SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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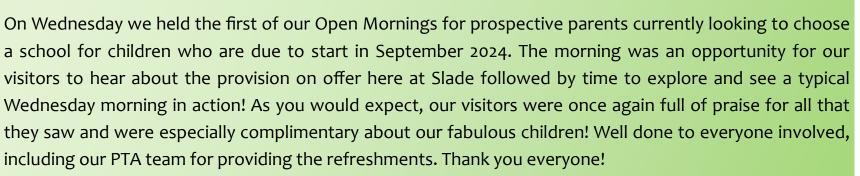
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KAREN SLADE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done and thank you to everyone for supporting us with our fundraising today for BBC Children in Need. We've all been very excited in our 'own clothes' which once again made for a very colourful Zoom celebration assembly this morning! In addition, there was a super surprise at lunchtime when none other than Pudsey himself showed up to work a shift in the dining hall, lending a helping hand serving 'puds' to children having lunch! Pudsey popped by to personally say a huge thank you to everyone at Slade for their generosity when donating to this fabulous charity and very worthy cause. Thank you everyone! Do check out the photos further on in the newsletter and on our X feed too. For anyone still wishing to contribute to this worthy cause then donations can be made at: Slade Primary School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need (justgiving.com)



Throughout the week children and staff have all been making a noise about bullying! As part of national 'Anti-Bullying Week', coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, the children have joined in with other schools across the country by exploring the theme 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. The focus this year has been to empower everyone, whether in school, at home, in the community or online, to find their voice and speak out against bullying in order to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. We continue to encourage all children to take action against bullying not just this week but throughout the year so please do email or call your child's class teacher if your child has shared any concerns regarding their relationships in school with you.

Huge congratulations to Mrs. Nicola Hill (Sprite Class Teacher) and Mrs. Pip Clark (Elf TA) who this week have had their first children's book published! As some of you may be aware, Mrs. Hill's creation of 'Fergus the Frog', brought to life by Mrs. Clark's beautiful artwork, has been a firm favourite with some of our children in recent years as they have used the story of 'Fergus the Mixed-Up Frog' to explore their emotions and feelings. We are delighted that more children will now be able to use Fergus to help them regulate their emotions too with the book now live to order on Amazon! Our school order has already been placed! Well done Nicky and Pip, we are all very proud of you both!

Looking ahead, on Monday we will be welcoming our new Family Liaison Officer (FLO), Libby Wilmshurst, to our growing pastoral team here at Slade. Libby is an experienced FLO, who joins us from Broadwater Down Primary School in Tunbridge Wells. Do look out for Libby on the school gate in the coming days and say hello or drop her a line to introduce yourself at the FLO email address.

Finally, we currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor in school and are in the process of recruiting to this team. Do get in touch or catch me on the gate to find out more if this is something that you might be interested in. Details of the application process can be found on the Kent Teach website.

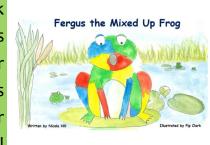
Have a lovely weekend,

















Next Week:

Day	Event	
Monday 20 November		
Tuesday 21 November		
Wednesday 22 November	Prospective Parents Open Event - See Page 4	
	PTA Used Uniform Donation Day - See Page 6	
Thursday 23 November	PTA Used Uniform Donation Day - See Page 6	
Friday 24 November	13:30 - 15:30: Nationwide Building Society	
	Workshop with Year 6	
	15:15 - 16:00 PTA Quality Second Hand Uniform Sale - See Page 6	

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY		
TUESDAY	Gnome Class Forest School Dragon Class Swimming	
WEDNESDAY	Sprite Class Forest School	
THURSDAY	Pegasus Class Forest School Griffin Class Swimming	
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class Forest School	

Further Ahead:

Thursday 30 November

NHS MEDICAL QUESTIONNARE

Visit to Year 6 Classes



Wednesday 29 November

Friday 1 December

COOKING EXPERIENCE AT

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

Year 5 Classes

Friday 24 November

NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY

Talking with Year 5 Classes



SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Welcome to Slade, Aadhyaben

We were delighted to welcome Aadhyaben to Slade on Wednesday, for her first day with us in Miss Elliott and Miss Maple's Year 1 Pixie Class.

The children in Pixie Class have all shown their kindness by helping Aahyaben settle so well and so quickly in to life at school.

Our warm welcome is extended to the family of Aadhyaben, with who we hope to share a long, happy and successful relationship.



