Slade
Primary School

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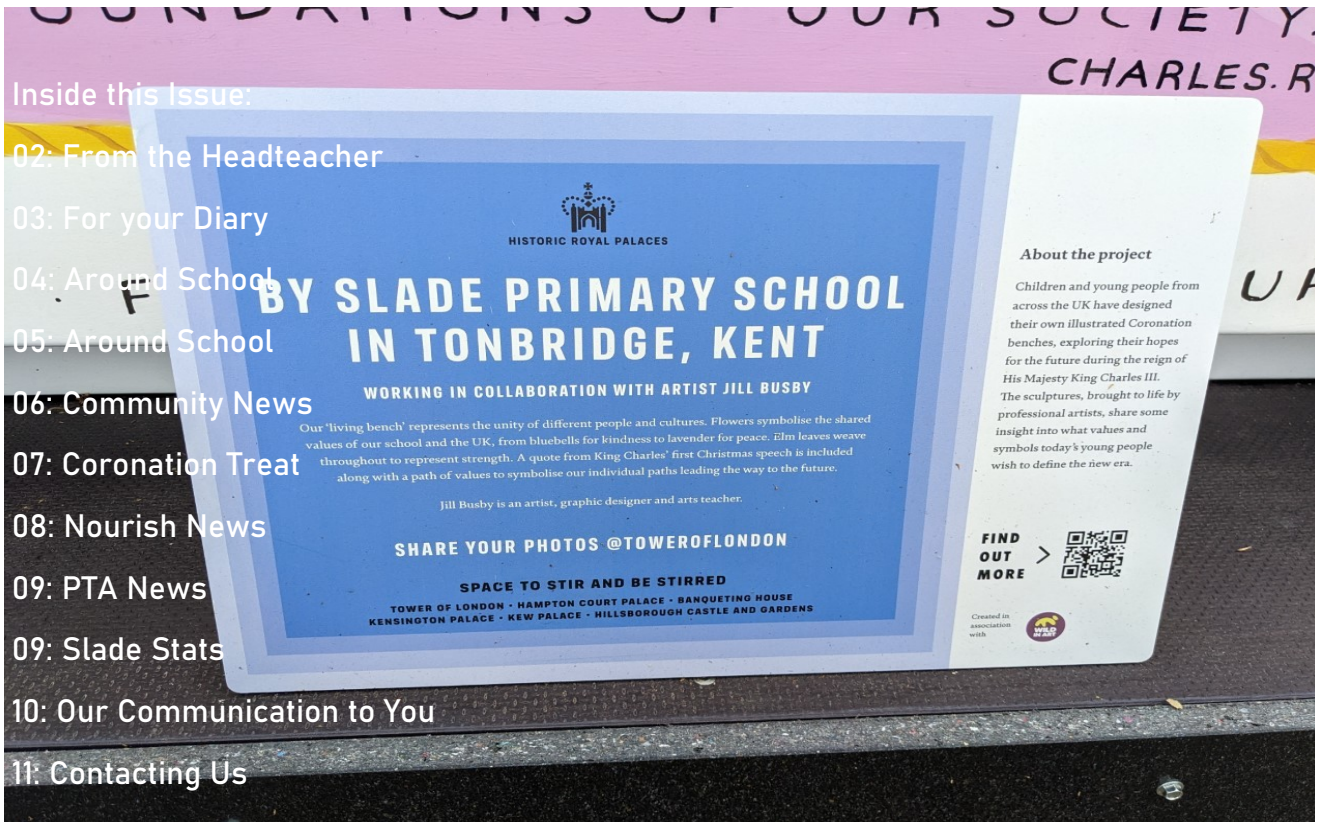

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Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done and huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils who this week have completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. All of the children who sat the tests demonstrated a positive 'can do' attitude throughout the week and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements; we are all immensely proud of each and every one of you! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and running of this week which enabled it to go as smoothly as possible for the children involved and to the remainder of the school for your patience and understanding during the week too. A real team effort; thank you.

A separate communication has been sent to parents of children in Year 2 to provide an update regarding their end of Key Stage 1 statutory assessments which will be taking place in school next week. The children will be assessed in Reading and Maths with tests taking place in smaller groups during the morning sessions and administered by the children's class teachers and support staff. Do contact your child's class teacher in the first instance should you have any queries regarding the Key Stage 1 SATs arrangements or to discuss any concerns that you may have.

