

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Newsletter Term 1 Issue 6

Friday 13 October 2023

KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

There was much excitement amongst those classes who had their library sessions earlier today as they took a peek inside the book cases that were delivered from Scholastic, marking the start of our book fair. And what a beautiful selection of books from which to browse and choose it is too! The fair will be open in the main hall after school from this afternoon until Thursday next week, providing opportunity for you to spend time with your children viewing the latest children's literature that is available to buy should you wish to do so. The fair will be open during parent consultation evenings too with every book bought earning commission for the school to invest in buying more books to replenish the school library and class book corners too. Every little helps, so please do stop by and take a look if you can!

A special mention this week for pupils in Year 6 who have enjoyed spending their days across the week outside completing their Bikeability training. Bikeability is a cycling course that teaches children the practical skills of cycling whilst also providing an understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads. Well done Year 6; we look forward to hearing of how your training progresses in the coming weeks!

A quick reminder that Parent Consultation meetings are being held next week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 4pm and 7pm, with access to the school site via the main playground gate. These 10-minute meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with teachers in the classroom environment to hear firstly of how your child has settled into their new year group. You will also be informed of the progress that your child has made to date with their learning and be made aware of areas for development, including, where applicable, with your child's behaviour and attendance too. There is much to discuss during these meetings so we ask that everyone attending keeps to the time slots allocated, whilst being mindful that any slippage in timings impacts on the time available to other parents after you. We look forward to seeing you in school across the two evenings!

We also look forward to welcoming the parents of children in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes into school during the daytime next week too when we will be holding the Reception 'Meet the Team' meetings. In addition to meeting the Reception Team of adults, this is also an opportunity for parents to find out more about the learning in the early years, with a focus on phonics, and to suggest ideas and activities for you to support your children with their early education at home too. There will also be an opportunity for you to pop into your child's classroom to say hello to them in their lovely learning environment! Do check out the dates and times as listed in today's Reception newsletter.

A reminder please that when dropping off or collecting pupils, including at Breakfast and After School Club, parking is not permitted opposite the school car park entrance, outside the former Power Station. In addition, in order to safeguard all children and staff, the Deacon House driveway and car park is not for parental parking at any time either, even when collecting from Yetis at the end of the day. Thank you for your co-operation with both of these matters as we aim to keep all of our community safe during these busy times in the school day.

Finally, some baby news this week! Congratulations to Amie-Jo Riseborough, Teaching Assistant, on the arrival of her baby girl Amelie who was born safe and well last weekend. We are all looking forward to seeing baby Amelie and mum on the playground sometime soon! I am sure that you all join with me in sending best wishes to Amie-Jo and her family.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade



DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 16 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Group B
Tuesday 17 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Group C Who am I? Day - See Page 5 16:00 - 19:00 Parent - Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 18 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Group D EYFS Meet the Team (Morning Session)
Thursday 19 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Group E EYFS Meet the Team (Afternoon Session) 16:00 - 19:00 Parent - Teacher Consultations
Friday 20 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Group F Last Day of Term 1

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Pixie Class Forest School Hydra Class Swimming - this is the last session
WEDNESDAY	Elf Class Forest School
THURSDAY	Gnome Class Forest School Wyvern Class Swimming - this is the last session
FRIDAY	Sprite Class Forest School

Further Ahead:

Monday 30 October

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Welcome Back!

Tuesday 31 October

CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

All Year 6 children should have
their applications made via the
[KCC website](#) by this date

Wednesday 15 November

EYFS INTAKE SEPTEMBER 24

OPEN MORNING

This event is sold out

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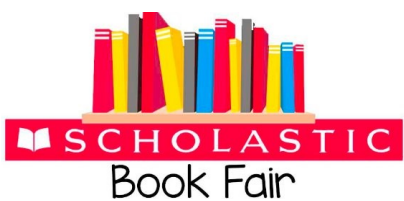
Yeti's in Term 2

The booking window for securing Term 2 sessions at Yeti's Wraparound Provision (Breakfast and After School Clubs) will open on your SCOPAY account at 20:00 on Monday 16 October.

Term 2 starts on Monday 30 October and runs through to Friday 15 December inclusive.

Please remember that your SCOPAY account must be topped up with funds in advance of booking, this includes those parents who pay using childcare vouchers. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of Wraparound at Slade, please contact us via yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk.

This is also the email address to use if your child attends an After School Activity before going to Yeti's for the last hour. We can save you money in these circumstances, however we ask that you confirm your activity booking and book a full 'Late' Yeti's session in advance.



Scholastic Book Fair

The travelling Book Fair opens today! The fair will be open after school each day until 16:00 for browsing and purchasing of books from the stalls and all of the children will have a chance to see which books are on offer by visiting the fair during their regular lessons next week up until the fair closes on Thursday evening at the Parent - Teacher Consultations.

Payment for books will be by card, using a QR Code on the posters situated on our noticeboards around school. There will be plenty of these codes available to use at the fair.

