

Slade Primary School

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Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done and thank you to the children and staff from Titan's Class who have helped us all join in with and celebrate British Sign Language (BSL) Week, an annual event celebrated every year in March, which this year has explored the theme of 'Protecting BSL'. The aim of this national event is to encourage everyone whatever their age to take up the challenge of learning BSL whilst 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 remain incredibly proud of our continued support and involvement with the Deaf community here at Slade and the everyday use of BSL across the school. Do ask your children about the signing that they have learnt this week and how they use BSL in school. Perhaps they can teach you some simple signs too?

British Deaf Association SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK #SignLanguageWeek Protecting BSL I3 - 19 March 2023

Well done and thank you to everyone for supporting us with our fundraising for Comic Relief today and for the online donations that you have made. It has been lovely to see everyone enjoying wearing their red noses at very interesting times across the day! Well done to the children, who in addition to joining in with today's non-uniform day, have also organised their own fundraising events too. Donations can still be made at: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-slade-primary-school-odge9f29-de26-4202-bb33-8efcd29ccb62 Well done and thank you everyone!

A huge thank you to the parents who earlier this week attended our PTA meeting which was held for the first time on a Tuesday evening. It was great to have such a fantastic turnout to discuss the main fundraising event of the year, the Summer Fete which this year is planned for the afternoon of **Saturday 24 June** down on the school field. As a school we really do rely on the monies raised through all of the PTA events to enable us to provide some of our school essentials; this year we hope that the money raised at the fete will enable us to begin an all-important upgrade to our school technology starting with our school I-pads. None of this can happen without your help and support so the committee would love to hear from anyone who is willing and able to get involved with the organisation of this fabulous family event. This also includes hearing from any parents or local businesses who would be able to offer amazing prizes for this year's silent auction; do get in touch if you may be able to help or want to find out more. Thank you everyone!

It wouldn't be a typical week at Slade without more sporting successes to celebrate! Read on into the newsletter to find out about our achievements in the Year 3 and 4 hockey competition, an update on the girls' football team and their road to Wembley journey whilst not forgetting our netballers who have also been in action this week too. Huge congratulations and well done to all of the children for their sporting achievements and their ongoing dedication to their chosen sports. Thank you too to all of the parents for your continual support to your children at these events and with their training sessions too.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for the return of our in-school parent consultation meetings, the first that have been held in person since prior to the pandemic. Access to the school site will be through the main playground gate from which parents can make their way to the waiting areas outside each of the classrooms. A reminder please that these meetings are scheduled for a maximum of 10 minutes with all parents who attend expected to keep within this time frame in order that the evening can adhere to the tight appointment schedule and be enjoyed by all. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and co-operation with this matter. I look forward to seeing you all in school during those evenings.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 20 March	Pegasus Class Swimming
	Y5/6 Stingers Netball Competition, Skinners Academy - details known to participants
Tuesday 21 March	Stradbrook Dental Nurses: Visit to EYFS and KS1 Classes
	Parent - Teacher Consultations - See Page 4
	Y5/6 Hockey Competition, Hawkenbury Hockey Ground - details known to participants
	18:30 - Tonbridge Choir Event: Tonbridge Baptist Church - details known to participants
Wednesday 22 March	SEND Information Roadshow - See Page 4
	Pegasus Class Visit to Pizza Express
Thursday 23 March	NHS Screening for EYFS and Visit for Year 6
	Hippogriff Class Swimming
	Parent - Teacher Consultations - See Page 4
Friday 24 March	
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Forest School Next Week:

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

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

Further Ahead:

Monday 27 March	13:30 - HI Toddler Group	
Wednesday 29 March	Hippogriff Class visit to Pizza Express	
Friday 31 March	Last Day of Term 4	
Monday 17 April	Primary School Applications (September 2023) National Offer Day If you have made an application please see our website from Monday 20 March for further advice on what to do on the day	
Tuesday 18 April	Summer at Slade! First Day of Term 5	

Around School



Parent - Teacher Consultations

92% of our Parent - Teacher Consultation meeting appointments have now been secured for next week's vital catch up with how your child is progressing through this year.

