



# Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 30 June 2023 / Term 6, Issue 3



# Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I shared last week, The National Education Union (NEU) has announced further industrial action for this term on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July. I have now been informed by our staff union representative that, following a midweek meeting, the majority of members in school have decided not to take any strike action on either date. Therefore, **all** classes will remain **open** and no children will be affected on this occasion. I am grateful to those staff who have notified me of their decision prior to the strike days; as you are aware members are not obliged to inform me of their intentions regarding taking strike action. The staff union representative has asked me to share that all NEU members are still fully supportive of their union and committed to their campaign for a fully funded, above-inflation pay rise but felt that it was appropriate to pause their strike action during these last 3 weeks of the academic year. Looking ahead, please note that all leadership unions, teaching unions and support staff unions, in addition to the NEU, are currently balloting their members regarding further industrial action in September.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Summer Fair last week, whether by being part of the army of volunteers or by coming along and spending lots of money! Well done to everyone who was there for surviving the sweltering heat, especially all of the children who gave such amazing performances across the afternoon in such extreme conditions! We are all looking forward to finding out how much money was raised on the day, with every single penny made benefitting all of the children here at school. A massive thank you from us all for a really successful fundraising event.

Tuesday and Wednesday this week saw us welcome the parents of our new Reception pupils into school at the start of their child's learning journey here at Slade. We are so excited to be welcoming and meeting the new children next week when they will be joining us for their settling in sessions in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes! Thank you to all who attended; we hope that you found it helpful. Many thanks too to the staff and PTA team that were involved in making both meetings such a welcoming event for our new parents. Well done Team Slade!

Also on Wednesday we welcomed staff and pupils from Tonbridge School down to our Forest School and on to our allotment as part of their Giving Day, a day when their school gets involved in local community projects whilst hopefully having fun and learning new skills too. It was lovely to see and hear them working away in the woodland whilst also coaching our Year 6 pupils in the skills of rugby too. This was all in addition to the experiences that our Year 5 pupils enjoyed, along with other year 5 pupils from across the town, on the Tonbridge School site! Special thanks to all involved from Tonbridge School; we really do appreciate you giving of your time in this way.



Thank you to our Class Reps who came into school on Thursday afternoon for the final meeting of this academic year. It was great as always to catch up whilst hearing your thoughts and feedback on this term's 'hot topic' of Transition Arrangements. It was good to hear your ideas and suggestions along with other feedback from your classes' parents too. On the theme of transition, the children will all be spending next Thursday 6 July in their new class with their new teacher getting to know each other ahead of September. Further information regarding the plans for this day, including the end of the day pick up arrangements for carers on Thursday, will be shared with you all at the start of next week. In the meantime, should you have any worries about your child as they move on into the next year group then please do talk with your child's current class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade.

# For Your Diary



## Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 3 July	13:30 - HI Toddlers Group
Tuesday 4 July	EYFS Classes NHS Visit: Hearing Screening Year 6 Health Day
Wednesday 5 July	Year 2 Educational Visit: Kent Life, Maidstone Year 3 Educational Visit: Harry Potter Studios, Leavesden
Thursday 6 July	Transition Day across Slade Kent Transition Day for Secondary Schools for new Year 7 students Settling In Sessions for EYFS23 Children - please refer to induction email
Friday 7 July	Hillview School HillFest - Details known to participants

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)
TUESDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, KS2 Football, <b>KS2 BSL</b> , KS2 Drama and Musical Theatre, EYFS and KS1 Multi Skills
TUESDAY	<b>Y1 Books</b> , KS2 Street Dance, KS2 Cricket, <b>Year 2 Pets</b>
WEDNESDAY	<b>KS1 Sports Club</b> , <b>KS2 Choir</b> , KS1,2 Athletics, KS1,2 Art
THURSDAY	<b>Y3,4 Sports Club</b> , <b>Y3,4 Signing Choir</b> , <b>Y3,4 Cricket</b> , KS1,2 Basketball, KS1 Street Dance, <b>Elf Class Pets</b>
FRIDAY	<b>Y5,6 Sports</b> , 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 10 July - Friday 14 July	Year 6 Activity Week: Carrotty Wood
Monday 17 July	Reports Home to Parents
Friday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6

# Around School



## Welcome to Slade

We were delighted to meet many of our new families this week at our two Parent Information Meetings for parents and carers of children starting in September's EYFS Elmer and Gruffalo Classes.