Each book sold at the fair in this way earns commission for the school as we continue to expand the titles available in our library and across Slade.

A reminder that as a result of the Book Fair being situated in the school hall, the following clubs have been cancelled: Tonight's Karate, Musical Theatre on Monday, DanceMode on Tuesday and the Year 2/3 Sports Club with Mrs Ball on Thursday.

Term 2 Clubs

Mrs Ball has been busy finalising the new term Activity line-up, which will be available to view on the school website next week.

Please remember to book and pay for independent clubs directly with the club provider, and to book free to attend school run clubs via your Arbor account when advised.

The clubs will begin on the first week of term (Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November) and will run every week until Monday 4 December - Friday 8 December. Clubs do not run on the final week of Term 2 (Monday 11 December - Friday 20 December).



School Photograph Ordering Deadline

Matthew Walker has kindly reminded us that any parent who wishes to take advantage of the free delivery on individual school photographs should do so by 23:59 on Sunday 15 October.

Photographs can still be ordered after the weekend, however postage and packing fees will be added for home delivery.

KS2 Swimming

The Year 5 classes have been enjoying their swimming lessons this term, the last sessions will be next week.

Next term, Year 6 classes will be going to the pool, details on when to sign your child up to and pay for these lessons will follow on Monday.



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Anyone for Golf?

We have received an invitation from Kent School Games to take part in their Year 3 and 4 Thinking ME themed Golf Festival.

Aimed at Year 3 and 4 pupils who have never tried the game of golf before, or find the development of their cognitive skills tricky, the event will allow them to make effective decisions and evaluations through Golf activities.

The event takes place at the Mid Kent Golf Club, Singlewell Road, DA11 7RB on Wednesday 1 November. If your child is in Year 3 or 4 and fancies trying out at this event, please contact Mrs Ball via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Applications of interest must be in by Wednesday 18 October and the children must be able to be taken to the Mid Kent Golf Club by 10:30 on the day of the event. No equipment is required.



Who am I Day?

We are all looking forward to our annual Who am I? cultural day next Tuesday. This event allows the children to share stories and items from their unique lives.

We appreciate any exhibits that are brought to school and ask that the children ask for your permission if they are planning on sharing items with delicate and sentimental or financial value.



What do I need to do?

We would like everybody to celebrate together our diversity here at Slade by bringing in clothes or items* that represent your culture, faith or identity.

For example

- A Christian might bring in a cross or a bible and share their favourite passage.
- A dancer might bring in their dance shoes to show the rest of the class along with their best dance moves!
- A sports person might bring in a trophy they have won and explain how they worked hard to reach this achievement.

When?

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Why?

To celebrate our differences and have the opportunity to learn about all the different cultures and religions that makes our school wonderful!

*Please Note

You must have permission from an adult to bring in any clothing or items from home

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Year 6 Bikeability

41 children have all been taking part in Bikeability training this week as they strive to become able and confident riders, with the skills to safely ride their bikes around the local streets and parks.

Every one of the children passed their Level 1 programme - which includes cycle maintenance, safe handling of the cycle, control and road safety knowledge.

The first of our Level 2 cyclists took to the local roads today, with the rest following every day next week. Level 2 allows the children to perfect their Level 1 skills in a real life situation. The instructors cycle at the front and rear of the children when they are on the public highway in order to maintain complete safety.

Thankyou to all of the team at Kent County Council Bikeability for your continued support, it has been great seeing you again this week!



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PTA NEWS

Christmas Gifts

Michelle Hogg, PTA Christmas Committee

A reminder to all parents that **Wednesday 18 October** is the last day for ordering Christmas gifts of your children's artwork. Full instructions were included with your child's artwork. Please note all orders must be placed online and the school cannot accept any orders or payment.

Whether it be cards, wrapping paper or even a Christmas decoration for granny's Christmas tree, please do have a look online as there is a lot on there that would make wonderful gifts for friends and family.

A percentage of the sales will go towards the PTA fund which goes back to supporting the children and wonderful staff at Slade.

For any queries please email sladexmasgifts@yahoo.com.



Keep an eye on the newsletter and on the PTA Facebook page for all of the fun activities coming up through the Autumn and Christmas seasons.



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SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

