



Slade Primary School

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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Something very exciting happened earlier this week when I was officially notified that we were a winning school in a national competition, The Tower of London Schools Coronation Competition!

Back at the start of the year in January, all schools across the UK were invited to take part in a competition to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We were asked to design our own illustrated Coronation bench, which explored our hopes for the future during the reign of King Charles III. From more than 1,500 entries just fifteen were selected as winners... and Slade Primary School is one of those winning fifteen! Yay! The plan is now for the bench to be developed with the art producers 'Wild in Art' and then installed at the Tower of London during the Coronation celebrations! Our bench will remain in situ throughout the summer, before being transported here to Slade as a lasting legacy of the Coronation! Huge congratulations to the team of children in Upper Key Stage 2 for their creativity and talent with a special mention to Imogen, Frannie and Jing-Wen who have led the project with such passion and enthusiasm. A fuller update on this story will be in next week's newsletter but in the meantime do take a look at this to find out more! [The Tower of London Schools Coronation Competition | Historic Royal Palaces \(hrp.org.uk\)](https://hrp.org.uk)

Many of our children and their families enjoyed a fabulous evening on Tuesday at Tonbridge Baptist Church watching our Key Stage 2 choir perform at the annual Tonbridge School Choir Event. This was a welcome return post-lockdown for this much missed evening which sees local school choirs coming together to sing for all to enjoy. Well done to all of the children who performed and who were a credit to the school throughout the evening; we are all very proud of you! Special thanks to Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Luffingham and Mrs. Knee for all of your hard work in preparation for this memorable and magical moment for everyone involved.

Thank you too to those who attended our parent consultation meetings this week which reverted back to being held in school and in person. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance discussing your child's progress with the class teachers. If you were unable to attend then please do contact your child's class teacher via the school office or class email address to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time. A reminder that Hippogriff meetings will be held at the beginning of Term 5 with dates to be confirmed next week. Thank you everyone.

It was also lovely to welcome parents into school on Wednesday morning to the first of our SEND Roadshows, an opportunity for parents and professionals to meet together over a coffee to talk and share experiences and ideas. I know that our Inclusion Team found the session to be really beneficial and valued the opportunity to catch up with those that were there in a more informal setting. We are very keen to make this a more regular occurrence so please do get in touch with your feedback for future topics to discuss or organisations to invite along next time. Thank you so much to Maxine and the team for organising; we look forward to getting a date in the diary for the next one!

Finally, Pegasus Class this week took their learning beyond the school grounds with our Year 3 Italian experts taking a trip to Pizza Express to learn how to make the perfect pizza! The pizzas that they made and brought back to school to enjoy all looked and smelt amazing! Well done to all the children involved for your impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm during this visit. Thank you too to all adults who gave of their time to organise and accompany the children on the trip. Your turn next week Hippogriffs!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 27 March	Pegasus Class Swimming Titans Toddler Group
Tuesday 28 March	12:00 - West Kent Gymnastics Competition The Angel Centre - Details known to participants
Wednesday 29 March	Hippogriff Class Visit to Pizza Express Kent Boccia Competition - Maidstone YMCA - Details known to participants Kent Schools Multi-Skills Competition at Slade - Details known to participants
Thursday 30 March	Hippogriff Class Swimming KS1 Football Tournament at Slade - Details know to participants
Friday 31 March	Kent Year 2 Multi-Skills Competition at Slade - Details known to participants Last Day of Term 4

Forest School Next Week:

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

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	KS2 BSL
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	KS1/2 Athletics, KS1/2 Art
THURSDAY	KS1 Street Dance
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

For full details see: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=25>

Further Ahead:

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 Please note today is INSET Day and school is closed to all pupils
Tuesday 18 April	Summer at Slade! First Day of Term 5 
Tuesday 18 April	Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament (Rearranged Date) - Details known to participants

Around School



Summertime Yeti's



The booking window for places in Yeti's Breakfast and After School Clubs in Term 5 will open at 20:00 on Monday 27 March.

Please make sure that there is sufficient funds in your SCOPAY account to cover the sessions that you plan to book.

Clubs Update

All before, during and after school activity clubs will finish this week, with exceptions below. This is normal practice for the end of the main terms and is known by each of the club providers. The paid for private clubs will return in the first week of the Summer Terms on Tuesday 18 April alongside our refreshed in school free club offering.

Exceptions have been made for the following clubs who have been affected this term by industrial action class closures or by a late start to the club taking place, so therefore we are pleased to confirm that these will be the only extra curricular clubs taking place next week:

Monday 27 March - KS2 British Sign Language Club with Mrs Sturmeay and Mrs Taylor

Wednesday 29 March - KS1 and KS2 West Kent Athletics with Lewis Church and The Art Trolley with Lorena Carbajal

Thursday 30 March - KS1 Dancemode Street Dance with Katie

Yeti's Breakfast Club and After School Club will of course be open every day between 07:30 and then to 17:30.

