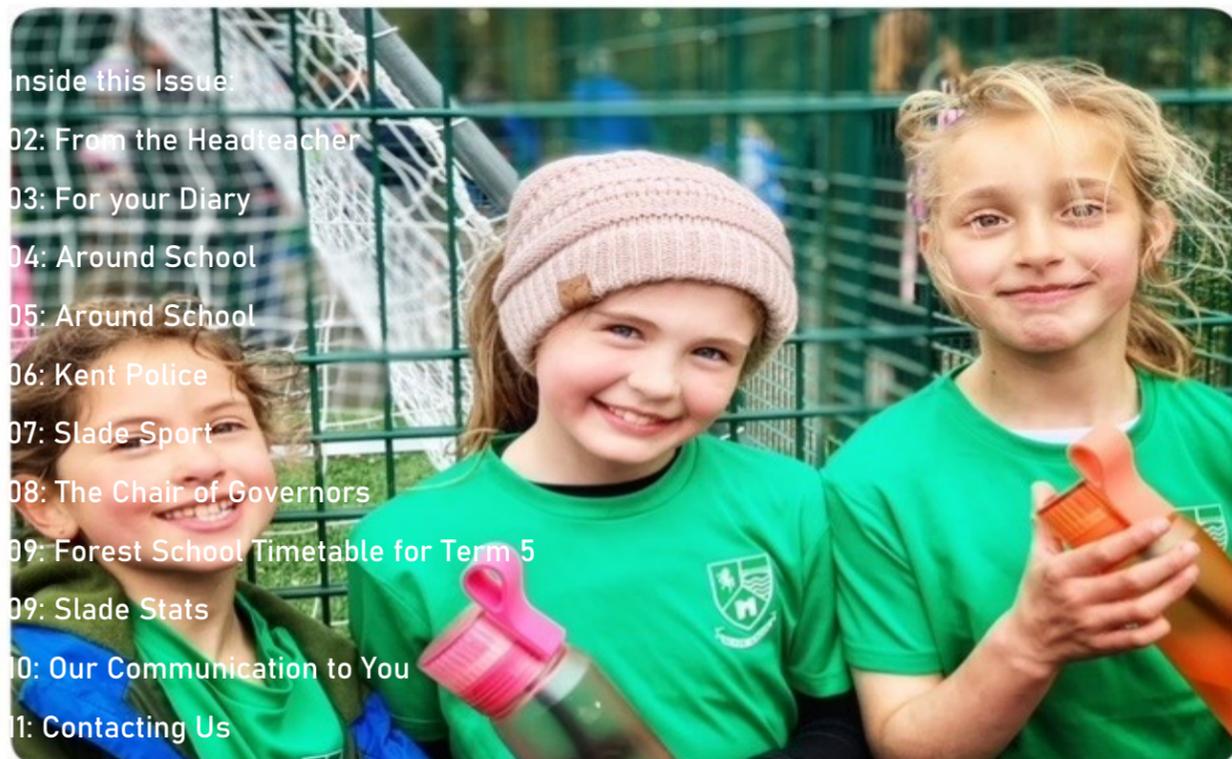




Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 21 April 2023 / Term 5, Issue 1



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of Term 5 everyone!

I trust that you all had an enjoyable, restful Easter break and were able to enjoy some downtime with friends and family.

It has been lovely to see the children enthusiastically return to school this week and reconnect with their friends at the start of this busy term. All children have quickly settled back in to their routines with some fabulous learning taking place across the school. Do look out for this term's year group newsletters which will all be dropping into your inboxes on Monday; these are a great opportunity for you to find out more of what your child will be learning throughout Term 5 and offer ways in which you can support your child too.