The meetings covered the main aspects of starting school and what to plan for as we look forward to September. Thankyou to Sahar and her team from the PTA who were on hand with a uniform sale, which included the popular new Slade bag and to Eleanor and Caroline for providing and serving the refreshments at both events.



We are particularly looking forward to next Thursday, when we meet the children for the first time on Transition Day which is also the morning or afternoon Settling In session for our newest and youngest learners!



Parents and Carers of children starting school in September are also invited to a special event run by Kent County Council, with the aim being a chance to meet other parents and children going to the school in a relaxing and fun setting at Little Foxes Children's Centre in Waveney Road on Friday 7 August. To book, just call 03000 418008 or email [tmcc@kent.gov.uk](mailto:tmcc@kent.gov.uk).

## From the Library

It is not long before we say a very sad farewell to school librarian Caroline Mawson, who will be departing after six years at Slade in the summer holidays. We hope to have more news on who will be following in Caroline's formidable footsteps before the end of term.

Caroline has led her last group of Junior Librarians this term who have been busy making sure the Library continues to function as normal, even in the last few weeks of term when books have still to be borrowed, but alongside preparing for the end of the school year. Therefore it is a special thankyou to all of the hard working volunteers from across KS2:

Year 3 – Arya, Genevieve, Vinisha, Ruby, Darcy

Year 4 – Gabi, Immy, Saivarun, Nisha

Year 5 – Leon, Noah, Ellie, Xander

Year 6- Sofia, Aquilina, Sannie, Jackson



## Maths Newsletter



The latest Maths Newsletter dropped into inboxes yesterday afternoon, we hope you enjoyed finding out about Mr Crockford's experiences of using maths at home and at work, and finding out all about our topic of the month: Telling the Time.

Congratulations as well to Scarlett in Year 4 for being the Maths at Home Competition Winner for last month.

[More > Slade Maths Newsletter: June 2023](#)

# The Coronation Trail



## VIP Winners' Day at The Tower of London

On Wednesday, it was Mrs Ball's pleasure to be taking the design team behind our winning entry for the King's Coronation throne competition run by Historic Royal Palaces to London for their VIP Winners' Day at the Tower of London.

All of the children involved in the design project went along for an incredible day and were indeed treated as very important visitors as they had privileged, behind the scenes access and time with the senior staff at the worldwide known site.

They had a Live Workshop with 'Colonel Blood' who was the last person to make a real attempt at stealing the Crown Jewels back in the 1600's. The practical tour told the story of his foiled attempt, in which the children all played a part.



It was then time for the official unveiling of the Slade Throne which was a very special moment for all of the team. The ceremony was overseen by Catherine Jones from the Tower of London, and the Head Beefeater with Imogen in Year 6 deservedly cutting the ribbon.

The tour continued with a talk and tour with the Keeper of the Jewels, who spoke about the largest jewel in the world and entertained and interested the whole group with stories of his role in the recent coronation as he was in charge of sorting out the various crowns and other objects used in King Charles III ceremony in May.

One of the objects, a punch bowl, was able to hold 144 bottles of wine!

The Keeper of the Jewels then took our children and Mrs Ball to a special viewing platform which is not accessible to the public to view all of the Crown Jewels whilst describing what they were and what they are used for.



Imogen told Mrs Ball, 'I have had just the most super time, I have enjoyed the drawing of the flowers and the other parts of the throne which were then translated into the real life object I have seen today. Seeing and being part of everything come to life has been so good. It has been great all working as a team together as well - look what we have achieved!'

**'Seeing our bench by the River Thames and seeing people, complete strangers, visitors from all over the world, taking a moment to enjoy our bench and having their photograph with it, how special is that?!!'**

Thankyou to everyone at the Tower of London for the most amazing day - something to remember for ever. Remember, the throne is in situ as part of the Coronation Trail at the Tower of London until 1 September. Thankyou to Mrs Ball for her organisation of the project and to Miss Taylor (Art Lead at Slade) and Inclusion Leader Catherine Barber for their ongoing support, including on this VIP Day.