Absence and Early Collection



Parents should all be aware that any non-illness related request of absence from school, or occasion where a child is being collected from school early must be first put in to writing and sent to the school office email address: office@slade.kent.sch.uk. It is not appropriate to send these requests to the class email address.

In addition, to maintain safety for all of our pupils and staff and to encourage robust safeguarding, children who are being collected early from school should be collected only by someone who is listed as a contact on your child's Arbor account.

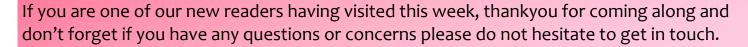
You can add contacts to Arbor by logging in and visiting the profile page. If you wish to delete a contact, please alert the school office via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Primary Application Open Events

It was fantastic to see so many families join us on Wednesday for our first of three pre application open events for parents of children who will be starting primary school in September 2024.

We had over 90 visitors and it was lovely to hear their positive feedback and impressions of all of the children at Slade who they had the chance to meet and speak with during normal lesson time.

A reminder that the second open event is sold out and takes place next Wednesday from 09:15. Please try to avoid the school office at this time as it will be busier than usual.





30 NOVEMBER

Sphinx Class Rescheduled Forest School

Due to reasons beyond our control, the Forest School session for Sphinx Class has had to be changed from Wednesday 29 November to the new date, a day later on Thursday 30 November.

The online calendar has been amended to reflect this change. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Late Bookings for Yeti's

We understand that emergencies and unforeseen events happen and we aim to assist when a child needs to be booked into Yeti's Wraparound After School Provision at late notice. Please always bear in mind where you have forgotten to make a booking rather than it being an emergency that places can only be booked by staff in the school office on the day of the required session if spaces are available and where credit is already in your SCOPAY account. In emergencies, this credit should be put into the account within 24 hours of the session being taken.



SLADE JOURNAL FOCUS ON EYFS







Help in the Community: Paramedics

On Monday, we were thrilled and privileged to be joined by paramedics Tabitha and Christian. They were at Slade to visit Elmer and Gruffalo Classes to help them learn about people who help us in our community.

The morning was a wonderful and exciting learning experience for the EYFS children, who found out all about a day in the life of a paramedic and their colleagues across hospitals in the NHS and at South East Coast Ambulance NHS Trust.

To help with the latter, they brought with them an emergency ambulance and were able to show every child, in small groups, both the driving cab (and the emergency lights and sirens) and the back part of the vehicle where lives are saved and where patients in great need of specialist medical attention are treated and transported to hospital.

Christian was pleased to be able to demonstrate how the vital equipment in the rear of the ambulance was used to care for patients. The children had the opportunity to try the pulse oximeter is the device that is placed on your fingertip and measures the oxygen saturation of the blood and the pulse rate. Oxygen saturation gives information about the amount of oxygen carried in the blood. They saw how the ear thermometer worked, where the patient laid and how they were kept safe by being strapped in whilst on the bed. They also found out where the paramedic sat and what they would do on route to hospital.









Meanwhile, Tabitha was providing the children with a real treat and a highlight of the morning - the chance to sit in the driver's seat and pretend they were making the difference by getting to hospital safely and quickly - they also saw the blue lights go on and the siren sound!

Tabitha also showed everyone the secrets of the cupboards on the side of the ambulance which include oxygen and other equipment.

Tabitha and Christian later presented the classes with bandages and slings that they are already using in their play and also a knitted paramedic which was the perfect memento of a very special day!

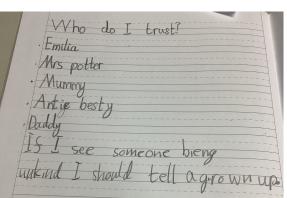
Our sincere thanks to Tabitha, Christian and everyone at South East Coast Ambulance NHS Trust for a wonderful morning, which will be remembered for a long time by our youngest learners.



SLADE JOURNAL

AROUND SCHOOL





Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and each class has spent some time concentrating on kindness and what to do if they, or someone they see, is being bullied.

Importantly, the children have learnt what it means to be bullied and how important it is to speak up and 'Make a Noise' about Bullying when we see or hear it happening.

The KS1 classes explored our differences, and why difference should be celebrated and accepted, rather than being a reason to be unkind.

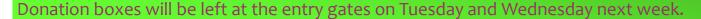
Finally, we discussed ideas of people we could speak to if we were worried about anything, including ChildLine and the work they do to help children who need help, often through bullying either at school or elsewhere.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the children's learning in this area this week please contact the class teacher via the class email address.

