



Slade Primary School

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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

The final week of Term 5 has been an eclectic mix of learning opportunities here at Slade which has seen our children engage with everything from caring for ducklings, learning to play 'Bubble Football', whole class African drumming workshops and even finding time to win another sporting competition too! Do read on to find out more of what has been happening across the school this week!

Passers by on Monday may have wondered what was happening at Slade when they saw a police van parked in the pen area of our playground! It was nothing to be alarmed about though because PCSO Toni Matthew, from Kent Police, was just paying a social visit to children in Year 2 to talk to them about her job and the different roles within it. It was an exciting opportunity for all of the children in Gnomes and Sprites to find out more about being a police officer and to ask lots of fabulous questions including, "How can we help the community?" Toni's response of, "with kind hands, kind words and by making good choices" is a great reminder of how we all can try to help each other here in school too! Many thanks to Toni for taking the time out of her busy schedule to visit the children and for sharing her expertise with them; we very much appreciate it.

Many thanks too to all the parents who on Tuesday attended the first of our online safety events and also for your positive feedback that you have provided following the session. The meeting, hosted by our local Prevent Education Officer Sally Green, offered support, guidance and tips for parents on how to best keep ourselves and our children safe online. We are now looking to host more of these online workshops so do please get in touch if there is a particular topic that you would like to see covered during one of the future sessions.

Wednesday lunchtime saw Miss Garrett and I welcome our Golden Table Winners to join us, where we acted as their hosts whilst they dined at the top table. Our winners had all been nominated by our lunchtime staff for a place on the table in recognition of their behaviour and attitude at lunchtime during the term. It was a pleasure to serve them all their lunch and spend this time with the children; well done!

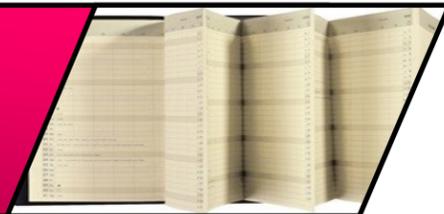
Thursday afternoon saw the long-awaited return of the Tonbridge Schools' Swimming Gala which was held this year for the first time at Tonbridge School. We are all extremely proud of the swimmers who represented the school so magnificently, with everyone that took part giving their absolute best throughout the whole event. Their hard work and determination paid off and saw us being crowned champions when the results were announced! An amazing achievement by all in the swimming squad! Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Ball and her team for organising this wonderful event for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, today I was delighted to welcome Michael Crow, Principal at the Leigh Academy Tonbridge, currently Hayesbrook Academy, to Slade as he came to meet 12 of our Year 6 pupils who will be joining his school in September, which now includes a welcome to girls too! I was very proud of the children who met with him today as they talked so enthusiastically, both about their time here at Slade and what they are looking forward to in September. Leigh Academy are very lucky to have you all joining them; well done to you all!

I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 5 June.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

| Day | Event |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Monday 29 May - Friday 2 May | Summer Terms Break School Closed to all Pupils |
| Monday 5 June - Friday 9 June | Year 4 Multiplication Assessments Contact Class Teachers if you have any questions or concerns |
| Monday 5 June | First Day of Term 6 |
| Tuesday 6 June | |
| Wednesday 7 June | Who Am I ? Day See email of 17 May and Page 4 of today's newsletter |
| Thursday 8 June | |
| Friday 9 June | |

Forest School Next Week:

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| MONDAY | |
| TUESDAY | Pegasus Class - Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| THURSDAY | |
| FRIDAY | Hippogriff Class - Year 3, Miss Taylor |

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

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| MONDAY | Y1-4 French, KS2 Football, KS2 BSL , KS2 Drama and Musical Theatre, EYFS and KS1 Multi Skills |
| TUESDAY | Y1 Books , KS2 Street Dance, KS2 Cricket, Year 2 Pets |
| WEDNESDAY | KS1 Sports Club , KS2 Choir , KS1,2 Athletics, KS1,2 Art |
| THURSDAY | Y3,4 Sports Club , Y3,4 Signing Choir , Y3,4 Cricket , KS1,2 Basketball, KS1 Street Dance, Elf Class 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:

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| Monday 12 June - Friday 16 June | Year 1 Phonics Screening |
| Tuesday 20 June | 16:00 - Current Parents Open Evening |
| Thursday 22 June | Sports Day Further information will be sent nearer the time |

Around School



Golden Service

Congratulations to all of the children who were invited to join the Term 5 Golden Table on Wednesday.