Please look out for this term's Maths newsletter which will also be dropping into your inboxes today. This month's edition is once again jam packed with maths-based activities for you to enjoy as a family at home and is a great opportunity for you to find out more about ways in which you can support your child with their maths learning too. Do take a look to find out which family won last month's maths at home competition and some of the other fabulous photos of our mathematicians at Slade! Thank you Mr. Duffin for another great edition!

At this time of year we start planning ahead for September, thinking about classroom organisation and staffing for the start of Term 1. We recognise that this time of change can sometimes be an anxious time for some children and parents. Due to the lateness of the resignation date for class teachers (31st May) and the implications of this I am not at present able to share any information with you. We will however endeavor to inform you of any changes as early as possible in Term 6, thus allowing time for a smooth transition for all involved. Please be assured as soon as that information is available you will all be the first to know!

Also, when thinking of planning ahead, a couple of dates for your diaries that you may have missed. Firstly, a reminder for Year 5 parents that there is an information evening about the Kent Test and Secondary School application process planned for Wednesday 17 May at 7pm in the school hall. This is open to all parents of pupils in Year 5 to explain the secondary transfer process and answer any queries that you may have. Entrance to the school site will be from the main playground entrance; we look forward to seeing you there.

In addition, a reminder to all parents of our upcoming online safety event which will be held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 23 May between 09:30 and 10:30. The meeting, hosted by our local Prevent Education Officer Sally Green, aims to provide support, guidance and tips for parents on how to best keep ourselves and our children safe online. Having previously attended some of Sally's training I can thoroughly recommend this session if you are able to attend.

Finally, our winning Coronation Throne is now in place at the Tower of London as part of their Coronation Bench Trail and will be available for all to see and enjoy until September: https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/whats-on/coronation-bench-trail/#gs.xuikze

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 15 May - Thursday 18 May	End of KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests. Year 2
Monday 15 May	Gary Callahan-Ferris St Gregory's Catholic School visiting Year 6 Titans HI Children Secondary School Transition KS1 Year 2 SATS: Reading Paper 1
Tuesday 16 May	KS1 Year 2 SATS: Reading Paper 2
Wednesday 17 May	KS1 Year 2SATS: Maths Paper - Arithmetic EYFS and KS1 Film Night - Tickets must be purchased in advance: https://sladepta.sumupstore.com/ Kent Test and Secondary School Application Information Evening for Year 5 Parents 19:00 - School Hall. The presentation for this event will be distributed to all Year 5 Parents on Thursday 18 May
Thursday 18 May	KS1 Year 2SATS: Maths Paper - Reasoning Special Mealday from Nourish - See Page 8
Friday 19 May	Year 5 Educational Trip: Observatory Science Centre at Herstmonceux Please make sure you have paid in full via your Arbor Account

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
TUESDAY	Tonbridge School Cooking Experience Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
WEDNESDAY	Tonbridge School Cooking Experience Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)
THURSDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Buswell)
FRIDAY	EYFS Classes (Gruffalo, Mrs Hitchcock and Elmer, Mrs Perason)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, KS2 Football, KS1 BSL, EYFS and 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

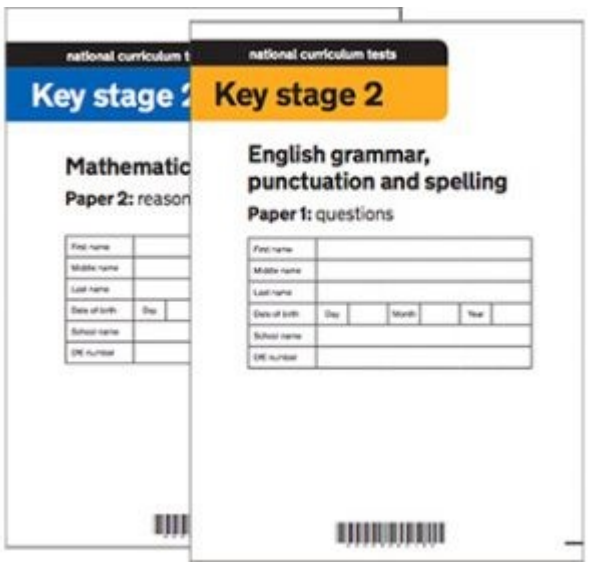
Further Ahead:

Monday 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
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 June	First Day of Term 6

Around School

Congratulations to Everyone in Year 6

A big well done to everyone in Year 6 for completing your end of KS2 SATs this week.



