk governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Catering/meals	teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
General Enquires	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Concern	Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If your concern is not resolved then please contact your child's phase leader via the school office (office@slade.kent.sch.uk) EYFS/Year 1: Natalie Pearson Year 2/Year 3: Steph Stephens Year 4/Year 5/Year 6: Sarah Meers



Coming Up Next Week:

Alex Taylor

Titans Teaching Assistant and BSL Signer

It's that fantastic time of year when Slade gets to celebrate Sign Language Week from Monday 13 March to Friday 17 March. This special week is run by the British Deaf Association on an annual basis and is celebrated each year in March to coincide with the anniversary of the recognition of BSL by the British Government in 2003.



This year the British Deaf Association (BDA) has announced this year's theme is 'Protecting BSL'.

The aim of the campaign is to encourage people of all ages across the UK to take up the challenge of learning BSL for themselves and finding out more about the language and culture of the Deaf, Deaf blind and hard of hearing British people for whom BSL is their first or preferred language.

We are incredibly proud of our continued support and involvement with the Deaf community at Slade and bearing this in mind, and have lots to offer every class with activities planned that we look forward to sharing with our parents and friends in next week's newsletter and via Twitter through the week.