Francesca's Super Show Jumping

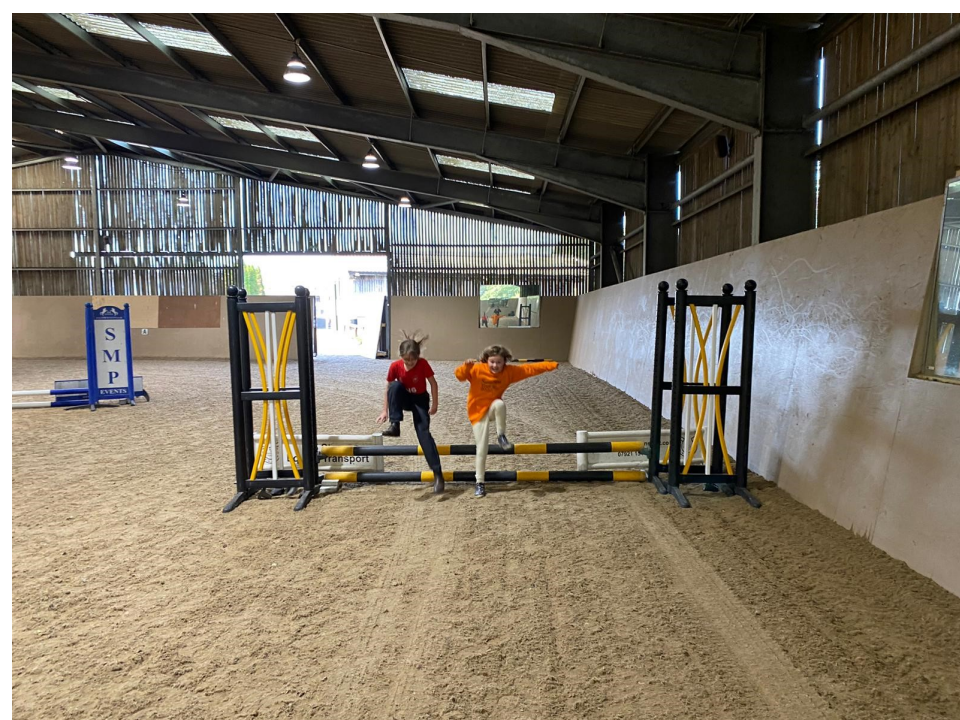
Keen readers will remember that last week we reported on Francesca and Buttercup taking part in an interschool show jumping competition - Francesca's first representing the school.

We are incredibly proud to report that Francesca and Buttercup finished 8th out of 22, with the placements above her all from world renowned private and preparatory schools.

We spoke to a very pleased Francesca, who told us: 'I was really nervous going into the first or second jumps and at this time Buttercup started to speed up and I felt much more confident. I was really proud of Buttercup because she did not let anything stop her from doing her best; if a fence fell, it was not her fault and she kept going. It was a lot of fun.'

There is no rest for Buttercup or Francesca, they are back training together after school tonight and this will be followed by a Pony Club team competition this weekend.

We hope to hear lots more about Francesca's exploits as the year goes on.



Francesca and Buttercup in action last weekend.

They were supported at the event in Hadlow by friends Lily and Anaïs kind of got the idea (and had lots of fun!)

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

We know that there are many benefits to being on social media, including messaging apps such as WhatsApp. However, with all aspects of online life there are dangers to all users, especially to children if we are not aware, responsible and alert.

The guide below helps parents to keep their child safe on WhatsApp.

For more online security information and helpful advice, visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>



The infographic features a WhatsApp logo at the top left, the title 'WhatsApp safety guide for parents' in large green and blue text, and the 'internet matters.org' logo in a green box at the top right. It includes three yellow boxes with statistics: '16+' (WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK), '58%' (Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp), and '37%' (Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp). An illustration of a woman in a blue shirt holding a tablet with a checkmark is on the right. Below the statistics is a section titled '5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp' with five numbered tips, each accompanied by an icon in a yellow box. At the bottom, there is a green 'internet matters.org' box and social media handles for Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

WhatsApp safety guide for parents

internet matters.org

16+
WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

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5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

- 1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
- 2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
- 3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
- 4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
- 5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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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

95.6%

Our Attendance
This Year

96.6%

Attendance percentage this year to date by yeargroup:

EYFS	97.9%	Year 2	98.1%	Year 5	97.2%
Year 1	95.3%	Year 3	95.9%	Year 6	97.9%
		Year 4	97.3%		

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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.

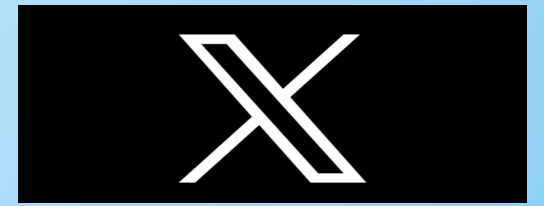
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Pupils Late
This Week

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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
Saturday 7 October	Hello, Buttercup!
Monday 9 October	Today at Slade
Tuesday 10 October	Today at Slade: Bikeability is Back!
Wednesday 11 October	Today at Slade
Wednesday 11 October	Stage 1 Bikeability
Thursday 12 October	Today at Slade
Thursday 12 October	Year 6 River System Home Learning
Thursday 12 October	Stage 1 Bikeability Success
Thursday 12 October	Year 6 Boats and Beavers
Thursday 12 October	Yuvraj's River Model
Friday 13 October	Today at Slade
Friday 13 October	Book Fair
Friday 13 October	Celebration Assembly



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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

KS2 Football

Year 4-6 Netball

EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills

KS1 and KS2 BSL

Tuesday

Year 3 and 4 Choir

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 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