

SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy second week here in school which has included the return of all our extra-curricular activities for the term. School has been a hive of activity both before and after school, not to mention lunchtimes too, with the varied range of clubs all holding their first sessions with some very enthusiastic children! From French Club, to Musical Theatre to Karate, to name but a few, there has been a wide offer for your child to choose from and enjoy. Thank you to all staff members who volunteer and give of their time to offer these extra-curricular activities for our children; we all very much appreciate it.

Today once again saw democracy in action as the ballot was held for House Captaincy positions across the school. Well done to the Year 6 pupils who stood for election and for the time and effort that you put into your election presentations, in addition to your campaigning and canvassing for votes across the week too! Well done to the children in all other year groups who carefully considered the campaigns they heard before casting the votes in our ballot boxes. The winners will be announced in Celebration Assembly next Friday when our leaders will be presented with their House Captain badges. I look forward to working with the elected children in their new roles across the coming year!

It was lovely to welcome so very many parents and carers from Years 1 to 6 into school for our 'Meet the Team' meetings these last weeks, the first time that these meetings have been held in person since pre-Covid times. We hope that the information shared was useful to you and that you enjoyed the opportunity to see your child at work in their classroom environment. The slides from these sessions have now all been shared with each year group but please do get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance should you have any queries.



Some key messages were shared across these meetings in regard to expectations for all children in every year group. The first of which was in reference to school attendance and the need for every child to be in school every day. Following on from the messages shared during the session, the DfE have since asked all schools to share the DfE latest attendance guidance for parents which aims to support the decision-making process when considering whether to send your child to school if they are unwell: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

A reminder was also shared of our expectations with regard to school uniform; all of our children are expected to wear regulation school uniform to school every day. This includes black school shoes; trainers are not permitted unless in exceptional circumstances following a discussion with either myself or Miss Garrett. Hair should be a natural colour and tied up if longer than collar length. Any hair accessories should be discreet, not brightly coloured and jewelry should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which should be removed for PE lessons. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children.

Thank you too to those of you who have already responded to the Governing Body's annual online parent and carers survey which is an opportunity for all to have a say and to provide feedback on whole school matters, the results of which will inform future decision making here in school. Your feedback is really important to us so I would encourage all of you to respond if you can; thank you. A link to the survey can be found here: [Governor Survey 2023](#)

Finally, I am delighted to share that this week we have adopted two new bunnies, who were both introduced to all of the children in assembly this morning! The children have already been busy suggesting names for our new arrivals so do let us know if you have any ideas too!

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.



DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

FURTHER AHEAD

Day	Event	Clubs and Activities
Monday 18 September	15:30 Year 6 Parent and Child talk with Michael Crow, Principal at Leigh Academy - Enter via Deacon House Gate	Year 1-4 French: Contact organiser directly for more information KS1 and KS2 Football: Contact organiser directly for more information KS2 Musical Theatre: Contact organiser directly for more information Year 4-6 Netball: Book via Arbor. Collection at 16:30 Main Playground Gate KS1 and KS2 BSL: Club Full. Collection at 16:15 Main Playground Gate EYFS and KS1 Multi Skills: Contact organiser directly for more information
Tuesday 19 September	Griffin Class Forest School 14:30 - Hydra Class Swimming	Year 3 and 4 Choir: Book via Arbor. Lunchtime Activity KS1 Street Dance: Contact organiser directly for more information KS2 Cricket: Contact organiser directly for more information Year 4 Pets: Club Full. Collection at 16:15 Main Playground Gate
Wednesday 20 September	Pixie Class Forest School	Year 4 -6 Young Voices Choir: Book via Arbor. Lunchtime Activity KS2 Sports Club: Club Full. Collection at 16:30 Main Playground Gate KS1 and KS2 Athletics: Contact organiser directly for more information KS1 and KS2 Art: Contact organiser directly for more information
Thursday 21 September	Elf Class Forest School 14:30 - Wyvern Class Swimming	Year 5 and 6 Signing Choir: Book via Arbor. Lunchtime Activity Year 2 and 3 Sports Club: Book via Arbor. Collection at 16:15 Main Playground Gate Year 4-6 Dance: Book via Arbor. Collection at 16:30 Main Playground Gate Year 5 Pets: Book via Arbor. Collection 16:15 Main Playground Gate
Friday 22 September	Gnome Class Forest School	Year 5 and 6 Sports Club: Book via Arbor. Arrival 08:00 Deacon House Gate EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Karate. Contact organiser directly for more information