The full list of clubs and activities for Term 5 will be ready by next week and will be posted on our website and via the Twitter feed. In school free clubs must be signed up for through your Arbor account for safeguarding and effective communication reasons.

Reading Cloud App

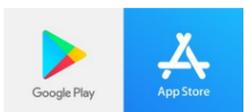
Just a reminder that you can access the library catalogue from home via your phone or iPad, by downloading a free App called **Reading Cloud**.

The App is available from the App store and Android Market. On the App you can see what books are available to borrow from the library, your child's loan history, reserve books, write and read reviews and get ideas for new authors.

To access this facility, you will need your child's username and password. Please email the office to request this and Mrs Mawson, our librarian, will pass these on to you.

Learn more about the Library and for a guide to help you to use the app via our website using the link below:

<https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?>



PTA Presents:
The Slade Easter Bunny Hunt...
"lets hop to it...."

£2.50 per child taking part in the hunt
Tickets will be on sale ahead of the event.

EASTER EGG PRIZES & BAKE SALE

• TEA • HOT CHOCOLATE • CAKES •

FRIDAY MARCH 31ST | **SCHOOL FIELD 3.30-5 pm**

Help the PTA fundraise for new iPads to support learning across the school

@archfordesign

For our Families



SEND Roadshow rolls into Slade

Thankyou to the group of parents who attended our very first Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) roadshow this week.

Family Liaison Officer, Maxine Button, was joined by Kerry Miles from IASK (Information, Advice and Support Kent) who described the way that the different services associated with Kent County Council can assist parents, carers and young people with SEND before spending time with individual parents to start that discussion about more specific need or advice.

IASK

The organisation Kerry represents provides a support service for parents and young people with SEND. They can answer questions about educational needs and provide parents with confidential and impartial information and advice about educational matters including health and social care needs. Their helpline is open Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00 and 24 hr answerphone and email services as well as a local office at The Shepway Centre, Oxford Road, Maidstone.

If you think they may be able to help your family, contact them on 03000 412 412 or via iask@kent.gov.uk

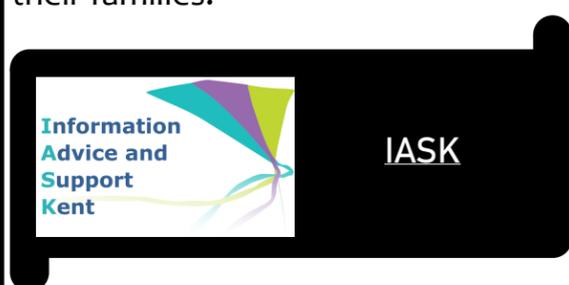
SEND Information Hub

The Kent offer is a website which provides information and advice for those with SEND and their families aged 0-25. They also offer a directory which links residents to a database of activities, events, support services and more.



Kent PACT

Kent PACT is the Parent and Carer forum in Kent, based in the Howard De Walden Centre in Maidstone, for those with children and young people with additional needs. There are lots of ways to become involved and membership is free. Contact them via email for further details via info@kentpact.org.uk. mission is to make sure that services provided by education, health and care in Kent meet the needs of children who have special educational needs and disabilities, and their families.



Competition Time: Holding Out for a HERO

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 office@slade.kent.sch.uk 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!



Slade Sport



Year 5 and 6 Hockey at Hawkenbury

The Year 5 and 6 Hockey team came up against inspired and tough opposition as they travelled to Hawkenbury Hockey Ground on Tuesday evening.

They battled against Sussex Road, St Marks, Claremont and Wadhurst Schools and finished in 4th place. This meant they faced other fourth placed teams Temple Grove and Woodlands Primary in the second phase - winning against Temple Grove and earning a well fought draw versus Woodlands. This points total meant they won the second phase group.

Ollie and Emi were our main goalscorers, whilst Tobias excelled throughout in goal.



Congratulations to Bishops Down School for winning the tournament.

Our full team line up appeared on route to Hawkenbury on our Twitter feed.



Slade Music



Tonbridge Lions Club Junior Schools' Choir Concert

On Tuesday evening, our KS2 choir were proud to be invited to take part in the Tonbridge Lions Choir Concert at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Darenth Avenue.

The event, planned to showcase the best of our local school choirs and raise funds for the Lions Club charity, was also attended by school children from Hadlow, Plaxtol, Woodlands, Stocks Green, Sussex Road and St Margaret Clitherow Schools in and around Tonbridge with each choir singing two songs.



