



# SLADE

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Today we saw democracy in action as the ballot was held for House Captaincy positions across the school. Well done to the Year 6 pupils who stood for election and for the time and effort that you put into your election presentations, in addition to your campaigning and canvassing for votes across the week too! Well done to the children in all other year groups who carefully considered the campaigns they heard before casting the votes in our ballot boxes. The winners will be announced in Celebration Assembly next Friday when our leaders will be presented with their House Captain badges. I look forward to working with the elected children in their new roles across the coming year!

Other pupils too have also been stepping up to fill other important leadership roles in school this week. Each class has been holding elections to appoint their pupil council representatives, with the names of the successfully elected also being announced in the coming days. In addition, the posts of safeguarding champions and lunch time carers are all being quickly applied for and allocated too. Thank you to all of the children who give of their time in these positions to support others in the school.

Some staffing news now and I am delighted to inform you that we have successfully appointed to the teaching role that became available during the summer in Year 2. This week we welcomed Miss Taylor Ellis, an experienced Year 2 teacher to Slade, who will be taking on the position of class teacher for Sprite Class when Mrs. Potter commences her maternity leave later this term. Miss Ellis is in the process of relocating to the area and was a Year 2 class teacher at Manor Community Primary School, Swanscombe up until the end of last term. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience, including working with children with a range of additional needs. Welcome to the Slade family Taylor! A special mention and huge thank you too to Mrs. Emma Potter for teaching Sprite Class during this interim period and for ensuring that the children have had the best of starts to their time in Year 2.

A huge thank you to all friends, families and the local school community who have all been so very generous and sponsored those in the Slade team who are entering the Run Kent event next weekend. The amount that we have raised has already gone above and beyond our expectations so thank you to each and every one of you who has taken the time to donate. A reminder that all funds raised are being donated to the charity, Victim Support Homicide Team in memory of Tom Waugh an ex pupil of our school and son of Louise Taylor, Teaching Assistant. Thank you too to everyone in anticipation of your support and encouragement around the course on the day with this challenging fundraising event; we very much appreciate it! Go Team Slade!

Finally, a reminder please that when dropping off or collecting pupils, at the beginning and end of the school day, including at Breakfast and After School Club, parking is strictly not permitted opposite the school car park entrance, outside the former Power Station. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter as we aim to keep all of our community safe during these busy times in the school day whilst remaining respectful of our neighbours and their private property too.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Karen Slade**

# Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

## Monday 23 September 2024

- Pixie Class Forest School
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

## Tuesday 24 September 2024

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

## Wednesday 25 September 2024

- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

## Thursday 26 September 2024

- Elmer Class Forest School
- Wyvern Class Swimming
- MacMillan Coffee Morning Donation Day - see page 5 for full details
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

## Friday 27 September 2024

- Gruffalo Class Forest School
- MacMillan Coffee Morning - see page 5 for full details
- **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

## MacMillan Coffee Morning



Next Friday, we will be joining schools, community groups and friends across the country in holding a very special event, with a chance to have a chat, meet new friends, eat cake, drink coffee and raise funds for the invaluable work of [Macmillan Cancer Support](#).

Everyone is invited!

The event will take place on the school field after drop off time in the morning; entry will be via the Hawden Road Gate from 9:15. Mrs Slade, Miss Garrett and FLO Libby Wilmshurst will also be there to share in the fun and the choir will be on hand to provide a musical backdrop!

The PTA are pleased to be able to be hosting the MacMillan Coffee Morning and will again be serving the tea, coffee, cake and cookies. They would appreciate any donations of cake or cookies (shop bought or homemade, it can all be eaten!\*)

Donations should be brought to school where there will be donation tables at the main playground gate, outside the school office and outside Deacon House at drop off and collection time on Thursday and drop off on Friday. You are also welcome to bring donations to the event itself.

\*Donations must be nut-free and if you are bringing in a home baked item, please also provide a full list of ingredients.



If you would like and are able to, we are pleased to say that donations are able to be made for the work of the MacMillan Cancer Support charity by cash and card.

You can donate change or cash into any of the donation boxes that will be provided on the stalls at the event on Friday 27 September, or by card using this QR code:



The QR code will link you to the secure donation website where you can donate any amount directly to MacMillan.

For those of you who read the newsletter on your mobile phone, don't worry; the QR code will be up on display at the event and also alongside the cake and cookie donation tables on Thursday and Friday.

# Slade Journal: Around School



We are grateful to all of the parents who have completed our online survey into the possibility of us hosting Adult Education family courses here at Slade. If you would like to express an interest in attending such courses, please complete the [survey here](#).