For more information on the work of the Anti Bullying Alliance and why their projects are so important, please visit their website: anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Term 2 Uniform Sale: Next Friday

Sahar and her team will be on the school playground next Friday afternoon after school, selling quality used branded uniform along with PE Kit, skirts and trousers. Cash and card payments are accepted if you are looking for something for the winter months!







Children in Need Pupil Council Fundraiser

Today is the annual Children in Need day which aims on raising money to 'make sure that every child has the childhood they deserve – and the support they need to thrive.'

The official Children in Need website states that:



'We are committed to funding the grassroots organisations and project workers across the UK that provide the vital positive relationships children need to help them navigate the challenges in their lives. Our project workers support, inspire and champion them to ensure they have opportunities and can reach their goals. And that will always be our approach.

We fund thousands of charities and projects in every corner of the UK, that support children and young people to feel and be safer, have improved mental health and wellbeing, form better, more positive relationships and be given more equal opportunities to flourish.'



Our Pupil Council requested that Children in Need be one of their designated special days, and have organised a non-uniform event so that children across Slade could leave their normal school clothes in the cupboard this morning and come dressed in something of their choice to help express their desire to help the charity, which Mrs Slade has spoken about in her Celebration Assembly this morning and also in class with the teachers.



For those who wish to donate some money towards the Children in Need Appeal, we have set up a Just Giving page below via justgiving.com

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sladeprimaryschool-169952546694

Thankyou so much to everyone who has donated so far, already over £450 has been raised after our message in last week's newsletter and on our X Feed.

SLADE JOURNAL PTA NEWS

Christmas Day at Slade: Friday 8 December

PTA Christmas Committee

During the morning the PTA will hold their annual **Christmas Sale** - this is a fabulously festive opportunity for the children to buy small gifts for their family, which will be wrapped and labelled ready to pop under the tree! All gifts will be priced at 50p.

PTA Christmas Sale

We ask each family to donate several good-quality items for the Christmas Sale that you would be happy to receive as a gift yourself. If your child wishes to buy for four people please donate four gifts; if you have two children at Slade who both wish to buy for four people, please donate eight gifts....we appreciate it soon adds up!

Donations could include:

Unused toiletries, cosmetics, aftershave and perfume

Make-up bags, scarves, socks

Unused candles, wax melts etc.

Unused pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, keyrings etc for siblings

Small, unused/unopened toys e.g. Lego sets, small puzzles, games

Chocolates, sweets and luxury food items (NO NUTS please, but vegan, gluten and dairy free options welcomed)

Golf balls, sports-related items, socks etc for male grown-ups

Gift bags, tags, ribbons, christmas stickers for decorating presents

Historically, the 'Dad/Male Grown-Up' table has been a little disappointing. When thinking about your gift donations here are some additional ideas that might help us show the men in our lives a little extra love this year!!

Socks, socks, socks....but also.....

Mugs, cups, glasses, coasters

Ties, cufflinks

Picture frames

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate

Spicy sauces, jams, chutney, condiments

Stationary and books

Mini tools or gadgets

Desk toys or Lego figures

Card games

Biscuits and chocolate



On the 8th December, each child needs to bring a named purse and a named carrier bag to bring the gifts home – we'll do the rest!

Christmas Raffle and Christmas Jumper Sale

In the run up to Christmas the PTA will hold a second hand Christmas jumper sale. We would welcome donations of any Christmas jumpers in good condition.

We would also be grateful for any donations of luxury food and drink items for the Christmas Raffle. We have a fabulous team of volunteers waiting to make up some beautiful hampers that you will have chance to win before the end of term. You can donate these items on any donation day, but the earlier the better.

Donation Dates

A donation table will be placed at the main entrance gates at drop off on the following days:





Stunning Fireworks Show Breaks Records!

Caroline Zuber

The PTA Committee is delighted to announce that following everyone's incredible support, the Firework Night raised over £4,500.

Thank you so much to everyone that helped, bought a ticket or enjoyed a hot dog!!

This is such a wonderful amount to be able to spend on additional resources for the school for all our children to benefit from.

