

SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of this new school year! I do hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break and that you are now all rested and ready for this new academic year.

A special welcome to all of our new Reception children and their families who enjoyed their first session in school today! The children came in fantastically well, looking very smart as they busily began discovering lots of new exciting things during their first half-day session. It was lovely to see them starting to get to know each other and becoming more confident in their new surroundings during the short time that they were in! Welcome and hello to the children and families who have joined us in other year groups too! We hope that you all soon feel part of our growing Slade family.



Thank you to all the parents in Years 5 and 6 who attended the 'Meet the Team' meetings this week which were held for the first-time post Covid in the school hall and included an opportunity to visit the classrooms in those year groups too. The slides from all these sessions will be shared with all parents in the year groups following each session and contain key information for the year ahead. We look forward to welcoming parents of children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 along to their sessions next week! In addition, do look out for this term's year group newsletters which will all be dropping into your inboxes next week; these are a great opportunity for you to find out more of what your child will be learning throughout this term and offer ways in which you can support your child too.

A couple of staffing updates at the start of this new term. Firstly, huge congratulations to Maxine Button, our Family Liaison Officer (FLO), who has successfully been appointed by the Local Authority to the role of School Liaison Officer (SLO), working as part of their county wide attendance team. I'm sure you will agree that Maxine will be a huge loss to the school and our pastoral support team; however, we are delighted for Maxine on her well-deserved appointment to this new and exciting role. Fingers crossed that Maxine will be assigned as SLO for Slade!



In addition, congratulations too to Katie Porter who was successfully appointed at the end of last term to the role of Play Worker at Bishop Chavasse Primary School. Katie has now vacated her post at Yetis to start at her new school from the start of term; we all wish Katie the very best with this change.

Today in assembly I shared with the children the sad news that Spotty and Smiggle, our pet rabbits, both sadly died during the summer break; both died of natural causes a few days apart. All were saddened at hearing this news and have been supported both collectively and individually during the day in processing their feelings. We recognize that for many of our children and families this may be their first experience of the loss of a pet so please find below a link to some guidance which may be of help as you look to support your child at this time. <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/pet-death.html>

Finally, a reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day. Please ensure that all dogs, unless an assistance dog, are safely tied to the railings away from the entrance and not blocking entry and exit into the school grounds. Thank you for your support with both of these safety matters and in helping keep everyone safe at these busy times of the school day.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Karen Slade.

DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Day	Event	Clubs and Activities
Monday 11 September	14:30 - Year 4 Meet the Team - Enter via playground gate	<p>Year 1-4 French: Contact organiser directly for more information</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 Football: Contact organiser directly for more information</p> <p>KS2 Musical Theatre: Contact organiser directly for more information</p> <p>Year 4-6 Netball: Book via Arbor. Collection at 16:30 Main Playground Gate</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 BSL: Club Full. Collection at 16:15 Main Playground Gate</p> <p>EYFS and KS1 Multi Skills: Contact organiser directly for more information</p>
Tuesday 12 September	<p>Wyvern Class Forest School</p> <p>14:30 - Hydra Class Swimming. Please make sure payment and consent has been completed via your Arbor account</p> <p>14:30 - Year 2 Meet the Team - Enter via playground gate</p>	<p>Year 3 and 4 Choir: Book via Arbor. Lunchtime Activity</p> <p>KS1 Street Dance: Contact organiser directly for more information</p> <p>KS2 Cricket: Contact organiser directly for more information</p> <p>Year 4 Pets: Club Full. Collection at 16:15 Main Playground Gate</p>
Wednesday 13 September	<p>Hydra Class Forest School</p> <p>09:30 - Year 3 Meet the Team - Enter via playground gate</p> <p>14:30 - Year 1 Meet the Team - Enter via playground gate</p>	<p>Year 4 -6 Young Voices Choir: Book via Arbor. Lunchtime Activity</p> <p>KS2 Sports Club: Club Full. Collection at 16:30 Main Playground Gate</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 Athletics: Contact organiser directly for more information</p> <p>KS1 and KS2 Art: Contact organiser directly for more information</p>
Thursday 14 September	<p>Dragon Class Forest School</p> <p>14:30 - Wyvern Class Swimming. Please make sure payment and consent has been completed via your Arbor account</p>	<p>Year 5 and 6 Signing Choir: Book via Arbor. Lunchtime Activity</p> <p>Year 2 and 3 Sports Club: Book via Arbor. Collection at 16:15 Main Playground Gate</p> <p>Year 4-6 Dance: Book via Arbor. Collection at 16:30 Main Playground Gate</p> <p>Year 5 Pets: Book via Arbor. Collection 16:15 Main Playground Gate</p>
Friday 15 September		<p>Year 5 and 6 Sports Club: Book via Arbor. Arrival 08:00 Deacon House Gate</p> <p>EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Karate. Contact organiser directly for more information</p>

[Click here for our Online Calendar covering all of the 2023/24 School Year](#)

[Click here for full details of all Clubs and Activities at Slade](#)

SLADE JOURNAL

AROUND SCHOOL

Welcome to Slade, 1

This week we have been delighted to welcome four new pupils and their families to Slade this week.