Do visit over the summer holiday, it is a great day out and a very proud moment to see the throne designed in our school!



# Our News



## The Royal Onions

There was so much fun going on last Saturday at the PTA Summer Fête.

One of the most popular stalls was the Royal Fruit and Vegetable competition.

The children were invited to enter their most inventive ways of incorporating the Royal theme of the event with fruit and vegetables and we had lots and lots of entries!



The winner was Daisy from Elf Class who used her learning of notorious Tudor King Henry VIII and his 6 (spring onion) wives!

Here is Daisy with Miss Garrett who, along with Mrs Slade, judged the competition and presented the prizes.

Thankyou to Daisy's mummy for providing the picture and for letting us know how happy and proud Daisy was to have won on the day!



Other winners included these potato inspired characters, including the newly crowned Jersey Royal Family!

## Merci Beaucoup, Max en Hydra Class!

The Newsletter was incredibly honoured to be invited to Hydra Class' French Café that they had prepared for staff on Thursday lunchtime.

The Year 6 children were putting to good use the French that they had learnt at Slade and decided to show this by acting as restaurateurs; setting up their own café with croissants, jam and fresh juice to serve - we were one of the lucky members of the Slade team to be invited - and we had a fantastic time.



We were greeted at the door and shown to our table where we were asked what we would like and politely asked if we were fine and if we needed anything else. The food and drink then arrived, which was enjoyed with a lovely, bustling and busy café atmosphere going on around us.

All of the children spoke French throughout and even when they were nervous of getting everything correct they gave it a go and were very successful.

**Thankyou to everyone in Hydra Class for your hospitality, and in particular to Max who invited us along to the café.**



# Slade Sport



## Chance To Dance

Our Year 6 dancers and cheerleaders performed superbly at the Chance to Dance show on Monday night at the Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks.

The show also featured some of the best dancing seen locally from dance schools across the West and Mid Kent area and our boys and girls showcased their routines practised this year and already shown at the PTA fair and at other competitions - this time to a full house in the famous theatre.

Akshara and Anaïs performed a especially choreographed duet to music from Aladdin.



## HOTSHOTZ Junior Wimbledon

On Thursday evening, a large group of KS2 children took part in a Junior Wimbledon training session at Tonbridge Tennis Club.

The evening, hosted by TTC and run by the local Sports Partnership was timed just ahead of the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, to give children a taste of the sport by showing them the basic shot actions before letting them play some games.

The evening was rounded off with a quiz on the Wimbledon Championships with strawberries and ice cream - in true SW19 fashion!



Can you name these former Wimbledon stars and guess which one was Mrs Ball's favourite when she was younger?



# Focus on Year 1



## Educational Visit to Hastings

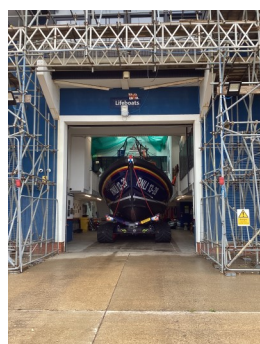
On Thursday, Pixie and Elf Classes made the journey to Hastings for their Educational Visit as they used the learning from both Summer Terms to ask themselves, 'Why do people like to be beside the seaside?'

As they walked around, they saw the attractions of a typical coastal resort, the beach and promenades. In addition to this they spent time on the pebble beach examining the different shaped and sized pebbles.

In the afternoon, Mrs Hill devised a special Treasure Hunt around the town for the children to appreciate the location of the main features of a coastal seaside town.

The highlight of the day was a visit and talk from the Hastings Lifeboat crew. One of the RNLI volunteers was Ollie, who is also an officer with Sussex Police - Mrs Clark told us what Ollie had to say:

' Ollie has been a part of the RNLI crew at Hastings for 14 months and is the newest member of the team. He told us how most of the crew are on-call permanently, although he is not allowed to be because of his other role as a police officer. He showed us the boat that the crew use when they are called out on emergency calls and the kit they need and use.



