

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Newsletter Term 4 Issue 1

Friday 23 February 2024

KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a super half term break and are looking forward to everything that we have planned for Term 4.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding this week whilst dealing with our limited communication systems due to disruption with our telephone and internet services, brought about by our service provider Cantium and impacting a number of schools and services county wide. A huge thank you too to all the staff for responding and adapting to the lack of internet so swiftly during this time. Fingers crossed that normal service will have resumed by Monday morning!



Thank you too to everyone who took part in the PTA 'Smarties' challenge over the February half term! It has been lovely to see the tubes bursting at the seams as they have been returned to school this week. The children have clearly been very helpful during the break and the adults have all been very generous too so thank you everyone; we are all looking forward to finding out how much your hard work has raised! Thank you also to our parent volunteers who organised this lovely gift and fundraiser for all of our children to enjoy. If you would like to find out more of the PTA's fundraising plans for the year and become more involved in the activities then we would love to see you at our meeting on Wednesday next week at 7:30pm in the school hall; I look forward to seeing you there!



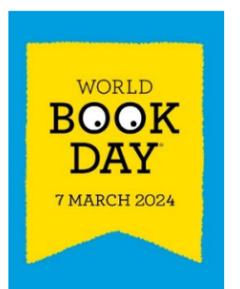
Internet permitting, this term's year group newsletters will all be dropping into your inboxes next week; these are a great opportunity for you to find out more of what your child will be learning throughout this term and offer ways in which you can support your child too. Don't forget to take a look too at February's Maths newsletter which is jam packed with maths-based activities for you to enjoy as a family at home and also includes an update on this month's Times Tables Rock Stars competition.



Also, in assembly today, children were reminded 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 or letter to either myself or Miss Garrett. We will be paying special attention to everyone's footwear in the coming days so please ensure that your child is wearing the correct shoes to school or get in touch if there is a reason why this will not be possible. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing all of our school uniform regulations with your children.



Planning ahead, this year's annual World Book Day is planned for Thursday 7th March, in order that all children can participate in this annual event should they wish to do so. Thank you to the English Team for organising and planning this year's book filled bonanza of events and reading based activities for us all to enjoy. So, whether you plan to come dressed as your favourite book character, or wear your pyjamas to school or maybe choose to wear your own clothes and bring your favourite book along we're sure that there will be something for everyone to enjoy!



Finally, at the end of Term 3 we said goodbye and good luck to Nasreen Mohamed who left her role as Teaching Assistant, heading off to pastures new as she returns to her former career of archaeologist after 5.5 years working here at Slade. Many thanks from us all Nasreen; wishing you every success and happiness in your new role!



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade

DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 26 February	
Tuesday 27 February	
Wednesday 28 February	PTA Meeting 19:30 in school - See Page 6
Thursday 29 February	
Friday 1 March	

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

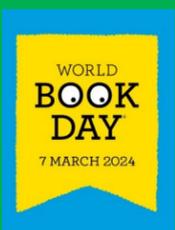
MONDAY	Pixie Class Forest School
TUESDAY	Elf Class Forest School Pegasus Class Swimming—This is the first session. Please make sure you have consented and paid via your Arbor App or Portal
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Gnome Class Forest School Sphinx Class Swimming
FRIDAY	Sprite Class Forest School

Further Ahead:

Thursday 7 March

WORLD BOOK DAY

See Page 5



Tuesday 19 March

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
FINALS DAY

Slough Town FC

Girls U11 Team representing
Tonbridge Angels

Tuesday 19 March

Thursday 21 March

PARENT - TEACHER
CONSULTATIONS

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AROUND SCHOOL

Welcome to Slade, Michael

This week has seen a new arrival into Miss Taylor's Hippogriff Class in Year 3.

We were delighted to welcome Michael to Slade as he enjoyed his first week with us.

It is especially exciting for Michael to be starting his new school, as he has finally been able to join his sister, Michelle, who has been with us for a while and is currently in Year 5.

We are delighted to have both siblings with us at Slade and we know that we will be continuing the happy and successful relationship we already have with Michael's family.

We hope you have had a super week Michael!



Broken Connections

All of our parents, carers and friends will be aware that this has been a difficult and interesting first week back to school for Term 4 as we have suffered from connectivity problems which have taken away our internet and telephone systems.

This has meant that we have been unable to receive or send standard (non Arbor) emails or receive telephone calls into school since Tuesday afternoon.