The meetings are taking place in school with parents asked to enter via the Main Playground Gate and make their way to the child's classroom in time for their appointment. There will be waiting areas outside each room.



We look forward to seeing you all next week!

Thankyou, WHW Services Ltd



Slade Primary School would like to thank everyone at WHW Services Ltd for their help this week.

The local company who specialise in topsoil, grab hire, muck away and demolition kindly donated a huge bulk bag of topsoil worth over £100 to Miss Hall and her projects in Forest School and the school allotment area.

The children will be able to use the topsoil to plant salads, flowers, herbs, and companion plants to help the area thrive.

We are very grateful to WHW Services and are pleased to provide this link to their website which gives details of the work they do across Kent and the wider South East.

More: <u>https://www.whwclearance.uk/</u>

SEND Event at Slade: Wednesday 22 March

We are looking forward to be our special SEND Event, being held at school on Wednesday 22 March from 09:30 and advertised in this slot in the newsletter last week.

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.



This is an informal gathering with 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 <u>flo@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> as soon as possible.



The presentation will be at 09:30, with a range of refreshments available throughout.

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

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IASK

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



Competition Time: Holding Out for a HERO

Maxine Button is looking for a H.E.R.O!

We are seeking our very own attendance H.E.R.O - Here Every day, Ready, On Time!

Attendance and Punctuality is a priority at Slade Primary School and we would love our children to design the face of Slade's very own H.E.R.O.

This character will be the face of attendance at Slade, promoting why being here every day, on time and ready to learn is so important.

So, let your imagination and creativity begin as you design an amazing attendance H.E.R.O for our school. Designs should be submitted by email to <u>office@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> or by hand to the school office by Tuesday 18 April (The first day of Term 5.)

The lucky winner will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday 28 April and will receive an attendance goodie bag!





Remember to Attend Today, We Achieve Tomorrow!

Red Nose Day 2023

Today, we have been taking part in Red Nose Day by holding a non school uniform event hosted by Mrs Potter and the Pupil Council.





Red Nose Day is using donations made over this weekend to support amazing projects and organisations who are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world including working together to support people to break free from the effects of poverty, and from violence and discrimination.

Read more here about Red Nose Day, including how you can win tickets to the Eurovision Grand Final below:

<u>Red Nose Day</u>



If you wish to donate to the fundraising efforts, please use our own Just Giving page via:

Slade Primary School is fundraising for Comic Relief (justgiving.com)



PTA News

Caroline Zuber Slade PTA

The Easter Hunt is back! Tickets are £2.50 per child and are on sale now here.

Preschool 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 preschool 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 <u>sladepta@gmail.com</u> or by joining the (no obligation) PTA helpers group on Whatsapp<u>here</u>.

News Extra

Can You Trampoline?

Mrs Ball is looking for a boy in Key Stage 2 who would like to be part of the Kent Beginners Trampoline Competition on Thursday 30 March.

Parent support would be required for this event for transport to and from the venue at The Jumpers Rebound Centre, Mill Road, Gillingham, ME7 1HN.

Participants only need to be able to do a turn and seat-drops.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Ball via office@slade.kent.sch.uk













Venika in Phoenix Class would like to share the local Scout and Guide Band Concert that is happening tomorrow at St. Stephen's Church. She is looking forward to the concert and invites anyone who likes music to go along to watch tickets available by scanning the QR code in the advert (left)

Slade Sport

It has been an incredibly busy week for Slade Sport, with a tournament a day locally, culminating in a longer trip to South London as the U11 girls took on the SE Regions finest in the Regional Finals of the National League Trust Cup at Hayes Lane Stadium, home of National League Bromley FC.

Year 5/6 Weald of Kent Netball

It was a frustrating afternoon of Netball for our Year 5 and 6 team on Monday evening as they were thwarted in their mission to finish in a medal position despite not losing a match throughout the tournament!

Slade finished second in their group which included matches against Plaxtol, Broadwater Down and Langton Green. They won two and drew the other, taking the second place only on goal difference. They went on to win their Second Place round robin group, winning every game and taking 5th place overall out of 16 schools competing.