We are all very proud of the way you have taken on the series of six tests spread out throughout the week from Tuesday to Friday.

The children have conducted themselves maturely and with pride in their own efforts through English grammar, punctuation and spelling and reading as well as two maths reasoning papers and one arithmetic test.

We hope you have enjoyed some well deserved time out this afternoon and are now looking forward to Forest School and Cooking at Tonbridge School next week and all of the fun events that happen for Year 6 during Term 6, which also include the activity week at Carroty Wood.

Meanwhile, SATs continue with our Year 2 children taking their own end of Key Stage 1 assessments next week. Parents will have received full information about the papers yesterday via email which details the low key approach we take to the SATs and a reminder for a good sleep each night and breakfast in the morning with a full water bottle brought in to school as normal.

Final Call for Photographs

Portrait Days...

This weekend sees the deadline for making your orders for class photographs with free delivery.

Orders should be made online via the Portrait Days website before Sunday for free postage to school. The link below will assist, but please note your unique reference number when ordering.

Orders will still be able to be made after the weekend, but there will be an extra postage fee for home delivery.

More: Visit the Portrait Days Website https://portraitdays.flexschools.co.uk/

PTA Summer Uniform Sale

The PTA are very pleased to be holding their regular uniform sale next Friday, 19 May immediately after school under the Green Marquee in the playground from 15:20 to 15:50. They will have a good selection of summer uniform available to purchase using either cash or card.

Sahar and her team will have all of the summer uniforms on sale along with the usual school logo jumpers and cardigans.

If you are able to donate good quality uniform listed below, we will have collections bins by the gates at drop off and collection on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 May.

School logo cardigans
School logo jumpers
School logo PE Jumpers and bottoms

Around School

Titan Effort in Year 1

Following Deaf Awareness Week last week, we are delighted to report that the Year 1 teaching team of Mrs Hill, Mrs Knee and Mrs Mills are raising money for the National Deaf Children's society by walking 50K in the month of May.

The teachers, each of who have learnt sign language as a result of their passion for making life at school comfortable for the children in Titans Hearing Impaired Provision as well as being in a position to teach and make normal, the use of British Sign Language for all of the children at Slade.

On their Just Giving Page, Mrs Hill, Mrs Knee and Mrs Mills say: ' We work with amazing children at Slade including our Deaf children and feel passionate that every child deserves to reach their full potential. The National Deaf Children's Society are a great charity whose vision is 'A world without barriers for every deaf child! '

Their ambition is that, by 2030, no deaf child will be left behind – at school, in their community or at home.

We have therefore decided to get together to raise money for this great charity.'

If you would like to support their Titan effort, please feel free to donate via Just Giving, using the link below:

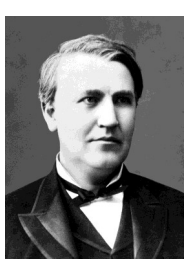
https://www.justgiving.com/page/walking50kinmayforthendsc?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/walking50kinmayforthendsc&utm_campai

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

National Deaf Children's Society

Last Weeks Mystery Deaf and Hearing Impaired Heroes: How many did you guess correctly?

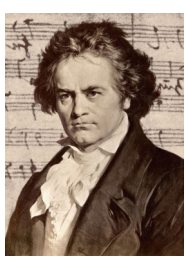
Julia Donaldson



Thomas Edison

Scott Garthwaite

Evelyn Glennie



Ludwig van Beethoven

Umesh Valjee

Matthew Burns

Halle Berry

Helen Keller

Pete Townshend

Marlee Matlin

Queen Alexandra

Rose Ayling-Ellis

Ben Cohen

Deaf Awareness Week

Community News

By: Kent County Council Foster Care Team

Kent County Council's (KCC) Fostering Service, Kent Fostering, is urgently calling for residents to consider fostering in the midst of a national foster carer recruitment and retention "state of emergency".

Nationally, 63,000 new foster families need to be recruited over the next five years to replace those leaving the system, however based on the current trend fewer than 40,000 are expected to join the fostering community.

Many vulnerable children and young people in Kent urgently need safe and loving homes in their local communities so that they can stay near their schools and friendship groups and not miss out on the vital care and support they need.

