



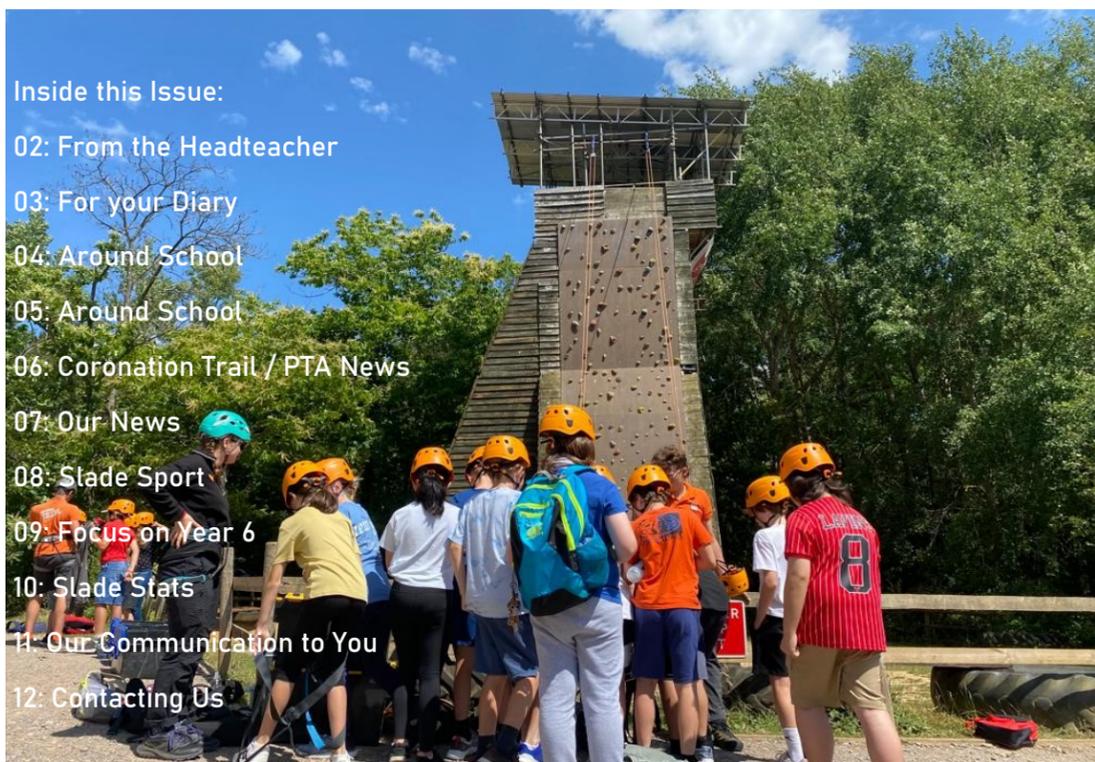
# Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 14 July 2023 / Term 6, Issue 5



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# Karen Slade



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been a lot quieter but no less busy in school this week!

Our Year 6 pupils have all been having a fabulous time, in the gorgeous woodland, on their School Journey to Carrot Wood. All the children have been making the most of the facilities and enjoying a wide range of activities, ranging from abseiling to mountain biking to archery to swimming... to name but a few of their experiences from the week. Do check out our Twitter feed which captures the fabulous fun they have had! Miss Garrett and I have both 'enjoyed' a couple of nightshifts each too, enabling us to also join in the fun! We look forward to welcoming everyone home today and hearing about the memories that have been made! My huge thanks to the fantastic team of staff who have spent time away from their own families (and beds!) this week to enable this trip to happen for the children; we very much appreciate it and wish you all a restful, mud-free weekend!

Looking ahead to next week, a print friendly version of your child's end of year report will be emailed out to you on Monday. The report will provide an overview of your child's attainment and progress during this academic year whilst recording some of their personal highlights too. A separate letter providing further information regarding the content of the report will also be emailed out to you. In addition, children in Year 2 and Year 6 will receive end of Key Stage SATs results and Year 1 parents will receive their child's phonics screening results too. Furthermore, parents of children in Reception will receive an overview of their child's end of EYFS results with children in Year 4 receiving the results from their Multiplication Check taken earlier this year. Explanations regarding the statutory data that you receive will be sent out along with the reports but if you have any queries regarding any of these results or your child's report in general then please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address. A huge thank you in advance to Mr. Laws who will be single-handedly sending out all 420 reports and associated documents throughout the day on Monday! Happy reading everyone!

At the end of this academic year we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs. Sam Sandell, who has been working here at Slade, most recently as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA), for the best part of ten years. Sam has successfully been appointed to a similar role at Hilden Grange School from September. Congratulations and well-done Sam on your new appointment; sending all good wishes to you at the start of your new chapter! We are therefore currently recruiting to this role, with all job details of the HLTA position and application details available on the Kent Teach website should you or anyone you know be interested. Please do get in touch via the school office should you wish to find out more or catch either Miss Garrett or I on the school gate.