Team member, Anais, spoke with us saying that it was great fun playing with the rest of the team and that they were very pleased with their performances, 'We played well together, we are always pleased to play for Slade as a team - we all understood our positions and knew that we had all tried as hard as we could, it was great winning so many matches!'



Year 3/4 Kwik Sticks Hockey

Better luck for our Year 3 and 4 Hockey team as they ran out as champions in their competition at Hawkenbury Hockey Ground on Tuesday afternoon. The team won every single match firstly in their 4 team group and then in the First Place round robin group. It is great to see so many local schools now taking part in all of these events, and in this competition, the Year 3 and 4's finished as winners in a field of 16 other teams.

The whole team played exceptionally well, with goals from Jack, Robert, Milo and Lily. All of the players on our squad have been practising hard along with Mrs Ball at her early morning sports club and all deserved their chance to play in the tournament through their hard work and determination to improve their skills and knowledge of the sport.

Stingers Netball at Skinners

Due to the industrial action taking place on Wednesday which meant that hosts Skinners Kent Academy were unable to provide GCSE students to umpire the matches, there was an extra special atmosphere to the competition as the games were all self refereed - and the players and staff of all of the teams showed exemplary sportsmanship without bias through respect, honesty and fair play.





The team were undefeated in their initial group stage as they played St James, Bidborough and Langton Green.

They went on to play St James of Tunbridge Wells in the semi final where we lost 0:1. We then played against a competitive Ide Hill team who won the match 1:0 which meant we finished in 4th place in the competition which had 16 local schools playing.



Slade Sport



U11 National League Trust Regional Finals



On Thursday, our champion U11 girls football team went on to the Regional Finals Day of the National League Trust Cup competition. This round (the Quarter Final stage) was held at Hayes Lane, home of Bromley FC.

At this stage, the winners from across the South East took to representing their local National League team and Slade therefore became Tonbridge Angels for the day! The result was the best eight teams from Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South East London coming together to play a day long festival of football, with an eye on making the semi finals of the cup with separate North / South competitions, with the winners of our region off to Slough's Arbour Park next month.

The step up in quality was marked as we expected and whilst our run in the competition came to an end, it was with pride that we were still able to play super football against some excellent sides, many from much bigger schools than ours - including the eventual winners from home club Bromley FC represented by the Harris Academy at Beckenham.



Congratulations to all of our players, who played 7 matches, winning two of them. Which led to a great 4th place finish!

The day was topped off with a fun kickabout with Tonbridge Angels U18 Coach Dom Welsh who came to watch all of the matches we were playing in.

Our massive thanks to Tonbridge Angels and the National League Trust for providing the team shirts, to Dom for his help and most of all; many thanks to the parents and friends who took the girls up the A21 and beyond and supported them and Slade fantastically as ever.







Iris, celebrating after scoring the Goal of the Day.

Described as a Tony Adams style solid defender by coach Wendy Ball, it always took something special to get past her - and on this occasion , she picked up the ball in defence and strode majestically through the midfield before blasting the ball home for the best goal of the tournament.



The other National League sides represented in this finals tournament:



Our Team: Emi Sophie Iris Tapasaya Mia Harriet Victoria Olivia Keeva

Sign Language Week



A Celebration of British Sign Language

What an amazing week it has been around school as we have enjoyed a bit of a Titans Takeover!

To celebrate Sign Language Week, Signing Teaching Assistants Alex Taylor, Susie Martin and Marta Sturmey produced five days of learning and fun through a rich and varied roadshow of ideas for every yeargroup.

Alex spoke with us about the activities every child at Slade has had a chance to be part of: 'It's that fantastic time of year when Slade gets to celebrate Sign Language Week. This special week is run by the British Deaf Association (BDA) 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 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, we are delighted with the various activities we have planned during this special week.'



On Monday, Alex visited Elmer and Gruffalo Classes - as well as teaching them some simple signs in addition to those they already use at the beginning of each assembly, she read the story The Tiger who Came to Tea which was also signed via the big screen.

Tuesday saw Susie and Marta visit Year 1. They discussed the importance of sign language to people with hearing impairment as well as finding out all about different types of hearing assistance appliances (for example hearing aids and cochlear implants.) Finally, they enjoyed a story, the very special What the Jackdaw Saw, which includes signing animals.