Matching the growing number of children in the council's care with the right foster family is becoming more difficult as numbers increase alongside a rapid decline in the number of residents becoming foster carers.

This could mean that there will not be enough suitable homes in the very near future and Kent's vulnerable children and young people could miss out on the support they need to give them the best opportunities and outcomes in life.

The Kent Fostering team are always available to support our foster carers every step of the way from initial expressions of interest onwards.
If you feel that you would be able to help us or if you would like any further information please do get in touch.

If you are interested in knowing more contact the Kent Fostering team directly or visit their website in the information above.

If you would like a full sized, printed copy of this information, please just contact the school office and we will be very happy to provide this on demand.

Coronation Treat

History Enjoyed at Slade

Many thanks to Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Hill who organised and laid on a truly splendid week of learning and a very special day of celebration last week as we commemorated the Coronation of King Charles III in style. Also thankyou to Helena and her team in the Kitchen for creating, baking and serving the Coronation Cake you see below.

We hope that the children enjoyed the celebrations, and any of the ceremony on Saturday and its pomp, history and no shortness of quirkiness!

How Does Your Garden Grow?

As part of the Coronation celebrations, we were delighted to give to every child, a packet of wild flower seeds.

The April and May mix of sunshine and rain makes for perfect growing conditions, so we hope that the children have had chance to help out the butterfly and bee population by planting the seeds in the garden or balcony flower box.

Let us know how your growing goes - email us in a few weeks if you have planted the seeds to show us how beautiful your flowers look.

office@slade.kent.sch.uk

Adding native wildflowers into a small area of your garden or balcony box **will provide more food for pollinators** like bees and butterflies, as well as other insects.

The more wildflowers you plant, the greater your impact will be on your local pollinators.

We are honoured to say that our winning Coronation Throne (Newsletter of 31 March and subsequent Tweets) has now been finished by Wild In Art artist Jill Busby and is now proudly sitting as part of the Coronation Trail at The Tower of London. This is the culmination of a project, led by Fitness and Wellbeing Champion Wendy Ball, with children from the school who designed our ultimately winning entry (one of only 15 across the UK).

In next week's newsletter we will give you full details on how to visit the trail and to see Slade's very own part of history. The trail is open throughout the summer and would make for a fantastic trip during the summer terms break coming up!

Nourish News

Special Mealday from Nourish:Thursday 18 May

Next Thursday, as a special treat for everyone across the school especially for our Year 2 and 6 children who will have finished their SATs tests next week, Helena and her team have prepared a special Gruffalo themed menu. We hope that as many of the children in all of the classes decide to try a school meal on Thursday as part of this celebration. Meals are free to everyone in EYFS, KS1 and those eligible for benefits related Free School Meals in any yeargroup.

KS2 children are charged £2.40 which is payable easily via your Arbor account.

PTA News

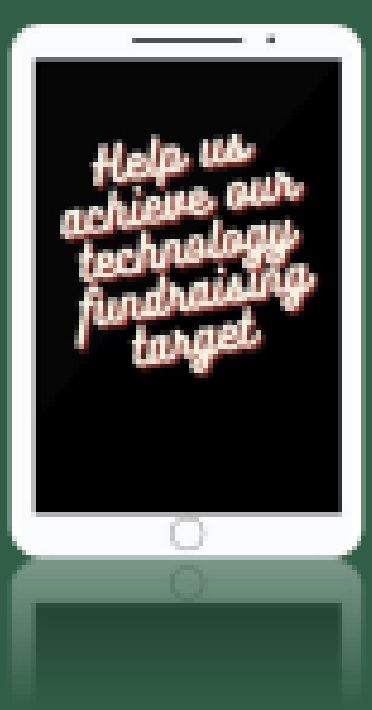
Slade PTA Newsletter

Contact us:

Any questions please email us at:
sladepta@yahoo.co.uk

We're on Facebook – search for:
Slade Primary School PTA

Catch any of the committee for a chat on the walk to school or in the playground



Meet your committee

(left to right) Eleanor Hoyle; Annie Denny; Amy Packard; Flora Hudson; Emily Richardson; Gemma Miller; Caroline Zuber

This year's Slade Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 24 June and with the Coronation just around the corner we will be celebrating all things British.
For those of you feeling creative there will be a **Ridiculously Royal Fruit and Vegetable** competition….think potatoes dressed up as King Charles, or a butternut squash Queen Camilla!

