



SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 1

Friday 13 September 2024

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of this new school year! I do hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break and that you are now all rested and ready for this new academic year.

A special welcome to all of our new Reception children and their families who enjoyed their first sessions in school this week which today included their first school lunch! The children all came in fantastically well during the week, looking very smart as they busily began discovering lots of new exciting things during their half-day sessions. It has been lovely to see them starting to get to know each other and becoming more confident in their new surroundings during the short time that they have been in! Welcome and hello to the children and families who have joined us in other year groups too! We hope that you all soon feel part of our growing Slade family.

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. 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 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. In addition, 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.

Today in assembly I launched this term's Times Table Rock Stars competition which sees the classes in each year group compete against each other to determine who has the greatest Rock Stars! Whichever class gains the most points in Term 1 will earn an additional Forest School session, so definitely a prize worth learning your times tables for! Thank you for all your support in helping your children with this aspect of their home learning and promoting the importance of this key skill. I am looking forward to finding out who the winners are at the end of term!

Finally, a reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day. Please ensure that all dogs, unless an assistance dog, are safely tied to the railings away from the entrance and not blocking entry and exit into the school grounds. Thank you for your support with both of these safety matters and in helping keep everyone safe at these busy times of the school day.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 16 September 2024

- EYFS Classes in school full time (08:40 - 15:15)
- Pegasus Class Forest School
- Pupil Council Elections
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Tuesday 17 September 2024

- Hippogriff Class Forest School
- Hydra Class Swimming
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Wednesday 18 September 2024

- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Thursday 19 September 2024

- Gnome Class Forest School
- Wyvern Class Swimming
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Friday 20 September 2024

- Sprite Class Forest School
- House Captain Elections
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**



Looking further ahead?

Our yearly planner can be found on Page 9 of today's newsletter and online via [the school website](#).

Slade Journal: Around School

Welcome Back!



Welcome back to our first newsletter of the year.

A special welcome to all of our new families who have joined us in school for the first time this week: to all of the children in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes for their first ever school week and to Bora and her family who have joined Slade in Pixie Class in Year 1 just yesterday.

We look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship with you all.

Thankyou to all of the parents of children in Year 5 and 6 who have completed the Walking Home [survey](#).

It is important that any parent who is giving consent for their child to walk home alone or with friends at the end of the day to complete the form, which is shared with all staff responsible for seeing the children out.

The survey can be found here: [Y5 & Y6 Walking Home](#).

Walking Home



Flu Immunisations

The Kent Community Health nurses will be visiting Slade on Monday 30 September to provide our children with the immunisation spray, protecting against childhood flu this winter. We are delighted that the team will be visiting earlier than usual this year and hope that as many children as possible will be able to take advantage of this clinic.

Parents are reminded that they must either choose to opt their child in or out of this session by completing the form on the NHS website - thankyou to all of those who have done so already, but we have around 25% of parents who have not indicated their preference so far. The [form](#) must be completed over the weekend.

For more information about the flu immunisations for school children, visit the [NHS website](#).

Slade Journal: Around School

In Memory of Tom



In the summer of 2022 Tom Waugh, an ex-pupil of our primary school, was killed here in Tonbridge, an innocent victim of a violent knife crime. Tom's death had a huge impact on all who loved and knew him with his loss continuing to be felt every day. Now, two years on, we as a school are looking to fundraise, in memory of Tom, for the charity 'Victim Support' to say thank you to them for the support that they have provided to Tom's family following his death. We hope too to raise awareness of the impact of knife crime not just on the families of victims but on the wider community too.

Therefore, on September 29th 2024 a group of staff here in school will be running in either the [Tonbridge half marathon, 10km or 5km events](#) in memory of Tom and looking for our friends, families and the local school community to sponsor us with all funds raised being donated to the charity, [Victim Support Homicide Team](#). These runs will be physically, mentally and emotionally challenging for all involved so thank you in anticipation of your support, either by donating or by being there at the run to give us a cheer on the 29th.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

