Slade
Primary School

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Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a sporty week here at Slade with many of our children out and about representing the school at a wide range of events in recent days.

Well done and congratulations to our squad of cheerleaders and team of Year 6 dancers who had a fantastic evening performing at The Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks, showcasing their routines that they have worked exceptionally hard to master in recent months. A fabulous night was had by all, performers and audience alike! We were delighted too when a group of our Key Stage 2 children were invited midweek to Kings Hill Golf Club to try out their chipping and putting skills and were introduced to the sport of golf! Thank you 'Kent Golf' for hosting us and well done to all of the children for stepping out from the safety of their comfort zones and trying something new! And then finally on the sporting front, huge congratulations to our Year 2 Cricketers who have now been crowned Tonbridge Champions after successive wins at the 'KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket' competition! Well done Champs, we are all very proud of you; your hard work and training really has paid off! Do read on into the newsletter for more details on each of these sporting achievements and to check out the photos too.

It's not just sporting events where the children have been out and about this week. Thank you to Tonbridge School for hosting our Year 6 children and allowing us to use your kitchen classroom twice this week. Hydra and Griffin classes both visited the school to complete this term's Design and Technology project, cooking the vegetarian curries that they had all created and written recipes for. It has been lovely to hear your reflections as to whether your curry tasted as delicious as you hoped it might! Then today it has been the turn of Year 5 to take their learning beyond the school grounds too, enjoying a day of learning at the Observatory Science Centre at Herstmonceux as part of their 'Earth and Space' Science topic and learning this term. I look forward look forward to hearing all about it when you're back in class next week!

A huge well done and congratulations to all of our Year 2 pupils in Gnome and Sprite classes who have now completed their end of Key Stage 1 'booklets', otherwise known as SATs tests, who like the Year 6 pupils last week should be very proud of themselves and their achievements. Your concentration, positivity and 'can do attitude' was lovely to see and a credit to you and all of the staff in the Year 2 team. Well done to each and every one of you!

Still with Key Stage 1, a huge thank you to the PTA volunteers for organising the fabulous Film Night that was held on Wednesday after school for our youngest children to enjoy. The excitement was palpable as they all enjoyed their hot dogs and popcorn, with some of the children actually managing to watch parts of the film too! A great time really was had by all who stayed on for the Slade cinema experience; many thanks to the PTA team for providing this opportunity for the children to enjoy and to all of the staff team who stayed to help out too. Here's to the next one!

Thank you to the Year 5 parents that attended the information evening about the Kent Test and Secondary School application process held on Wednesday. We hope that you found it informative. The slides that were shared, explaining the secondary transfer process, have now been sent out to all parents in the year group so please do get in touch should you have any queries once you have taken a look; we are all here to help and support you at the start of your child's secondary journey.

Finally, there will be no Road Crossing Patrol on Monday or Friday mornings next week so please do be mindful of this when crossing the road on these days; thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 22 May	Visit from Hugh Christie School to see New Year 7 children (currently in Year 6) PCSO Toni Matthew visit to Year 2 13:00 - Hearing Impaired Toddler Group 20:00 - Booking Window for Term 6 in Yeti's opens
Tuesday 23 May	Parent Online Workshop - PREVENT Link will be sent to all parents who have signed up for this event before 10:00 on Monday
Wednesday 24 May	
Thursday 25 May	
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 5

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 5 June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 6 June	Stepping Into Primary Course for new EYFS Parents - sign up via flo@slade.kent.sch.uk
Wednesday 7 June	Who Am I ? Cultural Day
Tuesday 20 June	16:00 - Current Parents Open Evening

Around School

Keeping Us Updated

It's time for our regular plea to keep us updated with any changes to your personal information such as home and email addresses, telephone numbers, medical conditions, choice of emergency contacts or GDPR photograph consent level.

You can check and make changes to many of these online via your Arbor account or just let us know and we will do it for you - just email anything that needs amending to office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Yeti's in Term 6

Bookings for Yeti's Wraparound Care Breakfast and After School Club in Term 6 will open on Monday 22 May at 20:00.

If you are planning on booking sessions, please make sure your SCOPAY account is topped up with funds, either by card payment, or by child care vouchers if these are your chosen method of payment for Yeti's.

Term 6 runs from Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July inclusive.

Please remember if you are likely to be late for a Yeti's After School Club collection, please telephone ahead on our direct line of 01732 37 77 60.

Year 6 Secondary School Choices

We are busy preparing for the sad departure of our wonderful Year 6 children as they look forward to starting their secondary school journeys in September.