The special table comes out once a term to say well done and thank you to the children across the school who have shown exemplary behaviour at lunchtimes and are nominated by lunchtime staff as well as class teachers.

The children receive 5 star table service from Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett whilst eating their Nourish meal or packed lunch.

The well deserving winners this term were: Lillian, Gabi, Paige, Jacob, Erin, Wilf, Ottilie, Freya, Ollie, Harriet, Beatrice and Flynn in KS1 and EYFS and the following in KS2: Amber, Oskar, Sofia, Chloe, Daniel, Dominic, Akshara, Victoria, Ritvik, Yas, Tuana, Sofia, Frannie, Matthew, Nylah and Layla.



First Time Swimmers



The EYFS classes have had a thrilling two weeks or so as they have witnessed the birth and early days of life of four beautiful little ducklings.

Our youngest learners in both Elmer and Gruffalo Classes have been learning about how to look after the ducks and what will happen to them when they are able to 'fly the nest' and tend to themselves.



We were delighted to be invited to see the ducklings, who have been staying in the Elmer classroom earlier this week and to see groups of children speaking so enthusiastically about their new knowledge, which they then transferred to information texts that they were presenting, with good, useful facts and bright pictures.



It was an extra special occasion for the ducklings on Wednesday afternoon, as they took their first swim. They had a brilliant time in the pool, created by Mrs Spiers and assisted by the children, including Catherine in Elmer Class who told us all about the special experience: 'The ducks loved the water, they splashed so much, the water came out all over us! Mrs Pearson, our TA fed them, but they didn't want to eat, they just kicked the food away! The funniest thing was when one of the ducks pooped in the water!' Catherine also described how one of the five ducks who hatched in the last week died, but that she understood that sometimes that does happen, but it was incredibly sad, but they needed to be happy for the survivors as they prepare for a long and happy life in the wild or in adopted families.



Who Are You?!

We are all looking forward to the first Wednesday of Term 6 which is our annual chance to share and show off dress, objects and stories from the fantastic variety of cultures and interests that are followed and celebrated by children and their families at Slade.

Known as Who Am I? Day, each class will be able to see, hear of experiences and learn together from each other all of the things that make us all unique, with a chance to recognise what makes our school community so wonderful, just because it is so diverse.

Parents should be aware of any items of clothing, cultural or other items that are being brought to school. Please bring all of these in a safe carrier for showing and wearing in the afternoon sessions at school on Wednesday 7 June.



Around School



Year 2 Police Chiefs

The children in Gnome and Sprite Classes were treated to a visit from our local Kent Police Community Support Officer, Toni Matthew, on Monday afternoon.

PCSO Matthew is a friend of Slade and was delighted to come along to describe how police officers are there to help in the community and make us safe, and to feel safe.

She arrived in style - in a fully kitted out police van, with lots of objects used by the police in live events such as everyday and serious crime and further, events of civil unrest.



Year 5: Out of This World!

Wyvern and Dragon Classes had a fantastic visit to the Observatory Science Centre at Herstmonceux last Friday.

The visit was organised by the class teachers in Year 5 to complement their science learning this last term.

As part of their visit, the children were given the opportunity to attend workshops and activities including: finding out more about the relationship between the earth and the sun and the moon and how this relates to what we know as night and day, a talk on combustion and much fun in the Electricity Room. Teaching Assistant Mrs O'Connor described it as the best school trip she'd been on and would recommend the centre for a family day out as well.