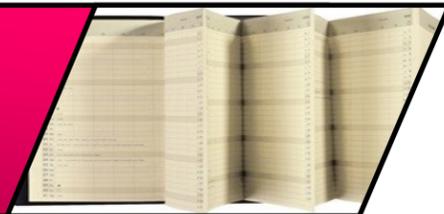
As we approach the summer break, a reminder that there is no expectation from any staff here at Slade that any of our families should be buying end of term gifts for members of the team. Additionally, no parent should ever feel pressured into contributing to any arranged collections for gifts organised by classes or other groups in school. Thank you to everyone for respecting each families' personal choices with regards to gifting at this time of year. It is worth remembering too that nothing means more to those of us working here in school than receiving a homemade card and a heartfelt spoken thank you at the end of the year!

Finally, I hope that you have all now received the term dates for the next academic year which can also now be found on the school website.

**Have a lovely weekend,**

**Karen Slade.**

# For Your Diary



## Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 17 July	Reports and Statutory Assessment Results Home to Parents (Via Arbor Email)
Tuesday 18 July	
Wednesday 19 July	Phoenix Class Haysden Hike
Thursday 20 July	Griffin Class Swimming Sphinx Class Haysden Hike
Friday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin) Haysden Hike
THURSDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman) Haysden Hike
FRIDAY	

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	KS2 Street Dance
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	KS1 Street Dance
FRIDAY	

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 24 July	First Day of School Summer Holiday School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 5 September	First Day of Term 1 2023/24 for Year 1-6
Tuesday 5 September - Thursday 7 September	EYFS23 Home Visit Appointments

# Around School



## Welcome to Slade, San Riya and Ann Riya

This week we have been delighted to welcome to Slade; sisters San Riya and Ann Riya.

The girls joined us in Elf Class and Wyvern Class at the beginning of the week and have had a lovely start to their time with us at Slade.

We would like to extend our warm welcome to the family of San Riya and Ann Riya with who we hope to share a long, happy and successful relationship.

# WELCOME

## Autumn and Booking Reminders at Yeti's



**The booking window to secure places at Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs in Term 1 of the new school year in September will open next week.**

You will be able to book places via your SCOPAY account from 13:00 on Tuesday 18 July.

**Please note that ALL accounts must be preloaded with funds before bookings can be made. Payment is accepted by card by crediting the SCOPAY account, or by childcare vouchers.**

If you plan to use Tax Free Childcare vouchers from central government should visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare> where you will be taken through the steps to register. You choose Slade School with Hearing Impairment Unit (886/2155) and then the payments will come through to the school bank account.

Once you are registered, you transfer the payments to them, it is topped up and then arrives in our bank account a few days later. To avoid disappointment, please always make sure this is done well in advance of the booking window opening for the following term.



Once we have received the payment into our bank account, the voucher is processed and the credit is added to your account. Our Finance Team of Business Manager Jill Westwood and Finance Assistant Emma Smith will then look after this for you.

Please let us know via [finance@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@slade.kent.sch.uk) if you register and what your account reference is so your payments are correctly identified in the bank statement.



We also need to know the amounts that will be paid in and which SCOPAY purse they should be added to (i.e. the amount to be added for Breakfast Club versus After School Club and the amount allocated to each child if there is more than one).

A reminder that parents can book sessions at Yeti's, where space is available, up to by midnight of the day before for After School Club and by midnight two days prior for Breakfast. Sessions can be cancelled via your SCOPAY account in the same time frames. Sessions cancelled before these times will be automatically refunded back to your SCOPAY purse. Cancellations made after these times cannot be refunded, even if the child does not attend the club.



Breakfast Club sessions at Yetis cost £ 4.20 with After School Club Short Stay (upto 16:30) costing £4.20, Long Stay (upto 17:30) costing £8.60. If your child subsequently attends an After School Activity with Yeti's attendance afterwards, please let us know once the activity booking is secured and we can assist with appropriate charging for Yeti's.

# Around School



## Nourish Lunch Treat for 21 July



Head Cook Helena and her team in the Nourish kitchen are preparing for the last day of term with a special treat for the children.

They are (weather permitting) to hold a fish and chip lunch out on the field where the children can mingle with friends and enjoy their last school lunch of the year on Friday 21 July.

As a result, Helena will be cooking these choices, which are the same as the published menu:

- Fish and Chips
- Spinach and Cheese Pinwheel (Suitable for Vegetarians) with chips



Unfortunately, there will be no Baked Potato options served on 21 July.

Children are, of course, welcome to bring their own packed lunch in the normal way if they prefer.