The preparation includes handover of information, visits by their teachers and eventually later in Term 6, the transfer of paperfiles and the official registrations.

To ensure that we send these to the correct schools or academies, can parents of children in Year 6 who are now going to a different school than first allocated by Kent County Council on National Offer Day in March let us know where you have now got an accepted and confirmed place. This can be because of a successful appeal, reallocation from waiting list or a decision to enter the private sector.

Your assistance with this is much appreciated and will ensure that your personal information and data is not lost by being sent to the incorrect destination.

Congratulations, Year 2

We are all incredibly proud of all of the Year 2 children, who this week have been sitting their end of Key Stage 1 SATs assessments. Mr Louth and Mrs Potter have been especially chuffed with how everyone in Gnome and Sprite classes have tackled their 'booklets' on English Reading, Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning.

We hope they all have a well deserved weekend in the sunshine!

Attendance Matters

On Wednesday, we were treated to a visit from a very special and important visitor: Attendance Ted!

Attendance Ted was a guest at our assemblies as he described to the children how important it is to be at school each day possible and also to be here, on time ready to learn and have fun!

In addition to this he was delighted to meet Teddy from Hippogriff Class, who was the winner of our Slade HERO competition which was run throughout Term 4 in the newsletter and in class. We were lucky to receive many fantastic entries, with Teddy our winner for creating On Time Otter, the HERO who will be encouraging everyone to be in school:

H ere

E veryday

R eady

O n Time

The children and our families will see lots of On Time Otter over the next months.

Teddy has won cinema vouchers and a bag of goodies!

Why is it important to attend school every day?

- To ensure you have an education
- To ensure you don't miss any of the learning
- To learn about lots of different subjects
- To make friends and learn how to play together
- To develop your skills
- To prepare you for when you are an adult
- To keep you safe

Why is it important to arrive on time every day?

- To help you have a calm start to the day and be ready to start your learning
- To ensure you don't miss any of your learning
- To have time with your friends
- To have time to talk to your teachers if you have any news to share/worries

What are the reasons for missing school?

- Feeling unwell – Do you think you are well enough to come into school and try and learn? Why not try to come in - if your teachers are worried about you they can always call home. This way at least you would get 1 attendance mark for the day!
- Doctors, Dentists or Hospital Appointments – where possible your parents/carers should try and make appointments after school, at the weekends, or during the holidays.

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...
10 minutes each day	50 minutes each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks each year
20 minutes each day	1 hour and 40 minutes each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks each year
30 minutes each day	2 ½ hours each week	4 weeks each year
1 hour each day	1 day each week	8 weeks or nearly 1 term each year

Attendance Ted is handed to the class with the best attendance each week - the winners are announced on our Twitter feed every Friday lunchtime, along with the winners of Ted's best friend, Punctuality Pup, who is awarded to the class with the highest attendance with the lowest number of late marks - hopefully zero!

Through the year 2022/23 the champion classes have been Miss Lipman's Year 4 Sphinx Class and Miss Meers' Year 5 Dragon Class.

This week, we have celebrated the success of Gruffalo Class who have won both Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup for the second week running - well done to our youngest learners - each of them is a HERO!

The Coronation Trail

Tower of London Thrones

We are thrilled by the response to the wonderful news that Slade was one of the 15 national winners of the Wild in Art Royal Palaces Trail competition held to help celebrate the crowning of King Charles III.

The trail is of 15 illustrated Coronation benches, 14 at the Tower of London and one at Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland. The competition brief was to explore hopes for the future during the reign of the new King. The trail is open now and all throughout the summer - it is a great way to spend a day any weekend or during the school holiday.

The children who worked together as a team to design our Throne will be experiencing a special VIP day at the Tower later in the summer as part of their prize and once the exhibition has been closed in the Autumn, the throne will be dedicated back to the school!

Tickets to take part in the trail to see the Slade winning bench with the 13 other winners from schools across the UK are included as part of your admission ticket.

More > About the Project

We are lucky to have been receiving photographs of children, staff and friends of Slade who have been on the trail and visited the Slade Throne, described as, '*definitely our favourite because it was so pretty and had relevant Coronation depictions on the back as well as a lovely message in the words*' by recent visitors David and Shirley. Mrs Knee and Mrs Vokes and her family have also visited in recent weeks and are keen to say what fun the day out in London was.

The position of our throne couldn't be better, right under Tower Bridge, one of London's most iconic sights.

Keep sending in your pictures when you visit the exhibition and if you post on Twitter make sure to tag us in!