Mrs Stephens, Mrs Knee and Mrs Luffingham accompanied our group and were thrilled with the performance they put in as they sang [Bad Life by Sigrid](#) and [Bring me the Horizon \(Something Inside\) So Strong by Labi Siffre](#).

Unfortunately, we are unable to bring you pictures of the event, as only the official Lions photographer was allowed to take photographs. We would like to thank all of the parents who attended and supported the girls and boys of the Slade KS2 Choir and to congratulate all of the children for an amazing performance.

Out and About



Pegasus' Perfect Pizzas

Year 3 have been learning all about Italy this term, which has included the Roman Empire right through to the present day. What topic about Italy could ignore the fabulous food from across the diverse land that stretches from the Alps in the North to the Mediterranean Sea in the South?



The most famous foods from Italy include Pizza and Pasta - and Pegasus Class experienced the delights of making pizza with different toppings in our local Pizza Express restaurant on Wednesday.

The children walked over to the venue before learning how to make pizza and following instructions quickly picked up the art of making the dough and spreading the tomato and placing the toppings evenly across the pizza.

We are very grateful to Head Cook Chef Lewis and all of his team for showing the making and cooking process and for giving a guided tour behind the scenes. The children had a wonderful time.

Lewis wasn't needed to show the children how to eat the pizzas though! On return to school, Pegasus classroom was transformed in to its own pizzeria as Mrs Stephens and Mrs Ludwig enjoyed joining the rest of the class in eating the pizzas they had made that morning.

 Pizza Express were equally impressed, as our Twitter conversation shows (right)



Hopefully this has whetted the appetite of everyone in Hippogriff Class, who will be having their own trip to Pizza Express next Wednesday.



Pegasus' story of the day in pictures

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

95.0%

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.

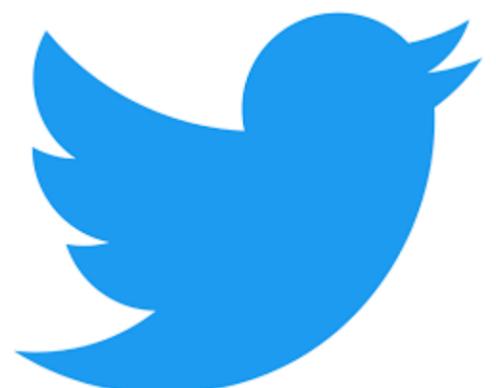
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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](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
Monday 20 March	Today at Slade	
Monday 20 March	Sprite Class Forest School Highlights	Sprite Class Parents
Monday 20 March	Tonbridge Lions Club Choir Event Official Programme	KS2 Choir Parents
Monday 20 March	Slade PTA Meeting and Easter Egg Hunt	
Monday 20 March	Hippogriff Class Parent - Teacher Consultations	Hippogriff Class Parents
Tuesday 21 March	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 21 March	Year 5 and 6 Hockey Teams	
Tuesday 21 March	Parent Consultations	
Tuesday 21 March	Choir Performance at Tonbridge Baptist Church	
Wednesday 22 March	Yoga Cancellation	Year 4,5,6 Parents
Wednesday 22 March	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 22 March	Pegasus Class at Pizza Express	
Wednesday 22 March	@PizzaExpress	
Wednesday 22 March	Pegasus Class Pizzas	
Wednesday 22 March	Pegasus Class Forest School Highlights	Pegasus Class Parents
Thursday 23 March	Today at Slade	
Thursday 23 March	Trainers and Boots	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 23 March	Phoenix Class Forest School Highlights	Phoenix Class Parents
Friday 24 March	Today at Slade	
Friday 24 March	Hippogriff Class Update	Hippogriff Class Parents
Friday 24 March	Celebration Assembly	

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. 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: 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 (www.slade.kent.sch.uk) and then email your request to office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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
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	sladeppta@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



League Leaders in Signing!

Following last week's super BSL week, we are on the lookout for the use of British Sign Language in the community here in Tonbridge and further afield. If you see sign language being used, let us know and we will be happy to promote those who embrace the inclusivity of this wonderful language.

First up, we are at the home of current Premier League leaders, Arsenal. Starting this month, all of the interviews and features on the Emirates Stadium big screens have been accompanied with a BSL signer. Jon Dyster, Disability Access Manager, recently gave an interview with *The Guardian*. "We have a British Sign Language interpreter pitchside for all of our content, pre-match and halftime," Dyster [explained](#). "So any interviews that are taking place, we have someone explaining exactly what's happening to deaf fans within the stadium and on the big screens."

This is a first in English sport; well done to The Gunners and congratulations to all members of the deaf community who visit Emirates Stadium. See all the details via Arsenal.com below:

<https://www.arsenal.com/news/arsenal-launch-fully-integrated-bsl-matchdays>