We look forward to announcing which courses will be available, when and how to book shortly. If you have any questions about these courses, please contact Libby Wilmshurst via [flo@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:flo@slade.kent.sch.uk).

Our local Child Centred Policing coordinator, PC Jodie Hobbs, has sent us the latest newsletter from Kent Police.

The newsletter is targeted towards children, young people and their families. This month, the subjects discussed are the upcoming Anti Bullying Week, Road Safety, local crime statistics as well as the Home Office Prevent programme.

The newsletter can be found on our website, or easily by [clicking here](#).



It has been a year of elections across the world, with some notable ones still to come of course - and the children at Slade have been learning about our democracy all week. We have held elections for the role of Pupil Council (two per class in Year 1-6) and also House Captains (two from each house from Year 6 classes).

Each class votes for their own councillors and the whole school votes for the House Captains.

Thankyou very much to all of the children who have put themselves forward for election, which has meant presenting their ideas and thoughts to their constituents for their consideration before going to the ballot box.

Not all of the results are available to us this afternoon, and the House Captain results will be counted over the weekend; we will bring you those results when they are available early next week, and we will meet our new councillors and captains in next week's newsletter.

# Slade Journal: Around School

Miss Garrett is looking for our next group of Safeguarding Champions, an important pupil role within school where the children themselves help to promote the safety and wellbeing of pupils across the school. If you are in Year 5 or 6 and are interested in the role, the deadline for applications is just the other side of the weekend. Please see the job specification below and prepare your letter to Miss Garrett for Monday!



## Do you think you could be one of our Safeguarding Champions?

We are looking for **8** Safeguarding Champions (from Year 5 and Year 6) who would like to promote the safety and wellbeing of the pupils at Slade Primary School.



### What will the role involve?

Each term the safeguarding champions will have a different topic to focus on to ensure the children at Slade Primary School are kept safe throughout the year. Topics might include: Online Safety, Anti-bullying or road safety to name just a few. The Safeguarding Champions will work together to agree the topic for the term ahead and plan how they will promote the topic across the whole school.

### What skills might you need?

- Good communication skills e.g. being able to listen to others and share your ideas clearly
- Be a role model to other pupils by following the school rules at all times
- Have an interest/passion in keeping other children safe
- Be pro-active

### What do I do next if I am interested?

- **Write a letter** to Miss Garrett explaining your reasons why you would like to be considered for this role
- You will then be invited to **interview** as part of the selection process

**Application deadline: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**



We are just a little over a week away (or closer, depending on when you read the newsletter!) to our participation in the [Tonbridge half marathon, 10km or 5km events](#). Our runners have been intensifying their training this week and are looking forward to the challenge; they are keen to invite you to cheer them on as they raise funds for [Victim Support Homicide Team](#) following the tragic death of our ex-pupil Tom Waugh in 2022. Ideal watching spots include the village of Leigh (conveniently just outside the Fleur de Lis bar!) or at the Ensfield Bridge over the Medway.

Donations towards the charity now amount to over £4500, an amazing effort and thank you to everyone who has been able to do so.

[You can add to this total and find out more about why we are taking part here \(via JustGiving.com\)](#)

# Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



On Wednesday, our Year 6 Sports Crew were invited to give a talk and presentation in front of sports teachers, headteachers and other senior leaders at the Leigh Academy Sports Partnership autumn conference.

The conference, held at Tonbridge Juddians RFC is a chance for schools across Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells boroughs to meet to discuss best practise and fresh ideas on PE, sports and wellbeing delivery in their settings.

The Slade Sports Crew are well known across the schools for their hands-on and value added skills that enhance sport at our school and further afield as regular readers will know as they have performed stewarding, refereeing and training at events throughout the district in recent years.

Congratulations to Robert, Hayden, Milo, Sai, Harriet, Lily and Anaïs for their confidence in telling their successful stories to the audience.



On 21 August, our two superstar show jumpers, Francesca and Lily, too part in the National Schools Equestrian Association Finals day at the iconic Hickstead event arena in West Sussex.

They had earned their place at the finals by qualifying through their results in other tournaments.

They competed in the 0.5 and 0.75 metre jumps with their horses Buttercup and Rita who both featured on these pages last year.

They both finished in the top 20 of over 100 competitors and are rightly proud of their showing. Mrs Ball would like to thank both families for inviting her along to the event, which was enjoyed by all!



# 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 = 95.3%

Our Attendance This Year = 96.1%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 30

**Congratulations to this weeks winners:**

**Attendance Ted - Phoenix Class (98.7%)**

**Punctuality Pup - Pegasus Class (0 late)**



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

# Nourish News



Thursday 3 October is Mr Nourish's birthday and he will again celebrate with a special mealday and birthday card competition.

