

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 22 September 2023

KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Many thanks to the many parents, carers and staff who attended the PTA welcome meeting last night which also included the Annual General Meeting too. It was lovely to see so many of you there showing your support and commitment to the school whilst enjoying the drinks and nibbles! The PTA continues to make such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money to provide those additional extras for all of the children across the school to enjoy. Special thanks to committee members who continue to work so enthusiastically planning and providing such exciting opportunities for us all to share in; we are very excited and looking forward to all that is in store for us in the coming months! Thank you everyone!

Following last week's elections, I was delighted to present the newly elected House Captains with their captaincy badges during today's Celebration Assembly! Well done and congratulations to all of our successful candidates! Well done too to all of you for carrying out your first duties of the year so diligently and efficiently during the week, which culminated in assembly this morning; I look forward to working with you all during the coming year! Details of our winning captains feature further on in this newsletter and on our X (Twitter) feed too.

One of the first tasks for our new House Captains will be to help organize our Harvest Celebration which will be celebrated on Thursday 5 October at 9.30am at the Tonbridge Parish Church. We will be looking for volunteers to walk to the church with us and for donations of produce too so please do check out the details that were sent in a separate letter yesterday to see how you can get involved.

On Tuesday we welcomed Polly Sharman our new Local Authority School Improvement Adviser to the school for her first visit this academic year. Polly spent time with myself and senior leaders to hear of the progress that has been made since she last came to visit in 2016! As an Early Years specialist, she particularly enjoyed meeting our new Gruffalo and Elmer children and seeing them already so at home in their indoor and outdoor learning spaces! Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved in making Polly feel so welcome!

Yesterday we bid farewell to Maxine Button, our Family Liaison Officer, after 2 years of working here at Slade. We are very proud that Maxine has been successfully appointed by the Local Authority to the role of School Liaison Officer (SLO), working as part of their county wide attendance team. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all in the Slade community to publicly thank Maxine for all that she has done during her time with us and for the difference that she has made to the children and families with whom she has worked. With all good wishes to you Maxine as you begin your next exciting chapter!

Planning ahead, next week we look forward to welcoming our Class Reps into school on Thursday afternoon for the first meeting of this academic year. This term's 'hot topic' will be 'School Visits and Visitors' so do share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions with your rep if you haven't already done so in order that they can be discussed during the meeting.

Finally, I'm delighted to share that our new school rabbits are no longer nameless and will now be known as Ziggy and Dibbles. Many thanks to everyone for all your very varied and creative suggestions!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade



DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 25 September	
Tuesday 26 September	
Wednesday 27 September	Individual School Photographs by Matthew Walker Photography
Thursday 28 September	14:00 - Class Representative Meeting
Friday 29 September	09:00 - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Sprite Class Forest School Hydra Class Swimming
WEDNESDAY	Pegasus Class Forest School
THURSDAY	Hippogriff Class Forest School Wyvern Class Swimming
FRIDAY	Phoenix Class Forest School

Further Ahead:

Tuesday 3 October

EYFS and Year 6 NCMP

NHS National Child Measurement
Programme Visit

See email sent on Wednesday 20
September

Thursday 5 October

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please see letter sent on Thursday
21 September

Tuesday 10 October -

Thursday 19 October

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

Thankyou to everyone who has
signed up. The payment screen is
now open on Arbor

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AROUND SCHOOL

Individual School Photographs

Next Wednesday, we welcome Matthew Walker back to Slade as he comes to spend the day with us taking the annual individual and family photographs.

We look forward to seeing Matthew again - details on how and when to order the picture taken will be sent next week following Matthew's visit.

For more information about Matthew and his company, Portrait Days, click below:

<https://www.portraitdays.net/>



Macmillan Coffee Morning

From just after drop-off time next Friday (29 September) we will be hosting this year's fundraising coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

This event presents a chance to meet informally with Mrs Slade, Miss Garrett and other members of staff as well as the most important group: you, the parents, carers and friends of Slade.

The star attraction is free cake, cookies and hot and cold drinks, and with the weather forecast for fine and higher than average temperatures at the end of next week, we are confident in Plan A, to hold our coffee morning on the school field. In the event of bad weather, we will be in the school hall. Please meet at the Hawden Road Gate for a 09:00 start.

Thankyou to the PTA for their support in organising and serving the refreshments.

