



Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 21 July 2023 / Term 6, Issue 6



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year!

Huge congratulations and well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their fabulous performances of the end of year production 'The Wizard of Oz'. I know that anyone who has seen it will agree with me in saying that all of the children taking part were truly amazing and should be very proud of all their achievements; from the singing to the dancing to the acting it truly was a spectacular show! In addition, thank you too to the children who worked backstage and behind the scenes as sound engineers, lighting crew, prop and programme creators and costume designers; you were all equally fabulous too! It really was a child-led team production in which everyone played their vital part to perfection! Thank you too to all of the adults involved in its staging and for helping the children create a very special lasting memory from their time here at Slade. Well done everyone!

Still with Year 6, this morning we held our final assembly of the year when we said our goodbyes to our marvellous pupils as they head off onto the next phase of their learning journey. As I shared during the Leavers' Assembly, all of us here are incredibly proud of each and every one of the year group on the progress that they have made and all that they have achieved during their years at Slade Primary School. Additionally, we bid farewell to Maya, Chloe and Olivia who are all heading off to pastures new after the summer break too. We wish all our leavers the very best of luck and look forward to hearing of all their fabulous achievements in years to come.

In addition to saying goodbye to some of our children we also bid farewell today to some of our staff team too. Firstly, after 4 years of teaching here at Slade, we say goodbye (again!) to Mrs. Lois Knee. Lois is leaving us today and the various roles that she has held during her time at Slade over the years to spend more time with her young family. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all in the Slade community to publicly thank Lois for all that she has done and the difference that she has made to the lives of the many children that she has taught over the years. With all good wishes to you as you begin your next chapter Lois!

Still with goodbyes, we also send our very best wishes to three members of our support staff team today who are also heading off on new adventures. Firstly, congratulations to Mrs. Sam Sandell who leaves her Higher-Level Teaching Assistant position here after 10 years at Slade to start a similar role at Hilden Grange. Goodbye and good luck also to Mrs. Caroline Mawson, School Librarian, for venturing off to start a new chapter away from Slade and Tonbridge. And a final farewell to Mrs. Amy Manktelow, Teaching Assistant, who will be continuing in her role in September but at St Margaret's School instead! Huge thanks to each of you for the part you have played in the life of the school in the years that you have worked here. Wishing you every success both professionally and personally too; thank you!

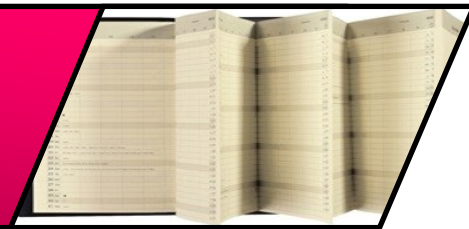
Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all children, staff, parents and governors for the part that you have all played in another successful year here at Slade Primary School. It really has been a whole team effort, working together to successfully navigate the challenges that have presented themselves along the way; thank you and well done everyone.

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 24 July	Summer Holidays School Closed to all Pupils
Tuesday 25 July	Summer Holidays School Closed to all Pupils
Wednesday 26 July	Summer Holidays School Closed to all Pupils
Thursday 27 July	Summer Holidays School Closed to all Pupils
Friday 28 July	Summer Holidays School Closed to all Pupils

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
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:

Friday 1 September	Teacher Training (INSET Day) - School Closed to all Pupils
Monday 4 September	Teacher Training (INSET Day) - School Closed to all Pupils
Tuesday 5 September	First Day of Term 1 (Years 1-6)
Friday 8 September	First Induction Day (EYFS) Please refer to individual timetables

Around School



Happy Holidays

Everyone in the school office would like to wish the families of children at Slade a very happy and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again at the beginning of September.

Please note that whilst our email inboxes for the Office, Admissions, Yeti's and Finance will be monitored at times throughout the summer, we cannot guarantee a full reply in our normal timescales and that we will be unable to answer or respond to any messages left via the telephone line. We are back in the office on Friday 1 September.

Tonbridge and Malling Parking Permits 2023/24

We are delighted to be extending our partnership with the good folk at Tonbridge and Malling Council Parking Office for the next academic year.