Clockwise from top: Combustion, Electricity and The Earth and the Sun

The Coronation Trail



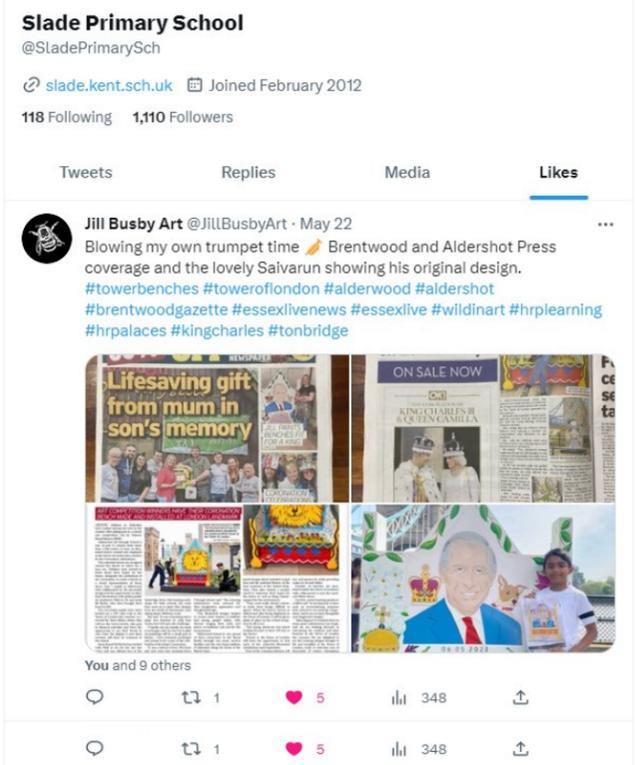
Slade at The Tower

Last week, we were very pleased to announce that the Royal Palaces Coronation Trail had opened - we hope as many of you will be able to visit the throne designed by children at Slade, currently in place at the Tower of London, in the summer, or even before if you have a chance during the summer terms break next week.

One visitor to the bench since the grand opening has been one of the designers themselves: Saivarun in Year 4. Saivarun and his family are naturally very proud to see his efforts in finished form and being seen by thousands of visitors and tourists.

Sai told us of his excitement of seeing the bench in its made form, 'It was totally amazing. I have never been involved in anything so big and absolutely nothing that has been on display to so many people in such an important place. (Jill Busby) the artist has done a brilliant job.'

Sai is pictured holding his original drawing that formed the basis of the back of the throne with his picture of King Charles III. The story was tweeted earlier this week by Jill, alongside articles written about the trail in local papers in Brentwood, Essex and Aldershot in Hampshire.



The whole team of designers will be travelling for their VIP day courtesy of Historic Royal Palaces and Wild in Art on Wednesday 28 June.

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

Archie and Ruby have also made a visit to see our Bench in London.



They had a great time at the Tower with their dad, as Ruby told us: 'We went to the Tower of London to see the Slade Throne and all of the other thrones on the trail. We had a lovely time and thought that Slade's throne was the best, because it has a brilliant picture of the King on the back and lots of nature, which the King loves.

Everyone should go and see the thrones, it is a great day out!' Ruby has also shown her pictures as part of their class 'Show and Tell' which has inspired her friends to persuade their parents to take them to The Tower this summer! Please continue to send us any pictures of you or your family visiting the throne trail at the Tower of London via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Slade Sport



Tri Golf

On Monday, a group of eight children took part in the Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf tournament at St Matthews School in High Brooms.

Tri-golf is a fun official alternative version of golf, designed specifically for primary school children. As a more energetic version of golf, tri-golf enables children to take their first golf shots safely under adult supervision, and build a good golf foundation.



One of the team, Jack, told us about the tournament, which he enjoyed despite an unfortunate incident with a golf club getting too close to his eye! ' We had a really great time, the tournament was really a festival to encourage us to learn the basic skills of golf. There were lots of activities to try and although Wood lands School won overall, our team broke two of the existing records, which we are very proud of!'

Times Tables Rockstars Competition Winners

Congratulations to Phoenix Class in Year 4 and Wyvern Class in Year 5 for winning April's Times Tables Rockstars League competition.

The number of points earned by each child in every class in Year's 2-6 are added up each term, with the winning classes winning a prize for them all to enjoy. This term was the chance to get out on to the field - and into a giant bubble - to play football! Everyone in Wyvern and Phoenix had a top time - with thanks to Alex from the local sports partnership for organising the very first event of this kind at Slade.



The prize for May is a very special Class Forest School session in June, so the challenge is there for everyone in Year 2-6: Log on for 15 minutes a day, have some fun, learn some times tables and have a great time as champion class!

Slade Sport



Tonbridge Swimming Gala

Mrs Ball and everyone at Slade was incredibly proud to be organising the long awaited return of the Tonbridge Schools' Swimming Gala, held on Thursday afternoon at the Tonbridge School Swimming Centre.

We are thankful to Tonbridge School for the hire and for their hospitality as well as the teachers and children of all of the competing schools, who each made it a memorable afternoon of swimming and competition. We were joined by our friends at Sussex Road, Paddock Wood, St Margaret Clitheroe and Hildenborough Schools as well as Natasha Warr (PE Teacher at Weald of Kent School for Girls) and a group of her students, who carried out all of the timings for the races, and acted as starter.