This serious issue has affected schools and councils across areas in Kent and continues to be investigated and worked on at Kent County Council contractors Cantium and via Openreach, a company wholly owned by BT Group plc, that maintains the telephone cables, ducts, cabinets and exchanges that connect nearly all homes and businesses in the United Kingdom to the national broadband and telephone network.

Our sincere thanks to all of our families for your patience during this time and for adapting so quickly to messaging absences and sending urgent messages via SMS or the In App Messaging service via your Arbor App.

If you have sent us an email since 14:00 on Tuesday, we will not have received it. Please wait until we let you know that the system is all up and running again before attempting to resend anything that you still need us to see.

Our thanks also to the staff in the café at Tonbridge Swimming Pool, especially Liz, who has looked after us this week and kept your admin team equipped with internet and coffee!



Parent - Teacher Consultations

We are looking forward to hosting our Spring Term Parent and Teacher Consultation evenings happening on Tuesday 19 March and Thursday 21 March between 16:00 and 19:00*.

These meetings are a fantastic chance to see your child's learning this year so far and to find out how they are progressing, discuss targets as we go into the summer term after the Easter break and to ask any questions you have for the class teacher.

The booking window for securing a meeting time with your class teacher will open next week via your Arbor account, please await further information via Arbor email to follow.

- *There will be slightly different times applicable for parents booking meetings with Miss Taylor in Hippogriff Class:*

Monday 18th March 15:00 to 17:00, Tuesday 19 March 15:00 to 17:00 and Thursday 21 March between 14:30 and 16:30.

Parent/Teacher
Consultations



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READING CORNER

Evelyn: Winter Reading Challenge Winner

We were thrilled to learn about the success and fun that Evelyn in Sprite Class as had this winter as she took part in the Winter Reading Challenge organised by The Reading Agency and supported by everyone here at Slade and at Kent Libraries.

The challenge has run since Christmas and ended today and was based on self made targets. Evelyn had such a great time exploring and reading new books, that her family had to keep extending her target as she read so much!

Evelyn's mummy told us:

'Evelyn started off with a target of 10 books and she has ended up reading 25!

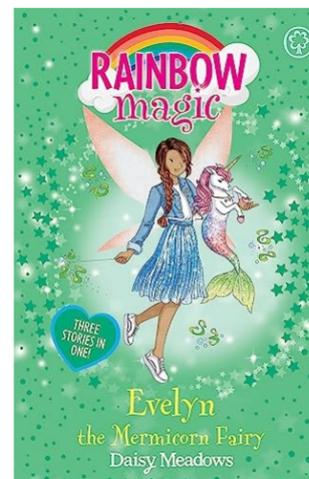
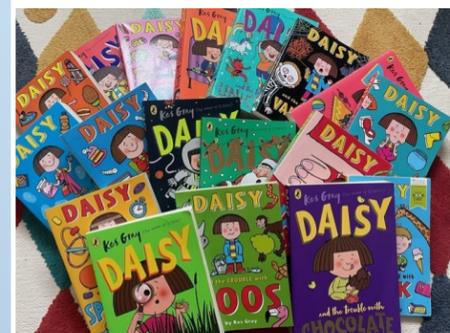
She has been enjoying reading the Daisy and the trouble with series and also Isadora Moon series. She also found a Rainbow Magic Fairy book with Evelyn the Mermicorn Fairy!'

We were lucky to grab a word with Evelyn herself as well earlier in the week, who said:

'I was really happy doing the challenge because I love reading and I collected badges for making my target. I collected my badges on the computer and they prove how much I read.'

I enjoyed all of the books, especially when I started a new book like the different stories with Daisy and also the book about the fairy with my name. Evelyn the fairy is a half unicorn, half mermaid who rescues the magic necklace after the nasty goblins took it!'

Thankyou to Evelyn's mummy for sharing her success with us and to Evelyn for speaking to us and well done on you amazing winter challenge results.



World Book Day: Thursday 7 March

We are very excited to be taking part in World Book Day again this year which takes place on **Thursday 7 March**. Children are invited to come into school on this day wearing a costume of a character from one of their favourite books or wear their pyjamas and bring in a teddy all ready for a snuggle and read!

The children will take part in a whole day of activities including a reading trail where children will get to carry out reading activities in other classes, buddying up to read with children from a younger/older class and enjoying a book read by a mystery guest!

Additionally, if they would like to take part, children are invited to enter a competition to decorate a potato or top hat with a book theme.

Click on the link to find templates and ideas for creating these at home or alternatively, feel free to use your own ideas! https://cdn-literacytrust-production.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/World_Book_Day_top_hats_and_potato_characters_ueSvzdD.pdf.