Donation buckets for cash, and online donation links will be available to anyone who is able to put some money towards the amazing work provided by Macmillan, more information of which can be found here: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

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.



Local Road Safety

Thankyou to all of our families who have shown patience and flexibility during this week's road closure in Annison Street.

Annison Street has become very busy since being opened up to traffic in the last couple of years and can now be quite hazardous when walking or cycling to and from school.

We encourage everyone who uses this way to school to remind their children of the dangers when out and about town - especially in Annison Street which is seeing ongoing construction works on the new apartments with the associated semi permanent sight of delivery and construction vehicles parked up, sometimes illegally and dangerously meaning children and parents are often having to walk into the road to pass.



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NOURISH NEWS

Mr Nourish's Birthday: Thursday 5 October

Helena and her team in the kitchen are busy preparing for Mr Nourish's birthday, which is on Thursday 5 October.

To celebrate, we are all looking forward to sharing a special meal day with the funky orange mascot of our contract caterers.

In addition, Helena has planned a competition with star prizes - all you have to do is design and produce a birthday card for Mr Nourish and hand it in to the kitchen or the school office during the day for a chance to win. We will feature all of Mr Nourish's cards in the newsletter on Friday 6 October.



NOURISH GROW WITH US

Mr Nourish's Birthday

Thursday 5th October 2023

Burger in a Bun 1,5	Salad Bar
Vegetable Nuggets 1,6	Herby Diced Potato
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Birthday Cake 1,9
Sweetcorn	Jelly Pots
	Fruit Pots

Competition

DESIGN A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR MR NOURISH
HAND IN TO THE CATERING TEAM
PRIZES TO BE AWARDED ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen: Allergen code: (1) Wheat/Gluten (2) Crustaceans (3) Soybean (4) Mustard (5) Sesame (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide (7) Milk (8) Fish (9) Egg (10) Peanuts (11) Molluscs (12) Celery/Celery (13) Nuts (14) Lupins (15) Out Gluten (16) Barley Gluten (17) Chickpea

Lunch Orders

School meals are free to the following groups:

- All children eligible for benefits related Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding
[Could you be eligible?](#) Click the link to find out.
- All children in EYFS classes
- All children in KS1 classes

All other children in KS2 are charged £2.45 per meal which is payable via your Arbor account. Please make sure the Meals section of your account is loaded with funds before a meal is taken.



Arbor

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PTA NEWS

Eleanor Hoyle, PTA Chair

We held our AGM last night, thank you to everyone who came and joined us. It was great to get things underway for the year, welcome some new parents and talk about the events that are coming up.

The PTA donated c.£13.5k to the school last year for a wide range of items, from school trips to iPads to new basketball hoops to dictionaries. A full breakdown of what our events have raised and what the funding has been spent on will be available in our next PTA newsletter later this term.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped at an event or attended a meeting last year.

The PTA will be helping out with the Macmillan coffee morning at the end of September and with Harvest Festival donations.

Our first big event of the year is Slade Fireworks on Friday 10 November. Information on ticket sales coming soon! In the meantime, if you're able to help with set up or at the event, we really need your help.

These events can only run if we have enough volunteers. All stalls pause during the fireworks so helpers can watch with their families.

If you can help, please get in touch via sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk or join the PTA Helpers WhatsApp at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KLGBIGa2BLrluqMydPUDeh>

Eleanor



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IN OUR COMMUNITY

Former local councillor and friend of Slade, Vivian Branson, would like to invite interested families to an event to be held at the local parish church on the afternoon of Sunday 8 October, details right:

A colorful poster for an event. The top half has a light blue background with white clouds and green trees. The text 'PLANET EARTH - CARING FOR CREATION' is written in yellow. Below that, on a green background, is the text 'WHAT CAN WE DO?' in yellow, 'SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER' in white, and '2-5pm at St Peter & St Paul, Tonbridge' in white. At the bottom, on a dark green background, is the text 'ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES! WRITING, POETRY, PRAYERS, PAINTING' in yellow, and 'FREE EVENT WITH REFRESHMENTS' in white on a blue speech bubble.

**PLANET EARTH -
CARING FOR CREATION**

WHAT CAN WE DO?