Well done and congratulations to all of the pupils and staff who were involved in yesterday's Key Stage 1 Tonbridge Schools' Football tournament, which as you will recall was rearranged from the end of Term 4. The event was enjoyed by teams from other local schools in addition to 2 teams from our Year 2 classes entering the competition too. A particular highlight for spectators was the 'Slade A' team versus the 'Slade B' team match! A special mention and thanks to Ollie, Sophie and Spencer from our Sports Crew for refereeing all of the games so professionally and to all of the parents and staff who came out to support the teams too, despite the change in the weather! A great event and well done to all involved! Do read on into the newsletter for further football and refereeing news from earlier in the week!

A special welcome this week to Jennifer Robinette who has joined our staff team in her role of Teaching Assistant, providing support to children in Years 4 and 5. We are delighted to welcome Jennifer to the team and look forward to getting to know her more in the coming weeks.

As I shared in a separate letter yesterday, the NEU has now announced planned strike action for Thursday 27 April and it is highly probable that learning will once again be affected on these and subsequent strike days. Please be assured that 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 this industrial action.

In assembly this morning, children were reminded again of our expectations with regard to school uniform; all of our children are expected to wear regulation school uniform to school every day. Hair should be a natural colour and tied up if longer than collar length. Any hair accessories should be discreet, not brightly coloured and jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which should be taped for PE lessons. Nail varnish and any other make-up should also be removed before coming to school. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children.

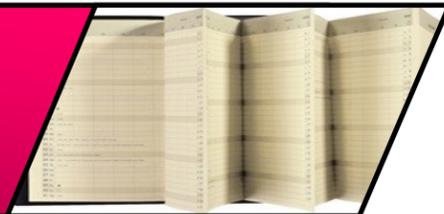
Finally, today we say goodbye and good luck to Shané Williams (right) who leaves her role as Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor as she heads off to pastures new after working here at Slade for the past 18 months. Many thanks from us all Shané; wishing you every success and happiness in your new role at Tonbridge Angels!



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 24 April	Class and Group Photographs Matthew Walker Portrait Days Photography Pegasus Class Swimming - This is the last session
Tuesday 25 April	Maths Coffee Morning - Invited attendees aware of details 18:30: Year 6 Residential Parents Meeting - In School
Wednesday 26 April	
Thursday 27 April	Proposed Industrial Action by members of NEU - Please see email sent Thursday 20 April Hippogriff Class Swimming - This is the last session
Friday 28 April	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)
TUESDAY	Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)
FRIDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, KS,2 Football, Y2-6 Cheerleading, KS1 BSL , EYFS, KS1 Multi Skills
TUESDAY	Y1 Books , KS2 Street Dance, KS2 Cricket, EYFS Pets , KS2 Rugby
WEDNESDAY	Y2,3,4 Golf , Y4,5,6 Yoga , KS2 Choir , KS1,2 Athletics, KS1,2 Art
THURSDAY	Y2 Cricket , Y3,4 Signing Choir , Y3,4 Cricket , KS1,2 Basketball, KS1 Street Dance, Y1 Pets
FRIDAY	Y5,6 Sports , 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:

Monday 1 May	National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils
Monday 1 May	EYFS Applications - Deadline to accept or reject offers made on Monday 17 April
Monday 8 May	Coronation of King Charles III - School Closed to all pupils
Tuesday 9 May - Friday 12 May	KS2 National Assessment Tests (Pupils in Year 6)
Monday 22 May	Mrs Davis from Hugh Christie School in to see their new Year 7 pupils currently in Year 6
Tuesday 23 May	Parents Prevent Training See Page 5 for more information and to book a place
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 5

Around School



Term 5: Looking Forward

We are all looking forward to all of the fun of being at school in the summertime, with more time on the field at break, lunch and PE times.

There are lots of sporting competitions to look forward to, the coming together of the celebratory Coronation throne and there is a special guest on the way to see the children in next week's assemblies. More about this on Twitter when it happens and full details in next week's newsletter!

All of the events and important information relating to your child's yeargroup will be in your termly newsletter, due to be sent at the beginning of next week.