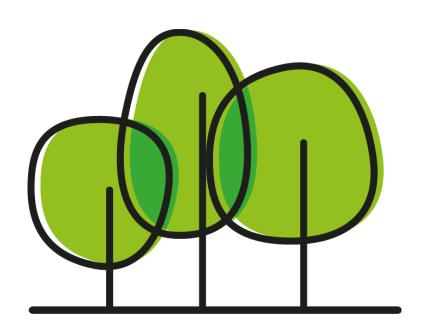








SLADE JOURNAL FOREST SCHOOL



Forest School Parent Volunteers

We are currently looking for a team of parent volunteers to support our Forest School Leader Miss Hall, assisting in the provision of a safe, caring, stimulating, and enriching environment for all Forest School participants. Forest School enables children to have positive, hands-on experiences in the outdoors, connecting with, and learning about the natural world. The sessions also help improve mental well-being - developing self-esteem, boosting confidence, and building resilience.

Why should I consider becoming a volunteer for Slade Forest School?

Make a difference in the lives of the children, helping them feel a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world around them.

Help to provide unique opportunities, supporting holistic development and learning through fun experiences in our woodland setting.

Help the children feel good about themselves, boost self-esteem, confidence and develop practical skills.

Experience your own increased well-being and improved physical and mental health through interaction with nature.

Observing and contributing to the increased well-being of those interacting with Forest School.

Try new things and develop your own skills in native plants, making and using tools, fire lighting amongst many others.

What will I be doing?

Help with forest school, natural outdoor play, craft activities.

Help with upkeep of tools and equipment.

Help with supervision of children.

Help set up and tidy up after activities.

Encourage a respect for nature.

Model weather positivity.

This role is subject to all the usual DBS checks and volunteer inductions, if you feel this is something you could support with, please contact Forest School Leader, Tina Hall via thall@slade.kent.sch.uk stating which day of the week you would be able to help and whether this is morning or afternoon.

Sessions run from 9 till 12:30 in the morning and 13:00 until 15:30 in the afternoon. We are hoping to have enough volunteers to have a rolling programme of support so it may be that you are not required every week

(due to timetabling needs we cannot guarantee that you will be supporting your child's class).









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.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Sunday 12 November	Griffin Class Forest School Highlights	Griffin Class Parents
Monday 13 November	GLA Christmas Carols	Year 3/4 Choir Participants
Monday 13 November	Nourish Christmas Menu	All School
Tuesday 14 November	Hearing and Vision Screening	EYFS Parents
Wednesday 15 November	Pixie Class Forest School Highlights	Pixie Class Parents
Friday 17 November	Putting on a Show: EYFS	EYFS Parents
Friday 17 November	Putting on a Show: Year 1	Year 1 Parents
Friday 17 November	Putting on a Show: Year 2	Year 2 Parents

HERE TO HELP 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	Your child's class email address:
Concerns about bullying and behaviour	classname@slade.kent.sch.uk
Absence and Sickness, School Trips, Payments, School Events	
Special Educational Needs (SEND)	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
General Enquiries	
Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
Yeti's Wraparound	General queries: and Childcare Voucher payments:
	<u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
	Late Collections: 01732 377760
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
Slade PTA	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
The Governing Body and Chair of Governors	governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Complaints	slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk
GDPR Information and Reporting	eugdpr@slade.kent.sch.uk or slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk

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

94.8%

Our Attendance This Year

95.9%

Attendance percentage this year to date by yeargroup:

EYFS

95.5%

ear 1 95.0

Year 2

97.6%

Year 3

95.8%

Year 4 96.7%

Year 5 96

Year 6 94.8%

SLADE STATS PUNCTUALITY

Registers are taken 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

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.

Subject
Children in Need
Anti-Bullying Week
Today at Slade
South East Coast Ambulance Paramedics Visit to EYFS
Today at Slade
Today at Slade
Today at Slade
PTA Fireworks
Winter Reading Challenge
Today at Slade
No Road Crossing Patrol This Morning
Pudsey Bear, Special Guest!
Celebration Assembly

















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.

SLADE+ EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday

Year 1-4 French

KS2 Football

Year 4-6 Netball

KS2 Drama & Musical
Theatre

EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills

KS1 and KS2 BSL

Tuesday

Year 3 and 4 Choir

KS1/KS2 Street Dance

KS2 Cricket

Sewing

Wednesday

Year 4 -6 Choir

Year 2/3 Gym

Year 6 Pets

KS1 and KS2 Athletics

KS1 and KS2 Art

Ihursday

Year 5 & 6 Signing

Choir

Year 4-6 Dance

KS2 Sports

Friday

Year 5 and 6 Sports

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