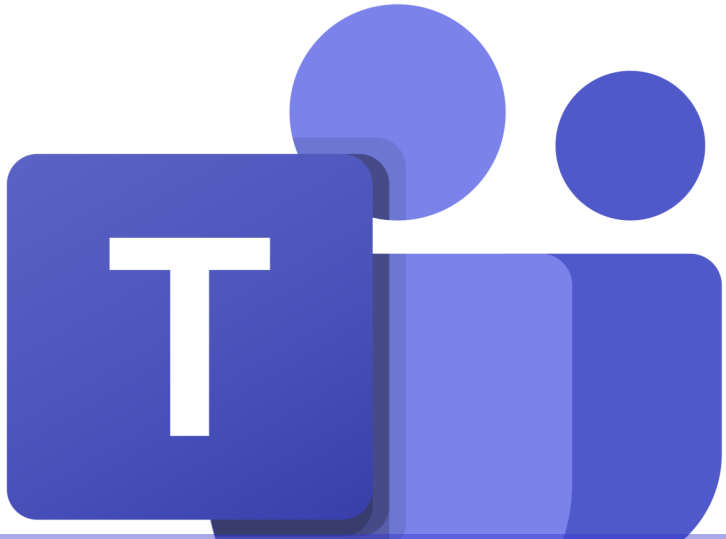


£3900 raised already - What an amazing response; everyone at Slade is blown away with the donations that have been made and we are all determined to do justice in Tom's memory and to all of our supporters - thank you!

You can edge our total closer to the £4000 by donating via Just Giving here:

[Slade. Running in Memory of Tom.](#)

Slade Journal: Around School



Teams Back Online

Thankyou to the parents who noticed that the Microsoft Teams pages had failed to reload into the new classes for this school year.

This hiccup has been rectified today by Brian Clark, our superstar IT technician, and you should now be able to access your new class pages - which is lucky for those children who have spelling or maths homework sitting there for the weekend!

Mr Duffin is very happy to be relaunching the popular Times Tables Rockstars for this year.

To kick things off, we have a competition!

Each class in Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) will be competing on behalf of their class and the group with most Rockstars points will earn an extra Forest School session with Miss Hall at the beginning of Term 2.

Good luck, everyone!



First Week at School

The children of Elmer and Gruffalo Classes have enjoyed their first week in school, initially as groups of 15 and today, meeting for the first time as a whole class. They have also taken part in their first ever school lunch today! We look forward to following their progress this year as they prepare for their first full time week next week - we hope the children have a relaxing and refreshing weekend!



Slade Journal: Around School

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Slade Primary School field
- entrance via Hawden Road gate

Date: Friday 27th September 2024

Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Contact: Libby Wilmshurst,
Family Liaison Officer



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Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



CHEERLEADING

BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

Term 1 / 2 2024
Wednesday's 8 - 8.40am

Suitable for all abilities and students in Years 4-6.
An exciting opportunity to learn and have a go at
the four elements of cheerleading

STUNTS ★ TUMBLING ★ MOTIONS ★ JUMPS

Book one term or both terms

11th, 18th, 25th Sept and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Oct (£35)
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Nov and 4th, 11th, 18th Dec (£35)

New starters welcome!

Contact Lauren for more information or to book a
place as spaces are limited

lauren@trinitydance.co.uk or @_TrinityDance_

- ✓ Qualified coach
- ✓ Fully insured
- ✓ DBS checked



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing

On the next two pages, we are pleased to give detail of three Role Responsibilities for children in Year 5 to consider.

If you would like to ask any questions about these jobs, please contact [Mrs Ball](mailto:mrs.ball@slade.school) via email.

Job Title: Sports Crew

Job Description:

The school is looking to appoint sports leaders who will be required to support the organisation and delivery of sports events, competitions and physical activity challenges within the school. Under the guidance of the Fitness and Well-being Champion, leaders will be required to carry out various duties including:

- Lead at Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells District and Kent County Sports Events. Set up and clear away equipment for sports events and competitions within the school. Assist with the organisation, scoring and reporting of different sporting events.
- Support and encourage children to participate in sport and physical activity, paying attention to their well-being and enjoyment.
- Promote the importance of physical activity at Slade acting as role models in the Daily Mile and Personal Fitness Challenges
- Work across year groups planning and delivering a range of playground and lunchtime games and activities that focus on children being physically active, paying attention to the children's well-being and enjoyment.
- Take responsibility for ensuring that play equipment is available for children during lunchtime. Ensure the PE sheds are kept tidy.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for Year 5 pupils who are reliable and responsible role models. You will need to be polite, organised, use your initiative, work hard to uphold the school values and have a sense of fair play in order to be successful at this role.



If you are interested:

- 1) Collect an application form from Mrs Ball
- 2) Hand in to Mrs Ball by application deadline

Application Deadline: Friday 20th September 2024 – all application forms should be returned to Mrs Ball.