Of course, Term 5 does also include the summer Statutory Assessment Tests for various yeargroups across school. We will have more information nearer the time of these tests, but in every case, they are just a way of each child being able to show what they can do and we wouldn't like for any child to be worried by them. If you are concerned by any aspect of yeargroup SATs, please contact your class teacher in the first instance.

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School Photographs with Matthew Walker

One of the most important and exciting events of Term 5 is the return of Matthew Walker, who will be along on Monday to take the whole class and group photographs.

Details on how to order these pictures will be announced early next week.

We look forward to welcoming Matthew back to Slade as we continue our good relationship with his Portrait Days company.



PTA News

Flora Hudson - PTA Committee

Summer Fete Silent Auction - Donations Needed!

It has been 4 years since the last Silent Auction so we want to reintroduce it with a bang and need your help!

We would be very grateful for donations, big or small. Even donations in kind are welcome, such as gardening, cooking, car washing, etc!

All monies raised on the day will be channelled straight back into the school for the benefit of the children.

Please email the PTA if you are able to offer anything - sladepa@yahoo.co.uk

Eleanor Hoyle - PTA Chair

Easter Egg Success

We raised £606 from the Easter Hunt - thank you so much to everyone who attended despite the rain and to all those who donated to the brilliant bake sale!

EYFS and KS1? Save the Date

Reception and KS1 Film Night - Wednesday 17 May after school. Details to follow next week.



Silent Auction

COMING SOON

Around School

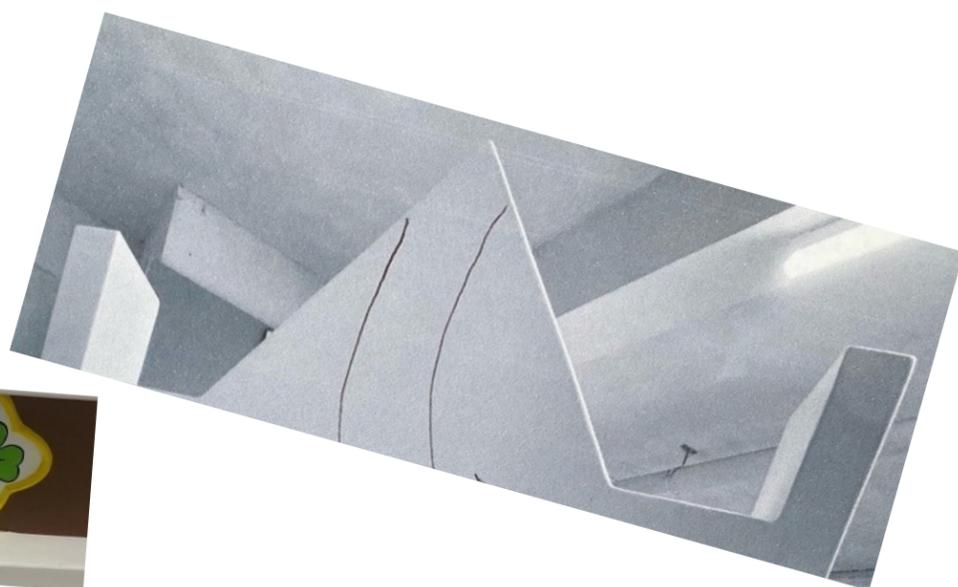


Throne Teaser



Jill Busby from Wild in Art has been busy this month as she starts the final version of the Slade Coronation Throne which will be featured in the Tower of London exhibition throughout this summer, news that we brought you in our previous newsletter.

We have a couple of teaser photographs as we look forward to seeing the final, completed throne that will take pride of place at the Tower!



Parents and Carers Prevent Training

We are pleased to advertise our upcoming online safety event for parents.

The meeting, hosted by our local Prevent Education Officer, Sally Green who has recently held workshops in school with our Year 5 and 6 children, has also led training for staff and governors here at Slade and is pleased to be able to do the same of parents and carers as we all endeavour to keep ourselves and our children safe online.