Their scheme allows parents and carers of children at Slade free parking in the Lower Castle Fields between 08:30 and 09:00 at drop-off time in the morning and again between 15:05 and 15:40 in the afternoon. We are incredibly lucky to have this facility available as it helps to reduce the number of parked cars, or slow moving traffic looking for drop-off spaces around the local and often very narrow streets.

We encourage all of our families to apply for the permit - which can be used by any vehicle used for the school run. All you have to do is follow the instructions on the Tonbridge and Malling Council letter available on our website, and easily located by clicking on the link below.

[More Information and to Apply > TMC Parking Permits](#)

Nourish Meals from September



Nourish Contract Catering will continue to be our school dinner provider in 2023/24 and we are very happy to look forward to welcoming Helena and her team back to Slade in September.

School Meals continue to be free of charge to those pupils across the school who are eligible for benefits related FSM and Pupil Premium funding as well as those children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2.)



Pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) who are not eligible for Pupil Premium are charged for school dinners - there is a slight increase due to rising costs for Nourish - however Business Manager Jill Westwood has made sure this is minimal. She says, 'The school will be paying more than the 5p increase to Nourish per meal, however we are acutely aware of the financial strain on many families at this time and are pleased that we have managed to limit the increase. School meals will therefore be £2.45 from September.'

Parents of children in Key Stage 2 who will be eating school dinners provided by Nourish should make sure that your Meals account on Arbor is fully topped up with credit in advance.

Please be careful not to top-up the After School Club account as this is not active at present.

The menu currently being used by Nourish continues to be served in Term 1, before they bring out the winter warmers in time for Term 2 in November.



Around School



Governors Annual Survey

Earlier today, you will have received the end of year newsletter from our Chair of Governors, Simon Griffiths.

As part of their commitment to the ongoing improvement of all aspects of life at Slade, the Governors invite you to complete their short survey in to how you feel about school for yourself and your child. The survey can be accessed via the link below and is open until Monday 25 September. They look forward to hearing your views.

Mr Griffiths says, 'An important part of the governor's role is to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to give feedback on the school's performance, so we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this short survey. The survey is entirely anonymous however, if you wish, you can provide further comments and your name. The survey can be completed on most devices including PC's, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

To allow some time for reflection, we will be leaving this survey open over the summer break and the first part of Term 1. The deadline for responses is Monday 25th September 2023.

Thank you for your time and help.'

[Slade Governors Survey 2022/23](#)

Everyone at Slade thanks Mr Griffiths and his team for their continued support and hard work in providing us with a fantastic learning and working environment.

EYFS On The Farm



Elmer and Gruffalo Classes enjoyed a wonderful day at Godstone Farm at the beginning of the week.

They were taking part in their educational visit for the year and for many of the children it was their first experience of a working farm and seeing up and close - the animals that they have been learning about throughout the year.



We thank all of the parents who joined us on the day - your help ensures that these visits can take place.

Furthermore - thank you to every single parent, carer and friend who has assisted in some way to travel this year to events, sporting matches and on educational visits - your time is invaluable to the positive experience we aim to give all of the children have at school.



Our News



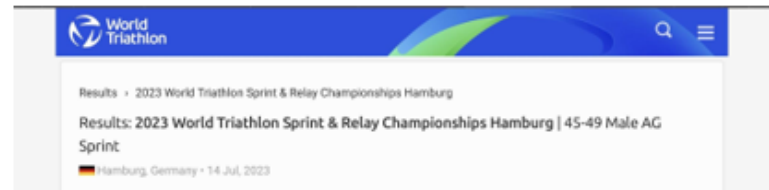
World Triathlon Championships

Zac and Mia were incredibly proud of their dad, Vic, as he took part in the World Triathlon Championships in Hamburg recently.

Zac wrote this report:



THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Friday (the 14th of July) Victor Weinberg came 20th in the 45-50-year-old world champion category in Hamburg! The winning team of the world championship is the GB (Great Britain) team.

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Vic says he is very proud of his race and score.



He also came 4th in the GB team which is a fantastic achievement.



Vic after the race.

Mia also wrote this piece for the newsletter:

On the day Daddy was really nervous and I felt nervous for him too. He started his race at 12pm and the first part was the swim. We quickly walked up to the bridge where we could see all the swimmers.

We went over to see Daddy come out of the water and then start his second lap on the bike. We all cheered and whooped when we saw him come round the corner. Then we took a quick walk to get over to the finish line. We found a nice place in the stands to watch him.