September

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**

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AROUND SCHOOL

Tuesday DanceMode Club

We are aware of difficulties surrounding the newly arranged KS2 paid dance club on Tuesday.

We have made it clear in a reminder to the organisers of the club that any child who is attending their second session for KS2 aged pupils should be booked into Yeti's After School Club, or collected from school at the end of the school day and brought back in time for the club and not to be left in the hall or other areas of school waiting for the club to begin. Parents should have by now been notified by DanceMode of the correct processes we agreed late in the summer. Children attending this class should be either booked into Yeti's using your SCOPAY account, or be brought to the main playground gate at 16:15.

The decision from DanceMode to run the second club has also meant an earlier finish for the KS1 club. Parents should be available to collect from the main playground gate at 16:15, not 16:30 as advertised on our clubs programme.



DANCEMODE.CO



Election Day

Whilst we hear about turmoil in politics on a daily basis, here at Slade things are run in a more grown up, honest fashion! This week we have been taking part in our own elections by voting for our class Pupil Councillors throughout the week, and then today in the House Captain elections. The latter has seen Year 6 children putting themselves forward and pitching their ideas to the rest of the children in their house (Air, Earth, Fire or Water). The results of this election will be known over the weekend and communicated as soon as we are able to next week.

Across the school, we have also been electing two Pupil Councillors for each KS1 and KS2 class. The councillors will meet in a regular and revamped fashion with teacher co-Ordinator, Mrs Potter. Our congratulations to the following, duly elected members of the Slade Primary School Pupil Council:

Year 1

Pixie Class: Margot and Pippa

Elf Class: Daisy and Henry

Year 2

Gnome Class: Katie and Emilia

Sprite Class: Lilly and Oliwier

Year 3

Pegasus Class: Phoebe and Emma

Hippogriff Class: Melwyn and Liam

Year 4

Phoenix Class: Josh and Teddy

Sphinx Class: Sid and Macie

Year 5

Wyvern: Hayden and Surina

Hydra: Venika and Jack S

Year 6: Awaiting results to be announced early next week

Mrs Potter looks forward to meeting all of the new councillors and to working with them throughout the year.



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Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

All of our parents, carers and friends are invited to join us for a special social event at the end of the month as we join in with schools and organisations across the country in holding a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support from 09:30 on Friday 29 September.

Weather permitting we will be holding the event on the school field* with entry via the Hawden Road Gate to school.

The MacMillan Coffee Morning is a chance to meet and have a friendly chat over a drink and a cake with other parents that you may know, or not (yet!) We are incredibly grateful to the school PTA, who are organising and serving the refreshments, and to our hosts Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett as well as Catherine Barber, our Inclusion Lead who is known to many families already.

They are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar and new faces as we bring together the Slade community for a very worthwhile cause.

Charity Donations

There are of course, no prices attached to the drinks, cakes or cookies at this event. You are invited to enjoy the event free of charge, however it is run with the aim of raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. To meet this aim, we will be providing collection boxes available to make any cash donations of any amount towards the fantastic work that Macmillan provide for those with Cancer and the fight against the disease through research. You can also make quick, easy and secure donations by scanning the QR code to the right or at the entry gates to school.