Interviews: Friday 27th September 2024

We will not accept late entries.

Job Title: Sports Council

Salary: 3 House Points per meeting

3 house points per project

Job Description:

The school is looking to appoint sports council representatives who will be required to support the planning and promotion of sport throughout the school. Under the guidance of the Fitness and Well-being Champion, leaders will be required to carry out various duties including:

- Attend regular meetings to discuss and plan the promotion of sport across the school
- Assist with planning and delivering on school sports projects
- Suggest ways in which sporting awareness could be developed at Slade – this may include PE lessons, sports events, national sporting competitions eg Commonwealth Games, charity events and personal fitness
- Promote the importance of physical activity at Slade acting as role models in the Daily Mile and Personal Fitness Challenges.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for Year 5 pupils who are reliable and responsible role models. You will need to be polite, organised, use your initiative and have plenty of ideas!

Application Deadline: Friday 5th November (end of the day) – all application forms to Mrs Ball

Interviews: Wednesday 10th, 11th and 12th November



If you are interested:

- 1) Collect an application form from Mrs Ball
- 2) Hand in to Mrs Ball by application deadline

Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing

Job Title: Play Leader

Job Description:

The school is looking to appoint Play Leaders who will be required to support the organisation and delivery of active playtimes within the school. Under the guidance of the Fitness and Well-being Champion, leaders will be required to carry out various duties including:

- Work across year groups planning and delivering a range of playground and lunchtime games and activities that focus on children being physically active, paying attention to the children's well-being and enjoyment.
- Take responsibility for ensuring that play equipment is available for children during lunchtime and is tidied away correctly afterwards.
- Have the desire to progress to a sports leader in Term 3
- Work with the FWC and Sports Council to support the development of sport and physical activity at Slade.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for Year 5 pupils who are reliable and responsible role models. You will need to be polite, organised, use your initiative and have a sense of fair play. Furthermore you will need to show empathy and kindness to encourage children to join in and participate in order to be successful at this role.

Application Deadline: Friday 23rd September (end of the day) – all application forms should be returned to Mrs Ball. We will not accept late entries.

Interviews: Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th September



If you are interested:

- 1) Collect an application form from Mrs Ball
- 2) Hand in to Mrs Ball by application deadline

Slade Sports Kit

If you represented the school during the summer terms last year and still have any of our sports kit or cheerleader outfits at home, would it be possible to return it to the school office, or to Mrs Ball, as soon as possible.

We have a number of sports competitions coming up on the horizon where it will be needed by the teams.



Daily Mile Challenge

Mrs Ball is organising the Term 1 Daily Mile Challenge, and just like before will be offering prizes for the winning classes.

The class from KS1 and KS2 who run, walk or skip the most miles in school up to and including Friday 18 October will receive the award - with prizes including a session on the gym equipment or an afternoon at the park.

Teachers will be submitting their class miles to Mrs Ball each week, so we can see who are our early pacesetters in next week's newsletter!



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.

Punctuality

Registers are taken at 08:50. If children arrive after this time, they are registered late.

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.

Our Attendance Target = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Week = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Year = 96.6%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 23

Congratulations to this weeks winners: Hippogriff Class



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

News and Events from the PTA

Raise Money for Slade every time you shop with Asda!

Asda have launched an exciting PTA fundraising campaign, making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2 September and 30 November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Cashpot. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our school Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot, without them having to spend any money, so please spread the word to family and friends and ask them to sign up and choose our school!

5 simple steps to help raise money for Slade:

- - download the Asda Rewards App
- - register or log in if you are an existing customer
- - hit the Join Cashpot for Schools button
- - follow the 'I have a school I want to choose' option and search for Slade
- - CAUTION: there are two Slade Primary Schools, please choose 'Slade Primary School and Attached Unit for Children with Hearing Impairment, Tonbridge'. The other Slade school is based in Birmingham!!

Just remember to scan your rewards barcode in the app every time you spend money with Asda or George and we can watch the total build up.

Happy shopping everyone!!



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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK19+. App & Opt in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30/11/24

You can use your ASDA Rewards online or in store.