We have said hello to Alfie in Year 2 who has joined Mrs Hill in Sprite Class and also to Abel who has started his life at Slade in Miss Lipman's Year 4 Sphinx Class..

Year 5 have enjoyed the company of two new friends this week with Michelle starting in Wyvern Class with Mrs Fordyce and Veeraj in Mr Duffin's Hydra Class.

We extend our warm welcome to the families of Alfie, Abel, Michelle and Veeraj, with who we hope to share a long, happy and successful relationship.



Welcome to Slade, 2!

We are also thrilled to meet the newest member of our teaching team, who started work at Slade this week.

Jessica Maple will be the class teacher in Pixie Class (Year 1) each week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Jessica joins Slade from Rusthall Primary School in Tunbridge Wells and has made an instant impact. Joni in Pixie Class told us, 'I have really enjoyed Miss Maple being my teacher this week as she has made me laugh and I am looking forward to her being our teacher this year!'

We will feature Miss Maple in a future newsletter in a Meet the Team article. Parents of Year 1 can meet Jessica sooner than that, at the Year 1 Meet the Team event in the school hall next Wednesday at 14:30

Your View: Governor's Survey

It is not too late to give your view on your experience at school via the annual Slade Governor's Survey.

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.

Access the survey here: [Governor Survey 2023](#)



SLADE JOURNAL

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

School Diary

A quick reminder of some of the important calendar dates for the rest of 2023. Please note that all dates are subject to change in the event of situations out of our control, however we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible where this is the case. Please keep an eye on the newsletter diary each week and on our online calendar on the school website.

More details will be announced about all of these events in future newsletters.

September

Monday 11: Pupil Council Elections
Monday 11: Year 4 Meet the Team (14:30)
Tuesday 12: Year 2 Meet the Team (14:30)
Wednesday 13: EYFS Classes in for morning and lunch
Wednesday 13: Year 3 Meet the Team (09:00)
Wednesday 13: Year 1 Meet the Team (14:30)
Friday 15: EYFS Classes Full Time
Friday 15: House Captain Election
Wednesday 27: Individual Photographs by Matthew Walker Photography
Friday 29: Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Thursday 5: Harvest Festival
Friday 13: Book Fair Arrives at Slade
Tuesday 17: Parent Consultations (16:00 - 19:00)
Wednesday 18 October: Kent Test Results Day (by Kent County Council)
Thursday 19: Parent Consultations (16:00 - 19:00)
Friday 20: Last Day of Term 1
Monday 23 - Friday 27: October Break, school closed to all pupils

November

Wednesday 15: September 24 Intake Parent Open Event
Wednesday 22: September 24 Intake Parent Open Event
For more information on these events visit our website:
[Slade Admissions](#)

December

Tuesday 5: EYFS Performance (09:30)
Tuesday 5: Year 1 Performance (14:00)
Wednesday 6: Year 2 Performance (09:30)
Wednesday 6: EYFS Performance (14:00)
Thursday 7: Year 1 Performance (09:30)
Thursday 7: Year 2 Performance (14:00)
Friday 8: Christmas Day at Slade
Friday 15: Last Day of Term 2
Christmas and New Year Holiday:
Monday 18 December - Tuesday 2 January inclusive

SLADE SPORT

FITNESS AND WELLBEING



Year 5 Sports Crew Recruitment

Today, the Year 5 children in Wyvern and Hydra Classes spoke with Mrs Ball about the role of Sports Crew. We have featured our previous crews over the last two years as they have made a huge difference to sport, fitness and leisure activities at Slade and further afield. It is now time to recruit our newest batch, and the process starts now. If your child is in Year 5, please speak to them over the weekend to see if they are interested in taking part this year. The presentation below is a copy of the one that was shared with them today.

We look forward to receiving the applications and to start work as soon as possible!

Job Description:

The school is looking to appoint sports leaders who will be required to support the organisation and delivery of sports events, competitions and physical activity challenges within the school. Under the guidance of the Fitness and Well-being Champion, leaders will be required to carry out various duties including:

- Lead at Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells District and Kent County Sports Events. Set up and clear away equipment for sports events and competitions within the school. Assist with the organisation, scoring and reporting of different sporting events.
- Support and encourage children to participate in sport and physical activity, paying attention to their well-being and enjoyment.
- Promote the importance of physical activity at Slade acting as role models in the Daily Mile and Personal Fitness Challenges
- Work across year groups planning and delivering a range of playground and lunchtime games and activities that focus on children being physically active, paying attention to the children's well-being and enjoyment.
- Take responsibility for ensuring that play equipment is available for children during lunchtime. Ensure the PE sheds are kept tidy.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for Year 5 pupils who are reliable and responsible role models. You will need to be polite, organised, use your initiative, work hard to uphold the school values and have a sense of fair play in order to be successful at this role.