The children in Key Stage 2 were treated to a special BSL treasure hunt on the playground. Using their own knowledge and the reference sheets posted up around the school, they had to seek 17 different cards around the outside areas - all of which had a different letter sign on it - the children were tasked with finding them all before taking their answers back to the classroom where they had to shuffle them to make a phrase - the correct answer has been revealed on our Twitter feed this afternoon. Have a go yourself - the 17 letters are: **BELCOVERTSPROFERT**







Thankyou to all of the Titan's Team for everything you have done this week to continue our support of BSL







Find out more via the BDA website > <u>https://bda.org.uk/</u>





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.



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.

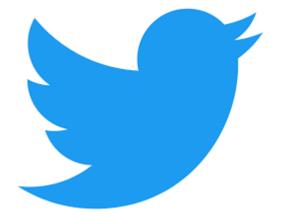
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Pupils Late This Week



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 <u>@sladeprimarysch</u>.



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 13 March	Today at Slade: Sign Language Week	Y
Monday 13 March	Local Visits with Pegasus Class	Pegasus Class Parents 🛛 🐟
Monday 13 March	Welcome to Sign Language Week with Mrs Martin	Y
Monday 13 March	Year 6 Residential Week: Full Payment	Year 6 Parents 🛛 🚸
Monday 13 March	EYFS Sign Language Week: The Tiger who Came to Tea	y
Monday 13 March	Digital Parenting from Vodafone	Y
Monday 13 March	NEU Strike Action	All School 🛛 🐟
Monday 13 March	Pixie Class Forest School Highlights	Pixie Class Parents 🛛 🐟
Tuesday 14 March	Today at Slade	Y
Tuesday 14 March	BDA Sign Language Week	
Tuesday 14 March	Clubs Cancellation	All School 🛛 🔶
Tuesday 14 March	Hydra Class Update	Hydra Class Parents 🛛 📀
Tuesday 14 March	Year 1 What the Jackdaw Saw	Y
Tuesday 14 March	Information for Parents in Closed Classes	Various Classes 🛛 🚸
Tuesday 14 March	Year 3/4 Hockey Teams	Y
Wednesday 15 March	Today at Slade	Y
Wednesday 15 March	Year 3: The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Y
Wednesday 15 March	Year 6 Health Questionnaire	Year 6 Parents 🛛 🔶
Wednesday 15 March	BSL Treasure Hunt	Y
Wednesday 15 March	Stingers Beginners Action	Y
Wednesday 15 March	Year 6 DT Project	Year 6 Parents 🔹
Wednesday 15 March	Winners Hockey Action	Y
Wednesday 15 March	Skinners Netball Teams	Y
Thursday 16 March	#COYS	Y
Thursday 16 March	Today at Slade	Y
Thursday 16 March	Ready to Go in Bromley	Y
Thursday 16 March	National League Action	Y
Friday 17 March	Today at Slade	Y
Friday 17 March	Celebration Assembly	Y
Friday 17 March	Update for Hippogriff Class	Hippogriff Class Parents 🛛 🚸
Friday 17 March	BSL Treasure Hunt: The Answer!	Y

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 sure we are able to answer you as quickly as possible

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
My child's learning/class activities/lessons/homework	Your child's class email address e.g. <u>elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> .
My child's wellbeing/pastoral support	Your child's class email address e.g. <u>elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
Someone different to collect my child from school	In advance: Your child's class email address e.g. <u>elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> 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 <u>office@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
Bullying and Behaviour	Your child's class email address e.g. <u>elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
School events/the school calendar	Please ensure you have read the newsletter first or visited <u>www.slade.kent.sch.uk</u> office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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
PTA	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
Governing Body	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:



Next week, Year 6 will be beginning a DT project where they will be making an alarmed box.

To be able to successfully complete this project, we will need lots of boxes with an attached lid – for example a cardboard hinged-top shoe box; the box needs to be large enough to fit a battery pack inside.

If you are able to help the Year 6 classes by donating a box, please bring them to the school office on Monday or Tuesday of next week. With thanks in advance from Mrs Burnside and Miss Buswell!