Cake and Cookie Donations

This event would not be possible without three things: People, Drinks and Cake! We are very grateful to anyone who can donate any cake or cookies for sharing at the Coffee Morning; any donations of homemade or shop bought items can be made on Thursday 28 September. We will have a table for donations set up in at the entrance to Yeti's Breakfast Club, the main playground gate and by the school office at morning drop-off and afternoon collection time. Later donations can also be brought to school on the morning of the event directly to the school office before 09:00.

*In the event of bad weather, the event will be held in the main school hall

[Click here for details on the work that is carried out by Macmillan](#)



SLADE JOURNAL IN OUR COMMUNITY

Aspens' Open Day

Saturday 30th Sept
12pm to 4pm
Cornford Lane,
Pembury, TN2 4QU



Come and find out more about:

- Our services for children, young people and adults
- Our latest job vacancies

Free entry.
All welcome.
Register now or
on the day.



Scan the QR code to register

Visit our: Acorns Day Opportunities Centre, Bluebell Cafe, animal farm and playground, stalls, fun activities and refreshments

aspens.org.uk
Charity No: 1171446



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Our ref: NARS 21827

The Occupier

Important Notification of Street Works

Dear Sir/Madam

Temporary Street Works – OUTSIDE LAND REAR OF 182 HIGH STREET TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN9 1BF

We will be making a new water connection and laying approximately 35m of new pipework to the South East Water main on Annon Street, Tonbridge, in the carriageway and footway. The works are planned to begin on 18th September 2023 for 5 working days. The first 3 days will be running the pipe down the side of the carriageway/footway and will be fully accessible by vehicles (shown in green on below map). The final 2 days will be crossing the pipe over the road to the rear of 180/182 High Street via road closure (shown on below map).

If you require any further information about this work, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 0333 000 0058 option 2. For details of street works happening in your area please go to <https://one.network>.

Yours faithfully

Waterlink Services



Waterlink, a division of South East Water Ltd
Registered Office, South East Water Ltd, Snodland, Kent, ME9 5AH
Registered in England and Wales, Number 02579874

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First School Lunch

The new Elmer and Gruffalo Classes have had a milestone week - today was their first fulltime day at school and Wednesday saw their first experience of school dinners as they stayed for lunch after a morning in class all together.

Sausages were served by Helena and her team from Nourish Contract Catering for the youngest learners' first meal as an EYFS group; and they were a credit to themselves as they all made sure to cut and slice with their knives and forks as well as persevere with attempts at collecting and eating their peas!

Today has been their first whole day in class, bringing to an end the phased start to school.

They have also had their first class photograph taken earlier this morning, which will be submitted to the Kent Messenger Group for the annual First Class picture supplement which will come out later in the Autumn

Both Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock have been delighted with the way all of their class have settled into life at Slade. Congratulations to the children and to all of their families, we hope you have a restful weekend in preparation for next week!



Maidstone Grammar School
for Girls

Non sibi sed omnibus



Secondary School Open Days

At the other end of the school, families of pupils in Year 6 especially, but also those in Year 5, are in the process of considering which secondary schools they would like to choose for the next phase in their educational journey. We encourage all children to visit a range of secondary schools to make a fully informed choice about which ones to select. The only thing we ask is that you let us know in advance of any visits in school time, so we can keep the register accurate and to be able to mark the child absent, without them losing their attendance point.

Click on the following schools who have let us know of their planned Year 5 and 6 open days, Kent Test Sessions, Taster Classes etc:

[Maidstone Grammar School for Girls](#)

[Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys](#)

[Bennett Memorial School, Tunbridge Wells](#)

A reminder to Year 6 parents that Michael Crow, Principal at Leigh Academy Tonbridge, will be giving a talk next Monday (18 September) immediately after school in the Year 6 classrooms. All Year 6 parents and children are welcome. There is no booking required, just wait for re-entry at the Deacon House gate after collection and the talk will begin shortly after.