More > The Trail Map to Download before you visit
(let us know if you would like a printed version)

HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

WILD IN ART

Slade Sport

Chance To Dance

The Sports Partnership held their dance spectacular at The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks on Monday evening.

We were represented by our Cheerleading squad as well as the team from Mrs Ball's KS2 Dance Club. We spoke to dancer, Harrison in Year 6, who told us that the whole event was 'amazing!' He continued, ' Being backstage was brilliant, I felt happy, excited and nervous. Being a part of the dance competition was important to me because it is one of my passions and I love to dance!

I am really looking forward to getting onstage for our next performance!

Well done to the large numbers who took part, you put on quite a show!

Celebrating 70 Years of The Golf Foundation

We were honoured to be invited to share in the 70th anniversary of the Golf Foundation on Wednesday afternoon. King's Hill Golf Club and Kent Golf hosted a special event for local primary schools, and ten of our children were able to go to the plush surroundings to receive tuition and coaching on Golf.

They were also joined by then Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, Sue Bell, in one of her final engagements in the role.

Cricket Champions

Against strong competition and in a very competitive environment at Skinners Kent Primary School, our team of Rapid Cricketers became Tonbridge and West Kent Champions earlier this week.

Beating Woodlands Primary, Yalding and two Hildenborough Teams in the group phase, they then beat the competition from Claremont, St Matthew's and Speldhurst.

Everyone played their part in winning each game by 20 clear points or more, with mention to Ellis, Archie and Lukas for their batting and outstanding fielding from Liam, William, Daisy, Harriet and Flynn. The teamwork that carried them to the championship was fantastic.

A special thankyou to Amy Hutchins for being Mrs Ball's assistant coach for the afternoon and to all parents who make these tournaments possible by transporting the children to and from the event.

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	96.8%
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	22

Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup winners are announced each Friday live from the normal celebration assembly via our Twitter feed which also includes the weekly winners of our Pupil of the Week prizes from the EYFS and KS1 Golden Book and KS2 Diamond Book as well as the champion house from the weekly totting up of Housepoints from across KS1 and KS2.

Follow us to find out more @sladeprimarysch.

Dear Parents & Carers

Our Communication to You

Please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Don't miss out, or let your child miss out, please keep up to date with everything Slade via Arbor and Twitter.

For your convenience, in each newsletter we include this reminder of everything sent out in the current week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 15 May	Today at Slade	
Monday 5 May	Celebration Assembly: Well Done Gruffalo!	
Tuesday 16 May	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 16 May	Gruffalo Day Menu	
Tuesday 16 May	Golf Foundation at Kings Hill	
Wednesday 17 May	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 17 May	Special Mealday	All School
Wednesday 17 May	Who Am I ? Day: Wednesday 7 June	All School
Wednesday 17 May	Rapid Fire Cricket - Team	
Wednesday 17 May	Attendance Ted Visits Slade!	
Wednesday 17 May	Welcome to On Time Otter	
Wednesday 17 May	Film Night Departures	EYFS and KS1 Parents
Wednesday 17 May	Dance Around the World	
Wednesday 17 May	Golf Foundation Action	
Wednesday 17 May	Cricket Action	
Thursday 18 May	Today at Slade	
Thursday 18 May	Year 5 Trip Information	Year 5 Parents
Thursday 18 May	Kent Test and Secondary School Information Presentation	Year 5 Parents
Friday 19 May	Today at Slade	
Friday 19 May	Year 5 Visit to the Science Centre	
Friday 19 May	Year 6 Breakfast	
Friday 19 May	Year 5 Arrive!	
Friday 19 May	Celebration Assembly	

Today at School

The Year 6 children have enjoyed a special breakfast this morning to say well done and congratulations on completing their SATs assessments last week.

A treat organised by Mrs Slade, Miss Garrett and all of the teaching team in Year 6 that was well deserved by all.

Meanwhile, the Year 5 classes have been out at the The Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux.

They have been taking part in workshops, handling and using exhibits and enjoying a science show. We will have more from their summer curriculum visit in next week'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

BSL in the Community

We have a self appreciative look in this section this week. Usually we like to celebrate the use of British Sign Language around town and further afield. However, we were fortunate to be invited to the special assemblies this week where we were joined by Attendance Ted.

Every assembly at Slade is also signed by one of our trained users of BSL - for the children who use it as their first language and for the others in the Titans Hearing Impaired Provision who are learning to use sign language even just in school.

Wednesday's special assemblies were signed by TA Susie Martin (with some help from Attendance Ted!)