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER
2-5pm at St Peter & St Paul, Tonbridge

Parish wide celebration of the beauty of creation
Opportunity to discover more about local & global initiatives
Reflect on what each of us can do to be part of healing planet earth

**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!
WRITING, POETRY,
PRAYERS, PAINTING**

**FREE EVENT
WITH
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SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Last week was Election Week at Slade, with concurrent voting going on across the school for both Pupil Council and House Captains. The Pupil Council sit with Mrs Potter and discuss arrange of topics across the year with the aim of the councillors learning about democracy, debate and decision making. The House Captains have a range of responsibilities to both their houses (Air, Earth, Fire and Water) as well as representing the school at events. The elected members and captains received their badges in Celebration Assembly today.



Olivia and Oluwatobi



Laith and Lilana



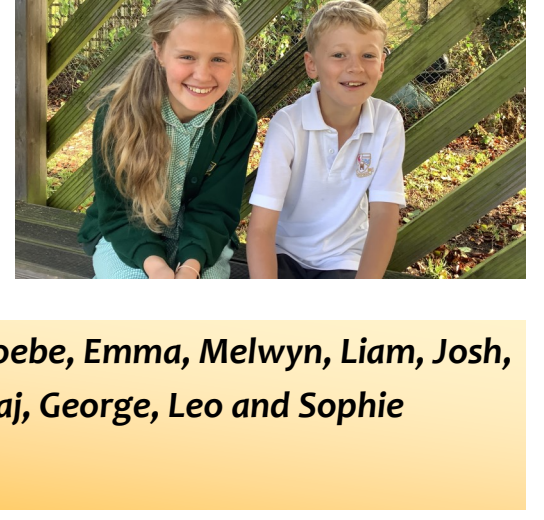
Charlotte and Freddy



Victoria and Poppy

HOUSE CAPTAINS

PUPIL COUNCIL



Margot, Pippa, Daisy, Henry, Katie, Emilia, Lilly, Oliwier, Phoebe, Emma, Melwyn, Liam, Josh, Teddy, Sid, Macie, Hayden, Surina, Venika, Jack, Riitaj, George, Leo and Sophie

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.

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

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

Our Attendance
Target

97.0%

Our Attendance
This Week

97.3%

Our Attendance
This Year

97.6%

Attendance percentage this year to date by yeargroup:

EYFS	98.4%	Year 2	98.7%	Year 5	98.3%
Year 1	95.0%	Year 3	97.1%	Year 6	98.4%
		Year 4	98.6%		

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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.

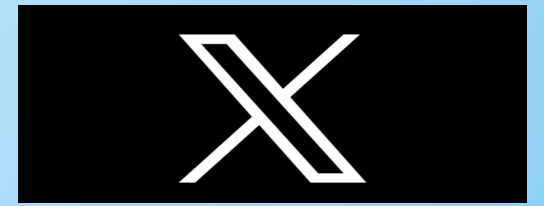
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Pupils Late
This Week

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SLADE ON X

X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



We 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 Post	Subject
Monday 18 September	Today at Slade + Michael Crow Visit
Tuesday 19 September	Today at Slade + Polly Sharman Visit
Wednesday 20 September	Today at Slade + Heavy Rain Expected
Thursday 21 September	Today at Slade + Annison Street Closure Reminder
Thursday 21 September	PTA Used Uniform Sale
Thursday 21 September	Goodbye Maxine
Thursday 21 September	House Captain Announcement
Friday 22 September	Today at Slade
Friday 22 September	Celebration Assembly: Pupils of the Week
Friday 22 September	Celebration Assembly: Attendance and Punctuality Winners



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YOUR WAYS 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.

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.

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.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday

Year 1-4 French

KS1 and KS2 Musical

Theatre

KS2 Football

Year 4-6 Netball

EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills

KS1 and KS2 BSL

Tuesday

Year 3 and 4 Choir

KS1 Street Dance:

KS2 Cricket

Year 4 Pets

Wednesday

Year 4 -6 Choir

KS2 Sports Club

KS1 and KS2 Athletics

KS1 and KS2 Art

Thursday

Year 5 & 6 Signing

Choir

Year 2 & 3 Sports Club

Year 4-6 Dance

Year 5 Pets

Friday

Year 5 and 6 Sports

Club

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Karate

[Full Details: Times, Prices, Ways to Book and more via the school website](#)

Free Clubs run by staff at Slade with spaces

Free Clubs run by staff at Slade Currently Full

Paid Clubs: Contact Organiser for full details