If you are interested:

- 1) Collect an application form from Mrs Ball
- 2) Hand in to Mrs Ball by application deadline

Application Deadline:

Friday 22nd September (end of the day)
– all application forms should be returned to Mrs Ball.

We will not accept late entries.

Interviews: Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th September 2023



SLADE STATS

ATTENDANCE



Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions.
 Registration takes place at 08:50 in the morning and after lunch in the afternoon.
 Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

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.

Winners are announced via our X (formally Twitter) feed @sladeprimarysch



The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.
 Winners are announced via our X (formally Twitter) feed @sladeprimarysch



Our Attendance Target

97.0%

Our Attendance This Week

97.3%

Our Attendance This Year

97.3%

Pupils Late This Week

15

Attendance percentage this year to date by yeargroup:

EYFS	0%	Year 2	100%	Year 5	97.2%
Year 1	94.1%	Year 3	98.3%	Year 6	95.4%
		Year 4	98.6%		

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

ARBOR EMAILS SENT THIS WEEK

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.



X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



We also encourage you to follow us on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

We post a daily diary Today at Slade at 07:15 each morning as well as reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 4 September	Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete	All School
Tuesday 5 September	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 5 September	Forest School Session	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 5 September	KS2 Swimming Lessons	Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 6 September	Meet the Team Events	Year 1-6 Parents
Friday 8 September	Meet the Team Presentation, Year 6	Year 6 Parents
Friday 8 September	Reading Record Books	Year 1-6 Parents

Date of Post	Subject
Thursday 27 July	New Intake (September 2024) Open Events
Tuesday 5 September	Welcome Back!
Wednesday 6 September	Today at Slade
Thursday 7 September	Today at Slade
Thursday 7 September	Welcome, Jessica
Friday 8 September	Today at Slade, First Day at School
Friday 8 September	Our First Day at School!
Friday 8 September	Celebration Assembly: Attendance
Friday 8 September	Celebration Assembly: Pupils of the Week

DEAR SLADE

HOW TO CONTACT 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.

My child's class learning , class activities, lessons, homework Wellbeing or pastoral support Concerns about bullying and	Your child's class email address: <i>classname@slade.kent.sch.uk</i>
Absence and Sickness, School Trips, Payments, School Events Special Educational Needs (SEND)	office@slade.kent.sch.uk

Visit our website for our online calendar, statutory information and policies: www.slade.kent.sch.uk

Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
Yeti's Wraparound	General queries: and Childcare Voucher payments: yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	tere-sa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
Slade PTA	sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk
The Governing Body and Chair of	governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Complaints	slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk

SLADE FINANCE

YOUR WAY TO PAY

We have tried to make paying for special lessons, wraparound provision, school trips and visits amongst other events that happen through the year as easy as possible. Please see our handy guide here on the current prices and 'Way to Pay' when required.

We always make sure that all trips and special events are priced as fairly as possible but are acutely aware that extra costs can be tricky for our families. If you would like to discuss payment options for any extra spend at Slade, please contact us at anytime and confidentially via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

School Dinners

School Dinners provided by Nourish Contract Catering are free to the following groups:

EYFS Classes, Year 1 Classes, Year 2 Classes, EYFS, KS1 AND KS2 pupils eligible for benefits related Free School Meals

School Dinners provided to KS2 (Year 3-6) children are charged at £2.40 per meal.

Credit should be loaded onto the Meals section of your Arbor account.

Yeti's Wraparound Provision (Breakfast and After School Clubs)

Breakfast Club is charged at £4.20 per session

After School Club is charged at different pricepoints:

Until 16:30: £4.20 // Until 17:30: £8.60

If your child participates in an after school activity, please let us know via yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk and we charge only for the 16:30 - 17:30 time at £ 4.40.

Payment should be made via your online SCOPAY account. Please email yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk if you require a login to SCOPAY.

School Trips and other Special Events

You will be notified of the dates and costs of school trips or special events by email.

Payment and consent will be made via the Trips section of your Arbor account.

Swimming Lessons

6 Swimming lessons are taken by all KS2 classes at a cost of £17.00.

Payment and consent will be made via the Trips section of your Arbor account once you have been advised of the dates of the sessions.

Paid For, Independent Clubs and Activities

Slade does not take payment for independently run clubs. All payment and correspondence should be directed to the club organiser.