Importantly, he told us Who to call for help. **If you find yourself in an emergency situation or spot someone else in trouble, you should call 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard.** If you are inland and see someone in difficulty on the water, be it on a river or a lake, you should ask for Fire and Rescue when you call for help. Ollie was fantastic, and we would all like to thank him and the team at RNLI Hastings.'



We would also like to thank all of the parents who came with us on the trip, without you these visits can not take place and your help was invaluable.

# 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**

**95.4%**

**Attendance This Year**

**94.6%**

## 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**

**20**

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 26 June	Today at Slade	
Monday 26 June	Class Setting and September Timetable	EYFS23 Parents
Monday 26 June	Year 6 PSHE: Sensitive Subjects	Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 27 June	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 27 June	Sports Clubs Cancellations	Registered Members Parents
Tuesday 27 June	Menu Changes	All School
Tuesday 27 June	Parent Information Meetings: PTA Uniform Sale	EYFS23 Parents
Tuesday 27 June	Tonbridge Community Day	Year 5 Parents
Tuesday 27 June	Great To See You - New Entrants Parents Information Meeting	
Wednesday 28 June	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 28 June	Wyvern Class Update	Wyvern Class Parents
Wednesday 28 June	Gnome Class Update	Gnome Class Parents
Wednesday 28 June	Phoenix Class Update	Phoenix Class Parents
Wednesday 28 June	Pixie Class Forest School Highlights	Pixie Class Parents
Wednesday 28 June	Tower of London: On Our Way	
Wednesday 28 June	We are Here!	
Wednesday 28 June	Fun at The Tower	
Wednesday 28 June	VIP Tour	
Wednesday 28 June	Year 1 Visit to Hastings: Information	Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 28 June	Year 3 Trip to Leavesden: Final Information	Year 3 Parents
Wednesday 28 June	Parent Information Meetings: Presentation	EYFS23 Parents
Wednesday 28 June	Medicine on the Year 6 Activity Week	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 29 June	Today at Slade	
Thursday 29 June	Maths Newsletter	All Parents
Thursday 29 June	Merci, Hydra	
Thursday 29 June	Year 1 in Hastings	
Thursday 29 June	HOTSHOTZ Team	
Thursday 29 June	Tennis Action	
Friday 30 June	Today at Slade	
Friday 30 June	Celebration Assembly	

# Dear Slade



## Contacting Us

We are always keen to hear from you if you have a positive, negative comment to make about anything going on at school, or if you have a question or need clarification on anything we have sent or said.

We have a number of ways for you to reach out to us; please see the guide below to see where you should direct your question or comments in the first instance in order to make sure we are able to answer you as quickly as possible.

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT...	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
My child's learning/class activities/lessons/homework	Your child's class email address e.g. <a href="mailto:elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk">elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
My child's wellbeing/pastoral support	Your child's class email address e.g. <a href="mailto:elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk">elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Someone different to collect my child from school	In advance: Your child's class email address e.g. <a href="mailto:elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk">elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>  On the day: Call: 01732 350354
Payments	<a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
School trips	<a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Uniform/lost and found	<a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
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 ( <a href="http://www.slade.kent.sch.uk">www.slade.kent.sch.uk</a> ) and then email your request to <a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Bullying and Behaviour	Your child's class email address e.g. <a href="mailto:elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk">elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
School events/the school calendar	Please ensure you have read the newsletter first or visited <a href="http://www.slade.kent.sch.uk">www.slade.kent.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)	<a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Before and After-school clubs (Yetis)	<a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT...	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
Hiring the school premises	<a href="mailto:sbm@slade.kent.sch.uk">sbm@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
PTA	<a href="mailto:sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk">sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Governing Body	<a href="mailto:governors@slade.kent.sch.uk">governors@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Catering/meals	<a href="mailto:teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk">teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk</a>
Admissions	<a href="mailto:admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk">admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
General Enquires	<a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
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 ( <a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> ) EYFS/Year 1: Natalie Pearson Year 2/Year 3: Steph Stephens Year 4/Year 5/Year 6: Sarah Meers



## PTA Fête Fruit and Vegetable Competition