Sally says, 'As a parent, it is important to be aware that individuals and groups with extremist views use the internet and social media to spread their ideas and opinions. Children spend a lot of time online, and this can make them more susceptible to extremism from all aspects. Extremist groups tap into young people's insecurities and sense of adventure. They often claim to offer answers and promise a sense of identity and friendship. It's important to remember that any child can be affected by extremism. This session aims to heighten awareness to the susceptibilities young children can face from radicalisation and extremism. The session will explore how radicalisation may present in children, and how parents can help to protect their children from this type of exploitation.'

The meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams so can be accessed anywhere on Tuesday 23 May between 09:30 and 10:30.

Please use the form under the link below to sign up to attend - the access link will be sent nearer the time.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtzom47TuDL8aBohlUOtojvWxlj8LwmD_bv7FUMFNHSERQOEowMloyVkpMSVhCNjIXSVBGMS4u

Find out more about Prevent via the KCC website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/community-safety-and-crime-policies/contest/prevent>



Community News



A Message from Kent Police

Chief Inspector Craig West - Head of Roads Policing, Tactical Operations Command



As part of the National Police Chiefs Council “Two Wheel Week”, in collaboration with KCC Bikeability trainers, I would like to make you aware of some educational tips around cycling.

Cycling is a great way of getting to school and can keep you and your children healthy and active, but it can also present risks to your safety. Hopefully these tips will help you make sure you and your bike are ready to get cycling to school.

- Consider riding routes with dedicated cycle paths to ensure the safety of young children and pedestrians.
- Ensure that your bicycle is roadworthy. If it has been unused for a while, ensure that the mechanisms such as brakes and gears are working and that tyres are inflated before starting any ride.
- Always wear a cycle helmet regardless of where you are cycling. All child cyclists and scooter users should always wear a helmet.
- Wear Hi-Viz or bright colours to help other road users to see you. Red is particularly visible to road users.
- Think about your positioning in the road and whether you can be seen by other road users.
- Effectively communicate with other road users, by using hand signals when turning. Try to make eye contact with other road users and pedestrians to ensure that they have seen you.
- If approaching pedestrians from behind, use your bell or a polite verbal warning to alert them to your presence.

For more information about Bike Ability please see [Cycle training - Kent County Council](#).



We'd also like to take this opportunity to re-enforce the law around e-scooters.

These are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc. Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.

For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit www.gov.uk

We hope that these tips are of some use and help promote road safety and many thanks to all of the pupils, parents and staff at Slade for your continued help in sensible, safe travel around our county.

Chief Inspector Craig West

Slade Sport



Year 3 and 4 Girls Football

The previously postponed Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Girls Cup Competition got underway this week, the first of the events being the Year 3 and 4 qualifying rounds at Hayesbrook School on Tuesday evening.

The girls, many representing their school for the first time had a brilliant and successful time as they came in second place, and with it qualification for the finals to be held in May.

Congratulations to our team of Harriet, Malvina, Lily, Anaïs, Amber, Juliet and Genevieve who won their matches against St John's of Tunbridge Wells, St Margaret Clitherow, Speldhurst and a nail biter of a contest against Langton Green where a wonder strike from Harriet was the difference.

They lost only one match, versus Yalding, who came first overall and join us in the finals.



Tournament Referees

We would like to congratulate three of our pupils: Sophie, Emi and Ollie for the invaluable role they played in the successful running of the Year 3 and 4 girls tournament. They had been approached in advance by the organisers to see if they would be happy to referee at the event.

They proceeded to officiate on their own in matches between different schools and in front of watching teachers and parents. Each of them received some lovely feedback from the supporters and officials on the sidelines, who commented on the professional way they handled themselves in keeping the matches flowing with confidence and control.

Officiating a football match at any level is not an easy job and can be intimidating, especially with parents on the side willing their team to win and their children to do well. To perform so well on debut is a credit for these children - well done Sophie, Emi and Ollie from Mrs Ball, everyone at Slade and the Tonbridge West Kent Sports Partnership.