Please send your entries into school on World Book Day, ready for judging.

In the same way as last year, we are inviting all children to take part in a book swap within their classes. On World Book Day, please send in a book that your child no longer wants that can be swapped with someone in their class. Please don't worry if you haven't got a book to bring in; we are hoping to have enough spares for every child to take a book home with them at the end of the day.

Nourish Contract Catering are also taking part in World Book Day and have produced a special (terribly pun filled) menu for the day. The menu, on page 8 of today's newsletter, is also available to view on posters around school.

We are all looking forward to a fun, story led day!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024



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IN OUR COMMUNITY

Girls Wildcats Football

If your daughter is inspired by our own Girls U11 National League champions, superstars such as Mary Earps, Leah Williamson or Alissia Russo or just fancies a chance to learn more and play football, we would recommend the Football Association Wildcats sessions, which happen with the support of Weetabix at Longmead Stadium, the home of Tonbridge Angels FC, every Thursday from 16:30.

For more information email Rebecca Newton at Tonbridge Angels via rebecca.newton@tonbridgeangels.co.uk

Have Fun!
Wildcats
 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

Only £3

Every Thursday 4:30 to 5:30 **First session is FREE!**

TIME AND DATE: Every Thursday 4:30-5:30

WHO ARE WE: Tonbridge Angels Football Club

LOCATION: Longmead Stadium, Tonbridge TN10 2JF

Scan this QR code and register with Tonbridge Angels FC. You can also pay for upcoming sessions.

To find out more email: rebecca.newton@tonbridgeangels.co.uk

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 TONBRIDGE
 SCOUT & GUIDE
 BAND

SPRING CONCERT

Saturday, 2nd March 2024
 Tonbridge Parish Church

Doors open 6pm
 Music starts 6.30pm

Tickets:
 Adults £6 / Under 8's £3

Tickets to be booked online:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/17thband

Big Band Music

We are all very proud of Sid from Sphinx Class who is delighted to be playing a part in the Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band Concert Night happening next Saturday, 2 March at Tonbridge Parish Church.

If you fancy an evening of wonderful band music, you can book via the QR code on the poster, right, or online via www.ticketsource.co.uk/17thband.

We hope all of the audience and performers and their families have a super evening.

Slade PTA Meeting: Wednesday 28 February

Many thanks from everyone at the Slade PTA to the children and their families who have taken part in the February break smarties challenge to help out around the home during the wet half-term holiday, whilst making money for the school! The smartie tubes will be collected on Tuesday and hopefully we will have a total raised for you on X during the week and here in the newsletter next Friday.

Don't forget that the next PTA meeting will be happening here at Slade on Wednesday 28 February from 19:30—please come and join us to help discuss how the wonderful proceeds from our fundraising can be spent, and to help organise future events - all of which raise money to be ploughed immediately back into resources for the children at Slade.

February 2024						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

Wednesday 28th Feb 2024



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FOCUS ON YEAR 1

Year 1 Visit Tunbridge Wells

The children in Pixie and Elf Classes in Year 1 travelled to Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday for a trip to visit The Amelia Scott Museum.

The visit was designed to enable the children to fully immerse themselves into their History topic this term which has been toys from across the years.

Through the day, the classes spent time on a tour of the fantastic facility and with guidance from the staff, searched high and low and around every corner for toys which have been popular with children their age, through the ages. They had reference guide which allowed them to know when each toy was popular.

Whilst one class was on a toy treasure hunt, the other was taking part in a special workshop designed for this topic. Not only did they get to see toys from different era's they actually got to handle them and see them in action!

This was a wonderful treat as they saw an old fashioned spinning top with a string pull, a cup and ball game and one that certainly does not get sold in shops now: a toy train that was powered by lighting a set of cotton buds which produced the steam from boiling water that made the toy train move along the track just like a real steam train!

Finally, they saw a game still enjoyed by millions across the globe, and which was once made in a factory here in West Kent, the table football game, Subbuteo.

The children split into small groups to be able to have a go at the selection of toys and games demonstrated by the team at The Amelia Scott.