We will also be asking for donations to the bake sale, and we know that the families of Slade will not disappoint! Home baked goods and donuts preferred as these are always our best sellers. Donations for the Barrow of Booze, Silent Auction and Hamper Raffles would also be gratefully received. Please look out for further notices in the school newsletter and via class WhatsApp groups.

For those among us who are more practical by nature, we are in need of volunteers before, during and after, to help us make this key fundraising event a success.

We can't run it without YOU….How can I help?

Please let us know if you could offer assistance with any of the following:

Pre-Event: selling Raffle Tickets and Fun Cards

Set up and Pack Down Crews: Friday 23 June all day and Saturday 24 June 9am-11.30 and 3pm-finish. Children can join as needed on the field – parents remain responsible for their children at all times. Jobs will include gazebo building, stall and activity set up, general moving and site organizing.

Refreshments: on the day 11.45am-3.30pm, in shifts, serving hot/cold drinks and bake sale items.

BBQ: on the day 10.30am-3.30pm, in shifts, cooking and serving BBQ food.

Inflatables: on the day from 11.45am-3.15pm, in shifts, supervising.

Year Group Stalls: on the day 11.15am-3.30pm, in shifts, to staff the agreed year group stall. This year the PTA will provide a list of stall options to help year groups manage their stall. Class reps will receive further information shortly.

Silent Disco: on the day 11.45am-3.30pm, in shifts, to staff our silent disco area.

Please email us at sladepta@yahoo.co.uk or join the PTA Helpers WhatsApp group and send a message confirming how you are able to help and any time restrictions.

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	95.7%
Attendance This Year	94.4%

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	28

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
Saturday 6 May	Round Up of Last Week: The Weekly School Newsletter	
Sunday 7 May	Tower of London Throne Trail Now Open	
Tuesday 9 May	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 10 May	Today at Slade	
Thursday 11 May	Today at Slade	
Thursday 11 May	Tonbridge Juddians Girls Pitch Up and Play	
Thursday 11 May	Parents Prevent Training	All School
Thursday 11 May	Pegasus Class Forest School Highlights	Pegasus Class Parents
Thursday 11 May	Sphinx Class Forest School Highlights	Sphinx Class Parents
Thursday 11 May	Year 1 Teachers Raising Walking 50km for @NDCS_UK	
Thursday 11 May	End of KS1 SATs: Information for Parents	Year 2 Parents
Friday 12 May	Today at Slade	
Friday 12 May	School Milk	FSM Eligible Parents

Maths Newsletter Competition

We hope you have received and have enjoyed the May issue of our Maths Newsletter, sent earlier today.

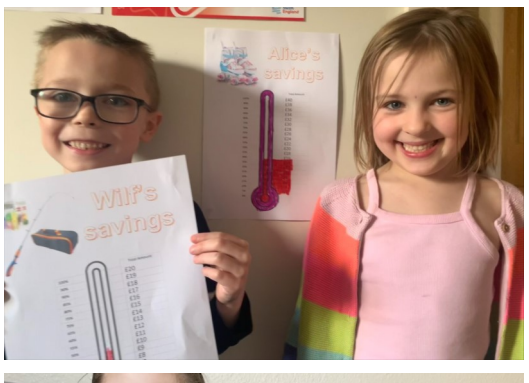
Every month, Mr Duffin invites families to get involved with his competition - Today, he would love to see what maths you get up to at home!

Send in pictures of yourself doing maths at home and you could win a prize!

It could be that you want to do some maths based on the monthly topic that is publicised in the maths news, or you might want to come up with your own ideas.

Some suggestions might include: making patterns, drawing pictures, using money, cooking and so on. The world is your oyster! Send your photos into maths@slade.kent.sch.uk by Monday 5 June for your chance to win!

Winners will be announced in celebration assembly and in next month's newsletter.



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

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

This Weekend at Tonbridge Angels FC

With summer approaching and the weather definitely improving, now is the time to get your outside space looking beautiful. Come to the family friendly West Kent Garden & Craft Show for loads of ideas for your precious home and garden, Make an outing of it with food on offer and fun for all the children.

Pay on the gate £5 adult, £4 OAP, accompanied under 16 free. Dogs welcome. Loads of free parking or 219 bus from station and town centre - stops in Darenth Avenue.

Saturday 14th May 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 15th May 10:00am - 4:00pm