Without the assistance of Natasha and her team, we would not be able to have organised the event, so many thanks to them all - doughnuts have been duly delivered as a tangible and edible thankyou!

Furthermore, we are also incredibly proud and grateful to our own team of pupil helpers - especially Imogen, who designed the event programme, sold at the pool to raise funds for next year's gala by Imogen herself and Matthew.

Jing Yi was the official scorer who did an amazing job, especially with the responsibility this role has to the fair running of the event, and also to Charlotte and Winnie who were very organised, efficient and friendly in their role of stewarding the visiting teams and their supporters. They then ran the scores from poolside to the scorer throughout the gala.

We are delighted to report that Slade are now the official Champions of Swimming in Tonbridge! Congratulations also to runners up, Paddock Wood and third place Hildenborough.

Well done to all of our team:

Aqualina, Ollie, Iris, Hez, Megan, Ethan, Emi, Nylah, Sophie, Olivia, Louie, Violet, Stefan, Toby, Laith, Victoria and Malvina.

Hez, Ollie, Emi, Megan and Victoria won all of their races and the team won a clean sweep of the relays.

Every child walked away with a medal and will be provided with a certificate soon.



PTA News



Getting Summer Fête Ready!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already volunteered, either for a PTA run stall or for your year group stall. We still need some more volunteers, particularly for the BBQ and refreshment stands, so please get in touch with the PTA if you're able to help.

We will be running donation days for our Hamper (for example Food, Toiletries, Candles) and Barrow of Booze raffles on 8/9 and 13/14 June - donation bins will be out at the entrances to school.

We will be selling fun cards for the fête this year - keep an eye out for the date of pre-sales.

This year's **Silent Auction** is already looking brilliant but we're still on the look out for more lots. So far we have kindly been donated prizes from Tonbridge Angels FC, Chapel Down, Mr Mulligan's Dino Golf, Penshurst Place, Tonbridge River Cruises and many more including a Pakistani Meal & Celebration cake cooked by some fellow Slade parents! Thank you to all who have donated so far.

Do you have anything you might be able to offer? If so please email the PTA to let us know.

We are also keen to receive any unopened, brand new good quality toys. If you are having a clear out this half term and find some you're happy to part with please do let us know. Thanks as ever for all of your support.

Slade PTA <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/pta> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sladepta>



Around School



Extra Curricular Clubs: Term 6

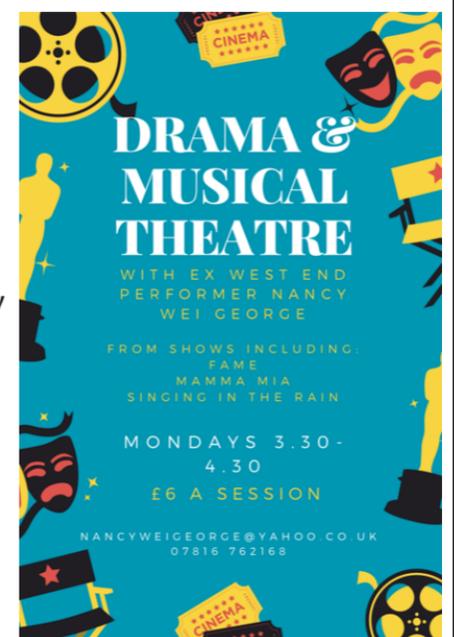
Arbor was on fire again on Thursday evening as the booking window opened for the Extra Curricular Activity Clubs in Term 6.

If your child is intending on attending one of the clubs, now advertised on the school website, it is vital that:

- You book a place via your Arbor account for all free clubs organised by members of staff. This is important so we can safeguard the children who should be on site before or after school as well as forming the distribution list for communications about the club
- You book and pay for independent clubs via the preferred booking method for that club as stated on the timetable

Parents should note that for Term 6, all clubs will finish on the week beginning 10 July - they do not run in the last week of the Summer Term. The exception to this is Dancemode Street Dance on Tuesday and Thursday which will run on Tuesday 18 July and Thursday 20 July due to the disproportionate disruption to these clubs caused by industrial action.

One fantastic addition to our clubs offering is a new KS2 Drama and Musical Theatre club, each Monday run by Nancy is an Ex West End Performer Classes include Singing, Drama exercises & games, Improvisation, Script reading and Choreography from West End shows!