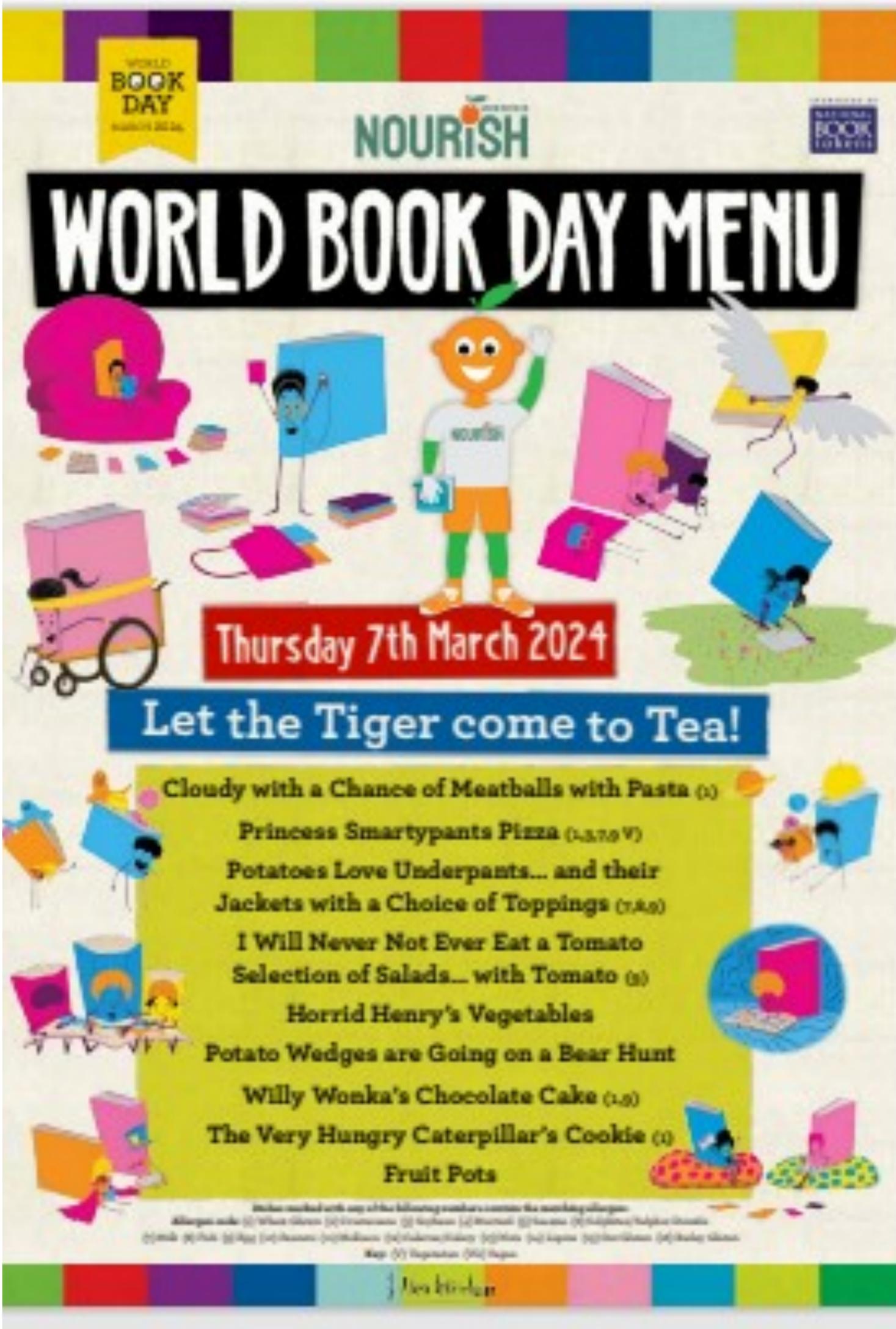
We are very grateful to everyone at the museum, which is well worth a family visit in the school holiday, for their hospitality all day on Wednesday. Our sincere thanks also to the parents who gave up their time to assist on the trip.

Find out more by visiting their website: <https://theamelia.co.uk/>

Furthermore, we would like to give a large shout out to everyone at Southeastern Railway including the station staff at Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells for their help and guidance (and the special departure screen message) as well as the super social media team for their lovely post on X on Wednesday night - see page 11.

We definitely look forward to travelling with you again soon!





Nourish School Dinners are free to all children eligible for benefits related Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Funding. They are also free to every child in EYFS and Key Stage One Classes.

Meals are charged at £2.45 to all other children.