A reminder that meals are free to all children who are eligible for Benefits Related Pupil Premium FSM funding across the school and to pupils in EYFS and KS1 classes. To all other children, they presently cost £ 2.40. They are paid for using the Meals Payments section on your Arbor account. All meals should be paid for in advance and in every case any debt that has arisen over the year should be fully paid up by Wednesday 19 July at the latest.

## Second Hand Slade Apparel



Maxine Button: Family Liaison Officer

### Preloved is reloved!

As we approach the end of another academic year, we would like to ask all of our families to consider donating any good quality uniform, PE Kit and/or Forest School Clothing that is either no longer needed because your child is leaving Slade or is now too small to fit and can be used by a younger child.

### Second Hand is just a better choice..

..For the whole wide World



The way we create, sell, care for, and dispose of our clothing has a pretty huge environmental footprint. At Slade Primary School we are all trying to help the planet by being a more sustainable school.

We hope by recycling some of our preloved school uniform this will be a small step towards building a better future for our children.

Collection containers will be out at all of our entrance points, including Yeti's, from Monday and all of next week.



# The Coronation Trail



## The Shafer's in London



Mrs Shafer and her family took advantage of being in London to see family who had flown in from the USA to pop across Tower Bridge to visit the Slade Coronation throne.

For Heidi, this was a great thrill as she got to sit and climb on our famous attraction. She was captivated by its position just under the landmark bridge and told us how exciting it was to know all about how the bridge rose up to allow tall ships underneath.

Scyld and Charlotte helped mum and dad to traverse the trail using the downloadable map from the Tower and enjoyed visiting all of the thrones. In particular, they loved the intricate detail on the Slade exhibit, the visit to which topped off a lovely day in the capital.

## PTA News



## Slade PTA Summer Fête

Eleanor Hoyle: Chair of the PTA



A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the Fête. We hope you all had a great time and we really appreciate your support, particularly on such a warm day!

We raised **over £5000**. Given the current economic situation for everyone and increased costs, this is a huge amount and we are delighted to confirm that we have been able to meet our fundraising target and provide a set of new iPads for use by all of the children across the school.

Our next fundraising target will be set at the AGM in September, watch out for more details and we hope you can join us then.

# Our News



## Dreams Do Come True



Clara had a dream, not your ordinary dream, but a dream of creating a picture purely from fresh food!

The lovely part of this story, is that Clara remembered her dream the next day and asked her mummy if she could see it through to reality and actually produce a piece of artwork based on using food from the fridge and cupboards.

The result is quite spectacular as she has made this wonderful outside scene out of lettuce leaves, rice, broccoli and different pastas including fusilli and spaghetti amongst other items she found in the kitchen!

We were lucky enough to be in Mrs Hill's Elf Classroom when Clara was talking to the class about her dream and its fantastic ending, and we thought it was too good not to share in the newsletter.

Well done Clara - look out for the name on the art scene in a few years time!

## Lilly's Super Swimming



Many congratulations to Lilly who has recently passed her Level 3 Swimming Certificate.

She is rightly proud of her achievement which shows that she has worked hard to pass the level and move up to Group 4. We wish you lots of continued swimming success, Lilly and look forward to when you are able to swim with the school.

For all pupils in Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) from September, we will have details of our school swimming lessons that take place at Tonbridge Swimming Pool in next week's last newsletter of the year. This will detail the price and timetable that you should expect next year.

## Gardener Wilf

Wilf in Year 1 is very pleased to share his new flower garden at home. He has let us know how well his wild flower seeds, handed out as part of the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III, have grown.

Wilf loves the colours and the appearance of the wild flower, and also knows how important they are for the eco system and for the future environment for important creatures such as bees, which he is very keen to help.



# Slade Sport



## HillFest Gallery



## Kent KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket Finals, Upchurch

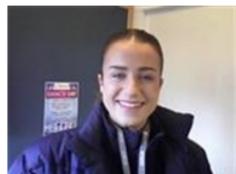
Our KS1 cricket team performed absolutely brilliantly on Tuesday as they headed East to Upchurch Cricket Club to represent Tonbridge and Malling at the county finals.



In a highly charged and competitive atmosphere, the team kept their composure and their positive sporting attitude throughout, despite some controversial moments which denied them a podium finish. They did however win most of their games, and made their watching parents and supporters very proud. The eventual winners were Anthony Roper Primary School from Eynsford near Dartford. Unfortunately in our match with them, one of our players, Ellis, suffered a serious mouth injury which left him unable to take a full part. The opposition wouldn't allow for a substitute to be used, so the team just got on with the game and performed together in style.

## Sports Partnership Orienteering Challenge

Yesterday, we had six teams compete in the Tonbridge and West Kent Orienteering Challenge for 2023 at neighbouring Tonbridge Racecourse Ground.