We were very glad when we saw the first person to cross the finish line was a GB athlete – which meant Great Britain won!

Then we realised that Daddy had come 20th and we were all very happy.

We are all delighted for the GB team, and in particular to Vic, who is a great supporter of Slade and we offer many congratulations to him for a fantastic achievement.

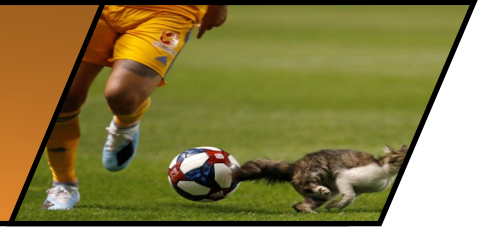
We are also very grateful to Mum, Vicki and to Zac and Mia for letting us share this story and photographs.



HAMBURG WASSER
**World Triathlon
Championship Series**
Sprint & Relay
HAMBURG 2023
powered by **SUZUKI**



Slade Sport and Clubs



Sports Leaders Breakfast

Mrs Ball cannot speak highly enough of the Year 5 and 6 Sports Crew and everything they have achieved this year. They enjoyed a special breakfast this week to celebrate their hard work and many successes.

They have represented Slade wonderfully all year, and Wendy has special words for our departing Year 6's.

'The Year 6 Crew have led the way and have really made the role their own after it was new to Slade when they were in Year 5. They have assisted and run aspects of our intra school events and of course the showpiece of Sports Day. Their star moment was when they showcased what they do, and what we are doing as a school, in front of 300 local children, teachers and dignitaries at the Sports Partnership conference -

in particular the speech Anais made at that event will go down as one of, if not the proudest moment in my teaching career, it showed what leadership has done for her.'



Puurfect Pet Club for Archie and Jacob



One of the new and exciting additions to the timetable at Slade this year has been Mrs Pearson's Pet Club, held primarily so far for the younger years.

Part of the club has been learning about the equipment and finances needed to look after a healthy pet at home. Inspired by this, Archie decided to use the last part of his pocket money to buy our rabbits Spotty and Smiggle some woodshavings for their hutch. Here he is presenting his purchase to Mrs Pearson who is incredibly grateful. Archie's donation will be used in September to provide comfy bedding when Spotty and Smiggle return to school.

Also enjoying the responsibility of Pet Club has been Jacob in Year 6, who was appointed our first Pet Club Monitor. Jacob has taken on the responsibility of assisting Mrs Pearson in looking after Spotty and Smiggle as well as all of the visiting pets who came in for Pet Club sessions. He also makes sure that the rabbits are put out and brought back safely from their run at lunchtime, recently highlighted in our newsletter.

Jacob has set the bar high in his maturity in dealing with the animals and we look forward to appointing our next Pet Club Monitor next year.



Club Timetable 2023/24

The pre, mid and after school activity and clubs timetable will be available in the next few days and will be emailed to everyone as soon as it is finalised.

A reminder that all paid for clubs and activities should be booked directly with the provider.

Free clubs run by staff at school should be booked via you Arbor account. Arbor will have available, the clubs your child is eligible to join. Every free club has a strict capacity and so early booking (after the release of the timetable) is advised. If you receive a note from Arbor requesting Term Times, this means the club is full.

Staff members will take registers for each of the free clubs for safeguarding reasons.

Farewell from Slade



Year 6

It is that sad, but exciting time of any year, where we get to say goodbye to all of our Year 6 children, and to many families with who we have built up a lovely relationship with as they prepare to get ready for the next stage of their education at secondary school - we are saying farewell to the pupils from Hydra and Griffin Classes who are joining 15 schools from the local region.

Well done on your fantastic learning during your time at Slade to everyone in Year 6 and we wish you and your families much continued happiness, fun and success both at school and further into the future.



This year, our children will be joining schools across Mid and West Kent:



Farewell from Slade



Caroline Mawson



We are all very sad to say thankyou and goodbye to Caroline Mawson, our wonderful school librarian. We wish Caroline the very best in her future. Caroline has this message for all of the children at Slade:

Thank you all for your enthusiastic library visits. I will miss you very much and will think of you all often. When I arrived 6 years ago, the library felt just like a room full of books, now I hope you agree it is much more than that. I have so enjoyed sorting it out and getting it loved again, but I think perhaps now is the time for someone else to take over. I hope you will all look after the library and take care of all those lovely books and remember to 'please bring them back!' I'm very excited about my 'next chapter' and wish you all well in your futures. Thank you, and keep reading!