SLADE SPORT

FITNESS AND WELLBEING

Daily Mile Distance Challenge for Term 1

Mrs Ball will be organising an interschool competition this term, with the prize of spending an afternoon of fun at the Tonbridge Racecourse Park up for grabs for four lucky classes!

Each day, classes across Slade take part in the Daily Mile - strolling, running or even skipping up to 18 laps of the playground for 10 minutes or so.

The Daily Mile is a national programme which allows children some informal exercise and fresh air time out of the classroom and can be used at anytime - especially if the children have been sat for a long time and their learning would benefit from a short break outside.

Our competition will see the class with the highest number of miles run between yesterday and Friday 13 October be able to spend an afternoon of fun and activities at the park next door.



Would you like to spend a Friday afternoon at Tonbridge Park?

If so, grab your running shoes and make sure you participate in the Slade KS1 Daily Mile Challenge

Who will win the prize?

The class in KS1 who completes the most amount of miles between Thursday 14th September and Friday 13th October will spend an afternoon in the last week of term at the park.

Don't forget to keep track of your miles and let Mrs Ball know at the end of each week so we can let you know the results!



Happy running!!



Would you like to spend a Friday afternoon at Tonbridge Park?

If so, grab your running shoes and make sure you participate in the Slade KS2 Daily Mile Challenge

Who will win the prize?

The 3 classes in KS2 who complete the most amount of miles between Thursday 14th September and Friday 13th October will spend an afternoon in the last week of term at the park.

Don't forget to keep track of your miles and let Mrs Ball know at the end of each week so we can let you know the results!



Happy running!!



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 (formerly Twitter) feed @sladeprimarysch



The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

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Our Attendance Target

97.0%

Our Attendance This Week

97.9%

Our Attendance This Year

98.2%

Pupils Late This Week

29

Attendance percentage this year to date by yeargroup:

EYFS	98.9%	Year 2	98.9%	Year 5	98.9%
Year 1	95.2%	Year 3	97.7%	Year 6	97.3%
		Year 4	99.0%		

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 11 September	KS2 Swimming: Wyvern Class	Wyvern Class Parents
Monday 11 September	Visit from Michael Crow	Year 6 Parents
Monday 11 September	Term 1 Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 1 Parents
Monday 11 September	Term 1 Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 2 Parents
Monday 11 September	Term 1 Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 3 Parents
Monday 11 September	Term 1 Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 4 Parents
Monday 11 September	Term 1 Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 5 Parents
Monday 11 September	Term 1 Yeargroup Newsletter	Year 6 Parents
Monday 11 September	Meet the Team Presentation	Year 5 Parents
Monday 11 September	Meet the Team Presentation	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 12 September	Secondary School Open Days	Year 5 and 6 Parents
Tuesday 12 September	Meet the Team Presentation	Year 2 Parents
Tuesday 12 September	Wyvern Class Forest School Highlights	Wyvern Class Parents
Wednesday 13 September	Meet the Team Presentation	Year 3 Parents
Wednesday 13 September	Meet the Team Presentation	Year 1 Parents
Friday 15 September	Library Days	Sprite Class Parents

Date of Post	Subject
Sunday 10 September	Yellow Reading Books
Monday 11 September	Today at Slade
Monday 11 September	To the Ballot Box
Tuesday 12 September	Today at Slade
Tuesday 12 September	Advance Warning: Waterlink Works
Wednesday 13 September	Today at Slade
Wednesday 13 September	Elmer and Gruffalo: First School Lunch
Thursday 14 September	Today at Slade
Thursday 14 September	Seeing your Shadow: Year 3
Friday 15 September	Today at Slade
Friday 15 September	Your Elected Pupil Council
Friday 8 September	Celebration Assembly: Pupils of the Week
Friday 8 September	House Captain Elections

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 behaviour	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

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

Visit our website for our online calendar, statutory information and policies: www.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 £2.45 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.