← Tweet



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@TWKSSP

They were brilliant and we've already had some awesome feedback from schools who attended! Thankyou to some amazing sporting ambassadors at your school! 🙌🔥

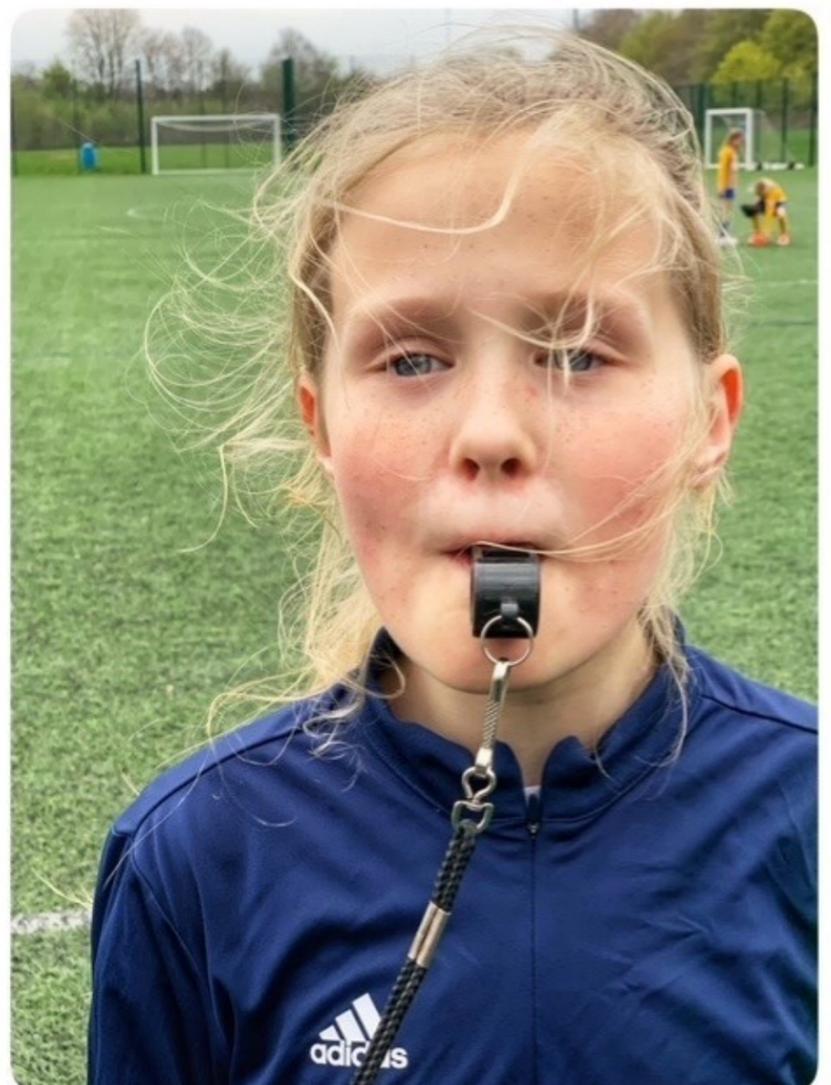
Slade Primary School @SladePrimarySch · 17h

How brilliant were Sophie, Ollie and Emi today, who all refereed the matches at the Tonbridge year 3/4 football tournament 🙌🔥🏆 We are so proud of you for taking on this challenge #sportsleaders #futurereferees @TWKSSP @TWKSSPSGO



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Slade Sport



Year 5 and 6 Girls Football

The Year 5 and 6 girls travelled the short distance to Hayesbrook on Wednesday for their football tournament.

They had a great group phase, beating St Margaret Clitherow, Brenchley and Matfield and losing against Sussex Road. This sent them through to the final where they lost to in heartbreaking fashion, with virtually the last kick of the game to Woodlands, who go through to the next round at Culverden, where our team had so much success last year.



KS1 Football



We were very proud to host our very first Tonbridge and West Kent Sports Tournament on Thursday evening as our KS1 football team took on eight other local schools in the usual round-robin style competition.