Payment should be made in advance via your Arbor Account, by topping up the Meals purse

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
Wednesday 21 February	School Internet and Telephone Unavailable	All School
Wednesday 21 February	Continued Issues with Internet and Telephone Services	All School
Wednesday 21 February	EYFS Forest School Sessions	EYFS Classes Parents
Thursday 22 February	Internet and Telephone Update	All School
Friday 23 February	Internet and Telephone Update	All School

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, Concerns about bullying and behaviour	Your child's class email address: classname@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Trips, Payments, School Events Special Educational Needs (SEND) General Enquiries	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Sickness reporting, Absence requests and medical appointments	attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk
Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
Yeti's Wraparound	General queries: and Childcare Voucher payments: yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk Late Collections: 01732 377760
Extra Curricular Activities and Representative Sports Events	sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	hildasmith@nourishcc.co.uk
Slade PTA	sladeppta@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

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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

95.4%

Our Attendance
This Year

95.0%

National Average = 94.3%*

National percentile rating for Slade = 65

**data from schools and MATs who use Arbor MI*

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.

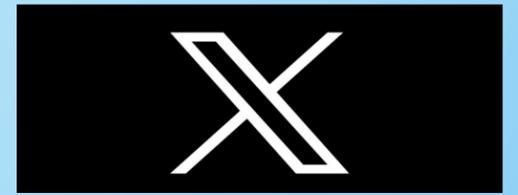
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Pupils Late
This Week

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SLADE ON X

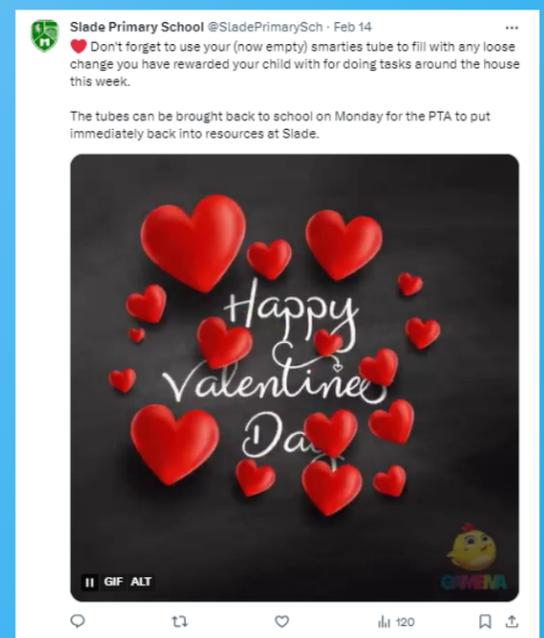
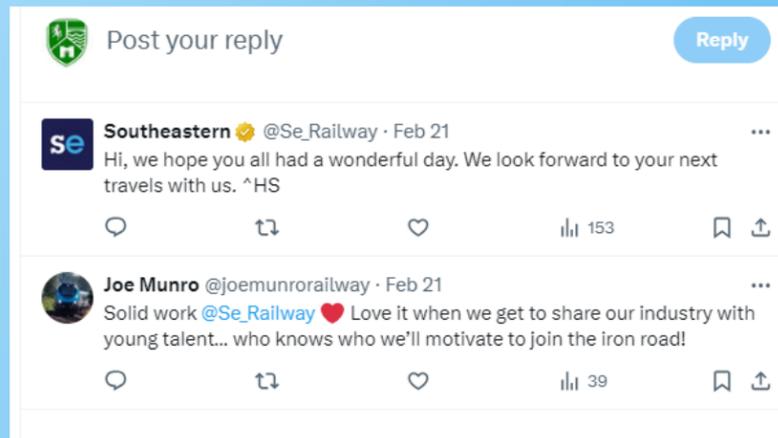
X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



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
Sunday 11 February	Term 4 Extra Curricular Activities Timetable
Monday 12 February	Susie Martin, signing for Rhys Stephenson
Monday 12 February	Activities Booking Window about to Open
Tuesday 13 February	Children's Mental Health Week Poster Winners
Wednesday 14 February	PTA Valentines Smarties Collection
Thursday 15 February	Tonbridge School Hockey Equipment
Monday 19 February	Today at Slade (and an early indication of things to come!)
Tuesday 20 February	Today at Slade
Wednesday 21 February	Internet Issues and Year 1 Arrival in Tunbridge Wells
Wednesday 21 February	Year 1 at The Amelia Scott
Wednesday 21 February	On the Departures Screen!
Thursday 22 February	Continued Connectivity Issues
Thursday 21 February	Today at Slade
Friday 22 February	Continued Connectivity Issues and Today at Slade
Friday 22 February	Thankyou, Liz!



SLADE+

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

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Tuesday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Wednesday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Thursday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Friday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

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

Clubs run by staff at Slade with spaces

Clubs run by staff at Slade Currently Full

Independent Clubs: Contact Organiser for full details