Our nearest ASDA stores include:

ASDA Tunbridge Wells: Longfield Road

ASDA Kings Hill: Alkexander Grove

ASDA Living Maidstone: St Peter's Street

ASDA Chatham: Maidstone Road

We Are Slade: Contacts & Payments

In class

My child's class learning, class activities, lessons, homework or pastoral support; concerns about bullying and behaviour

classname@slade.kent.sch.uk

Absence

Sickness Reporting, Absence Requests and all Medical Appointments

attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk

School Office

General Enquiries and School Events

office@slade.kent.sch.uk

Wraparound

Yeti's Wraparound: Childcare Voucher questions, session cancellations and all General Enquiries

yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk

Sport and Activity

Extra Curricular Activity Clubs (booking and queries) Sports Events and Representative Sports Tournaments

sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk

Slade PTA

Slade PTA

pta@slade.kent.sch.uk

Admissions

In Year and September EYFS Admissions

admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk

Finance

Childcare Vouchers, Payments for Yeti's and School Meals and School Trips and Special Lessons

finance@slade.kent.sch.uk

School Lunches

Comments and questions about school meal provision from Nourish Contract Catering

jasongibbons@nourishcc.co.uk

Family Liaison

If you would like the services of our Family Liaison Officer, Libby, or just wish to talk over a family issue in confidence

flo@slade.kent.sch.uk

01732 350354 / option 4

Complaints

For all complaints, please refer to the [Complaints Policy](#) then contact us:

slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk

GDPR

Reporting of GDPR Breaches, details of our privacy policy and for Subject Access Requests

slaws@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 £2.55 per meal.

Credit should be loaded onto the Meals section of your Arbor account in advance of a meal being taken.

Yeti's Wraparound Provision (Breakfast and After School Clubs)

Breakfast Club is charged at £5.00 per session After School Club is charged at £5.00 per session:

Session 1 (15:30 - 16:30), Session 2 (16:30 - 17:30)

Payment and Booking should be made via your online Arbor account.

For full information please see our website: [Breakfast and After School Clubs](#)

School Visits, Other Special Events and Swimming Lessons

These payments are all made via your Arbor account. You will receive details of the amount owed and the due date as well as information on the event via email in advance.

Payments

Diary Dates: Looking Ahead

September	October	November
<p>Monday 13 - EYFS Classes Full Time</p> <p>Friday 27 - Macmillan Coffee Morning</p> <p>Monday 30 - NHS Flu Immunisations</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 - Individual Photographs</p> <p>Tuesday 3 - Harvest Festival</p> <p>Tuesday 22 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p> <p>Thursday 24 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p> <p>Friday 25 - Last Day of Term 1</p>	<p>Monday 4 - First Day of Term 2</p> <p>Wednesday 13 - EYFS25 Open Event</p> <p>Wednesday 20 - EYFS25 Open Event</p>
December	January	February
<p>Tuesday 10 - EYFS Performance</p> <p>Tuesday 10 - Year 1 Performance</p> <p>Wednesday 11 - Year 2 Performance</p> <p>Wednesday 11 - EYFS Performance</p> <p>Thursday 12 - Year 1 Performance</p> <p>Thursday 12 - Year 2 Performance</p> <p>Friday 13 - Christmas Sale, Jumper and Meal</p> <p>Monday 16 - Carols by Candlelight</p> <p>Thursday 19 - Last Day of Term 2</p>	<p>Monday 6 - First Day of Term 3</p>	<p>Tuesday 11 - Online Safety Day</p> <p>Friday 14 - Last Day of Term 3</p> <p>Monday 24 - First Day of Term 4</p>
March	April	May
<p>Thursday 6 - World Book Day</p> <p>Tuesday 25 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p> <p>Thursday 27 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 - Summer Concert</p> <p>Friday 4 - Last Day of Term 4</p> <p>Tuesday 22 - First Day of Term 5</p>	<p>Monday 12 - Thursday 15 - KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests</p> <p>Thursday 15 - Secondary School Information Evening for Year 5 parents</p> <p>Friday 23 - Last Day of Term 5</p>
June	July	
<p>Monday 2 - First Day of Term 6</p> <p>Tuesday 17 - Open Evening</p> <p>Thursday 19 - Sports Day</p>	<p>Thursday 3 - Next Year Transition Day</p> <p>Tuesday 15 - Year 6 Production</p> <p>Thursday 17 - Year 6 Production</p> <p>Friday 18 - Last Day of Term 6</p>	

More information about these events will appear nearer the time.

Events and dates are subject to change

Additional events will be posted here throughout the year

[2024/25 Term Dates](#)

[Full Online Calendar](#)