Well done to some of our youngest children, competing for the school for the first time on the sports field. Our two teams came in 2nd and 6th overall in the competition eventually won by Woodlands, having a great week on the football pitch!

Special thanks to all of the Slade family who turned out to support the team in what turned out to be very wet and blustery conditions and well done to Spencer for being such a good referee throughout the afternoon.

Chair of Governors



Firstly, I hope that all of our families had a lovely spring holiday. As we head into the Summer at Slade, I just wanted to provide you with a brief update on the work of the governors.

We held our third full governing body meeting of the year where we reviewed and adopted several important policies including those covering Anti-Bullying, Complaints, Mental Health and Uniform. We spend a considerable amount of time throughout the school year reviewing policies to ensure they are fit for purpose before adopting them and you can find all the school's current policies on the school website. We also received updates including progress against the school's development plan, a review of progress data and a staffing update. In addition, we reviewed the school's budget to ensure it remained on track and approved the annual analysis of the school's financial systems prior to this being submitted to Kent County Council.



I also informed the governors of my intention to step-down as Chair of Governors following our next Ofsted inspection. Given we do not know when this will be makes planning a little uncertain, but I will be working with the governors to develop a succession plan.

I would also like to once again thank all of you who responded to our parent and carer survey at the end of the last academic year. I took some time last term to revisit the issues raised to see whether the school had made progress in addressing these. I was pleased to see many positive actions have been put in place and while some of these remain work in progress, the survey has helped the governors focus on matters important to our parents. We will be repeating this survey towards the end of Term 6 and the start of Term 1.

Best wishes, Simon

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

94.6%

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.

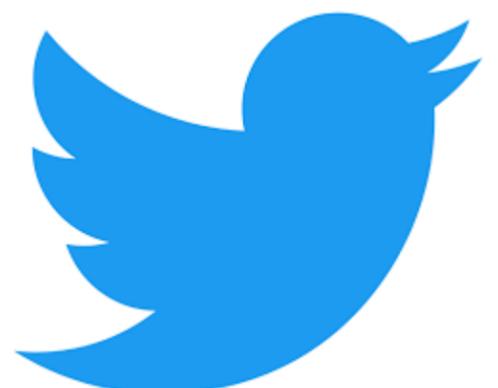
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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 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	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

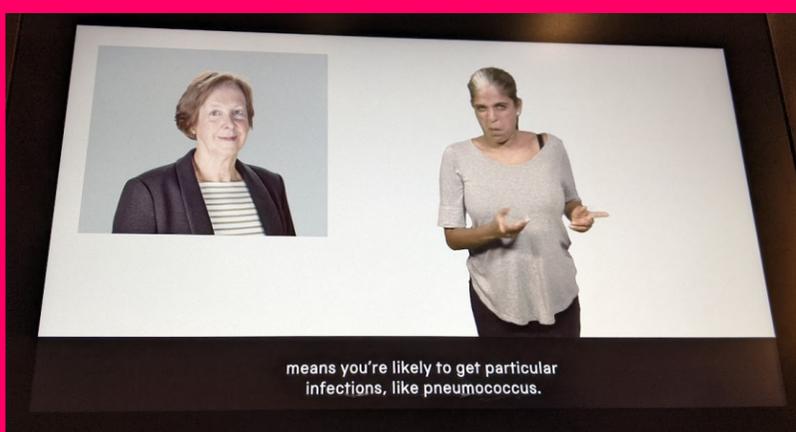


Science Signs

SCIENCE MUSEUM

Continuing our look at the use of British Sign Language out and about, today we are pleased to promote the Science Museum in Kensington for having numerous information screens throughout the attraction which featured spoken word, subtitles and BSL interpretation of the information being shared, allowing learning to be for all!

The screens below were taken from the COVID-19 immunisation and other medical research exhibitions presently featuring at the museum.



Let us know if you see BSL in use anywhere that you visit and we will feature the provider in our newsletter.