Sam Sandell



Mrs Sandell is one of those lucky members of staff who everybody knows due to her role of Cover Supervisor which means she gets to experience leading a class from EYFS to Year 6 and everywhere else in between! We have been fortunate to experience many of Mrs Sandell's lessons and the obvious consistent in all of them is the enjoyment that the children are having whilst they learn the different subjects Mrs Sandell is tasked with teaching. Mrs Sandell is leaving us for a similar role at Hilden Grange and we wish her much happiness and success there.

Lois Knee

Lois Knee is currently one half of the Pixie Class teaching team. We are very sad to see her leave Slade today, but it is for very good reason as she has twins who have just started school themselves and she will be able to spend more time with them after school in the evenings.

Everyone at Slade wishes Lois much happiness in the future and thank her especially for her help in organising our various Mental Health awareness weeks for children and adults at school.



Amy Manktelow



We also say goodbye to Teaching Assistant, Amy Manktelow, who in her 3 years at Slade has worked with our younger children in Key Stage 1 as well as a 1:1 focused TA.

Amy is off to pastures new at St Margaret Clitheroe having been given a fantastic opportunity there, and we wish her continued success in her new position.

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

94.4%

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

35

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
Sunday 16 July	Wizard of Oz Performances	Year 6 Parents 
Sunday 16 July	New Intake Picnic from the PTA	EYFS23 Parents 
Monday 17 July	Today at Slade	
Monday 17 July	EYFS On the Bus to Godstone	
Monday 17 July	Yeti's Bookings from September	All School 
Monday 17 July	School Reports 2022/23	Individual All School 
Monday 17 July	Arrival at Godstone	
Monday 17 July	Feeding the Ducks	
Monday 17 July	Seeing the Tortoise	
Tuesday 18 July	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 18 July	Yeti's Booking Window	
Tuesday 18 July	Kent Community Health Letter	EYFS23 Parents 
Wednesday 19 July	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 19 July	On the Haysden Hike	
Wednesday 19 July	Tonbridge Juniors Girls Football	
Wednesday 19 July	Books and Belongings	Year 6 Parents 
Thursday 20 July	Today at Slade	
Thursday 20 July	Sports Breakfast	
Thursday 20 July	Year 6, End of Day	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 21 July	Today at Slade	
Friday 21 July	Goodbye to our Departing Staff	
Friday 21 July	Ted and Pup Winners of the Year	

Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup winners 2022/23

Congratulations to Hippogriff and Sphinx Classes, who are our champions of champions for this year!

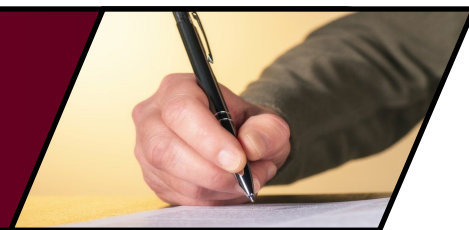
Attendance Ted (1 September 2022- 21 July 2023) Hippogriff Class

Punctuality Pup (1 September 2022 - 21 July 2023) Sphinx Class

Overall Attendance Stats this year: 94.6%

Total number of late children this year: 1062 (average 27.9 per week)

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
Before and After-school clubs (Yetis)	yetis@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	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



And Finally...

The school newsletter is our way of bringing you everything you need to know about Slade in one place each week. Thankyou to you all for reading our pages each week, and if you've got this far you really do read all of our pages!

Thanks also to the following staff for making sure the newsletter is full of information each week:

Mrs Slade for her thorough updates which handily précis everything that is going on at school every week

Mrs Ball and the Sports Crew for providing reports and pictures from each of the sporting and cultural events we take part in

Mrs Button for her updates on attendance and punctuality - we look forward to lots more from Maxine next year

Mrs Mawson for all of her articles over the years from the Library - Caroline, we already miss you!

Helena and all of the kitchen team from Nourish who keep us aware of special mealdays and fun at lunchtime

Most of all - thankyou to all of the children who have provided their news over the year - our favourite articles by far, keep them coming next year!