Forest School



Term 6 Timetable

Tuesday 6 June - Pegasus Class (Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berill)

Friday 9 June - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Monday 12 June - Times Tables Rockstars Monthly Winners - 1st and 2nd Place

Tuesday 13 June - Times Tables Rockstars Monthly Winners - 3rd and 4th Place

Thursday 15 June - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Friday 16 June - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Monday 19 June - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Tuesday 20 June - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Friday 22 June - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Monday 26 June - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Tuesday 27 June - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)

Friday 30 June - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Monday 3 July - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Tuesday 4 July - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Friday 7 July - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Monday 10 July - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Tuesday 11 July - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Wednesday 19 July - Phoenix Class Hayesden Hike (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Thursday 20 July - Sphinx Class Hayesden Hike (Year 4, Miss Lipman)



Please remember kit in a separate bag for each Forest School session.

As well as on Page 3 of every newsletter, the school diary online will tell you which class is at Forest School each day: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Our Twitter Feed also informs you of all of the events happening at Slade, including Forest School that day from 07:15 every morning.

@sladeprimarysch

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

95.1%

Attendance This Year

94.5%

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.

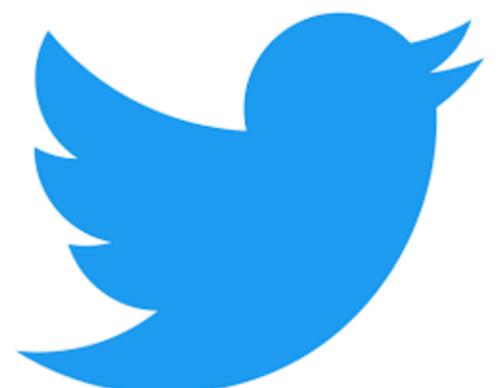
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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 22 May | Today at Slade | |
| Monday 22 May | PREVENT Training Meeting Login | Participants |
| Monday 22 May | PSSC Matthew's Visit to Year 2 | |
| Monday 22 May | Yeti's Booking Window Opening | |
| Tuesday 23 May | Today at Slade | |
| Tuesday 23 May | Clubs Cancellations - Golf and Cricket | Club Participants |
| Tuesday 23 May | Elf Class Forest School Highlights | Elf Class Parents |
| Wednesday 24 May | Today at Slade | |
| Wednesday 24 May | Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities - Term 6 | All School |
| Thursday 25 May | Today at Slade | |
| Thursday 25 May | Schools Swimming Gala | |
| Thursday 25 May | Bubble Football Action | |
| Thursday 25 May | Bubble Football Video | |
| Thursday 25 May | Tri Golf Action | |
| Thursday 25 May | Swimming Gala Action | |
| Thursday 25 May | Swimming Champions | |
| Friday 26 May | Today at Slade | |
| Friday 26 May | Celebration Assembly | |
| Friday 26 May | Year 4 Multiplication Tables Assessment | Year 4 Parents |
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Protecting Children Online

Thankyou to the number of parents who joined Sally Green this week as she presented her course on Keeping Children Safe Online.

Sally is our local PREVENT Trainer and Officer who has given presentations to our Year 5 children earlier this year and was delighted with the take up of the course on Tuesday.

Sally has produced a leaflet summarising the main points, which is now on our For Families section of the school website and available by clicking the link (right):

Please let us know if you would like a printed version of this leaflet

More > [Protecting Children from online hate, extremism and fake news](#)

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 |
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| 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 |



Tonbridge Junior FC: Year 5 Girls



FOOTBALL TRIALS YEAR 5 GIRLS!

Tonbridge Junior Football Club are inviting girls in year 5 to trial now for next season's U11 squad

We're looking to strengthen our well established and successful squad ready for the step up to 9-a-side next season - we can offer a friendly atmosphere and FA-qualified coaching

Our two teams each train one weekday evening and play competitive matches each Sunday in the Kent Girls and Ladies Football League

For info contact Sacha: sacha.aj.reeves@gmail.com

We are pleased to publish details both here in the newsletter and on our social media feed to inform Year 5 parents who have a girl interested in playing football for a U11 team next season, that TJFC are holding trials - and they would love to hear from you!

Contact Sacha via sacha.aj.reeves@gmail.com for more details and to register your interest.