We are grateful to Lauren Mersh (left) and to our own Mrs Ball for ensuring this activity took place on Thursday, allowing the children to take part in the fun, and learning experience of using maps, compasses and their speed of thought and running in the competition.

They had 10 orienteering stations to find across the park, with a very narrow victory, and well done to our Year 5 Boys team who amassed more points than their rivals.



# Focus on Year 6



## Carroty Wood Activity Week

By the time you are reading today's newsletter, the children from Hydra and Griffin Classes will be back home, probably showered and definitely very tired after having a brilliant activity week at Rock UK's Carroty Wood facility.

We have provided highlights all week on our Twitter feed, which we hope you have found useful in keeping up-to-date with the activities happening whilst the children have been away.

Massive thanks to everyone at Carroty Wood for providing a stimulating, fun and challenging week for all of the children, and indeed for our staff who accompanied the Year 6's.

The Slade team was led by Jayne Laker, who was ably assisted by Mr Duffin, Mr Osborne, Mrs Potter, Mr Clark, Teaching Assistants Mrs Cattanach, Mrs Buckland and Mrs Pearson as well as class teachers Mrs Burnside and Miss Buswell. Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett have also enjoyed two sleepovers on camp as well this week. Thankyou to all of these members of staff who have made the week one full of memories for everyone.



# 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**

**95.5%**

**Attendance This Year**

**94.7%**

## 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.

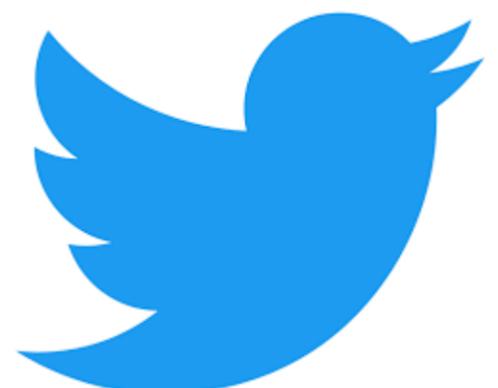
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

**Pupils Late This Week**

**29**

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 10 July	Today at Slade	
Monday 10 July	Wraparound Care Accounts on SCOPAY	EYFS23 Intake Parents
Monday 10 July	Home Visit Appointments	Selected EYFS23 Intake Parents
Tuesday 11 July	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 11 July	Contacting School - Internet Issues	
Tuesday 11 July	Power Resumes	
Tuesday 11 July	Pegasus Class Forest School Highlights	Pegasus Class Parents
Tuesday 11 July	Carroty Wood Highlights	
Tuesday 11 July	Cricket Team from Upchurch	
Tuesday 11 July	Year 4 Haysden Hike	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 11 July	Blindfold Climbing	
Tuesday 11 July	Cricket Action	
Tuesday 11 July	Kayaking	
Tuesday 11 July	Abseiling	
Tuesday 11 July	The Great Escape	
Tuesday 11 July	Dinner Time	
Tuesday 11 July	Tired Out	
Wednesday 12 July	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 12 July	Room Inspection	
Wednesday 12 July	Wyvern Class Forest School Highlights	Wyvern Class Parents
Wednesday 12 July	Mr Clark Climbs	
Wednesday 12 July	Early Morning Dip	
Wednesday 12 July	Menu Changes	
Wednesday 12 July	Highlights from Carroty Wood	
Wednesday 12 July	Yellow Hat Challenge	
Wednesday 12 July	Cycle Ride	
Wednesday 12 July	Miss Laker and Mr Duffin	
Wednesday 12 July	Quiz Night	
Thursday 13 July	Today at Slade	
Thursday 13 July	Room Inspection	
Thursday 13 July	Early Morning Puddle	
Thursday 13 July	Megan on Target!	
Thursday 13 July	Shelter Building	
Thursday 13 July	Mr Clark's School Report	
Thursday 13 July	Good Day, Bad Day	
Thursday 13 July	Day 4 Highlights from Carroty Wood	
Friday 14 July	Today at Slade	
Friday 14 July	Dodgeball	
Friday 14 July	Cuddle Bear Competition	
Friday 14 July	Tom in The Hall of Fame	
Friday 14 July	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 14 July	Goodbye to Carroty Wood	

# 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



## The Evelina: More than just a hospital!

The Evelina Hospital, at St Thomas' on the South Bank in Central London is a world leading provider of life changing care for sick children and their families

A number of our families and staff have been in the position to need to use the Evelina for their children's care, and it is really a truly wonderful place - albeit that no-one chooses to need hospital care.

Find out more here > <https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/about-us/about-us.aspx>

The hospital is of course fully inclusive and as a result becomes the last in our series of places in the community that actively promote the use of British Sign Language