Look out for details on their posters around school or even quicker, look here:

A colorful poster for Mr Nourish's Birthday Competition. The background is light green with colorful streamers and balloons. At the top, it says 'GROW WITH US NOURISH'. Below that, a banner reads 'Mr Nourish's Birthday'. The date is 'Thursday 3rd October 2024'. The menu is divided into two columns by a vertical dotted line. The left column lists: 'Chicken Burger in a Bun with BBQ Sauce or Ketchup 1,5', 'Baked Bean Burger in a Bun 1,5 Vg', and 'Jacket with a Choice of Fillings 7,8,9'. The right column lists: 'Sweetcorn Coleslaw 9', 'Jacket Wedges', 'Birthday Cake 1', 'Mr Nourish Party Ring 1', and 'Fruit Pots'. Below the menu is a box that says 'Competition'. To the left of the competition box is a graphic of a gift box. To the right is a graphic of Mr Nourish wearing a party hat and standing next to a birthday cake with candles. The competition text reads: 'DESIGN A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR MR NOURISH', 'HAND IN TO THE CATERING TEAM', and 'PRIZES TO BE AWARDED ON HIS BIRTHDAY'. At the bottom, there is a key for allergens: 'Key: V Vegetarian VG Vegan' and a list of allergen codes: '(1) Wheat Gluten (2) Crustaceans (3) Soybean (4) Mustard (5) Sesame (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide (7) Milk (8) Fish (9) Egg (10) Peanuts (11) Molluscs (12) Celeriac/Celery (13) Nuts (14) Lupins (15) Oat Gluten (16) Barley Gluten (17) Chickpea'.

# News and Events from the PTA

## Reward Yourself at ASDA

A reminder, if you haven't already to download the ASDA Rewards app to start raising money for the PTA through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

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 Primary School and Attached Unit for Children with Hearing Impairment, Tonbridge



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. **You can use your ASDA Rewards online or in store.**

**Our nearest ASDA stores include:** ASDA Tunbridge Wells: Longfield Road, ASDA Kings Hill: Alexander Grove and ASDA Living Maidstone: St Peter's Street.



## Contacting the PTA

The PTA now have their own Slade email address to make communication with them even easier.

If you would like to contact the PTA about their upcoming events, meetings or fundraising please use [pta@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@slade.kent.sch.uk).

You can also find Slade PTA on Facebook. Search 'Slade PTA'

## Slade Journal: Around School



Boxes For Year 3

Year 3 would like to put out a plea for a couple of items that will really help out in their upcoming lessons:

Year 3 would like donations of any small boxes (cereal boxes, toothpaste boxes for example) for use in their maths lessons next week. They will be making nets and to be able to see how the shape is made will really help them to visualise what they will end up creating on paper. If you have any spare from the recycling bin, please bring them to the school office on Monday.

Thankyou in advance for any boxes you can spare for us!

# Reading Corner



Teaching Assistant Hannah Mills has taken on the extra role of leading our Library provision this year, she has been working hard to set the room up so the children can engage with, and enjoy fully, their reading and exploring different books and magazines.

Hannah spoke to the newsletter this week: 'The school library welcomed the children back this week with their class library slots and it continues to provide a quiet space to enjoy their favourite books at lunchtime.

I have been working on updating the fiction books, introducing some new material for everyone to enjoy. The old books will be winging their way to Gambia to be enjoyed by school children on another continent! Your children will continue to bring home a book from the library once a week and, in a change to previous lending restrictions, will only be able to take a book when their last one is returned. This is to keep the library shelves full so that everyone has a wide choice - we did lose a huge number of books last year that were not returned.

The library will continue to develop this year, with the aim to provide an increasing number of rich texts for all reading levels, in an inspiring and inclusive environment.

**The successful running of the library is made possible by our amazing parent volunteers who have kindly given their time and energy to ensure it runs smoothly.**

**We do, however, encourage other parents who wish to help in this way to contact the school office if this something you would like to do. We are always in need and grateful for extra help!**

Hannah will be providing regular updates from the library as well as general reading and book news from across the school. One of her first jobs will be to welcome the new Key Stage 2 Librarians to their lunchtime roles. We will feature them in a future newsletter.



Wyvern Class visited the library on Thursday morning



# 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](mailto:classname@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Absence

Sickness Reporting, Absence Requests and all Medical Appointments

[attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk)

School Office

General Enquiries and School Events

[office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Wraparound

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

[yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk)

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[pta@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Admissions

In Year and September EYFS Admissions

[admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:finance@slade.kent.sch.uk)

School Lunches

Comments and questions about school meal provision from Nourish Contract Catering

[jasongibbons@nourishcc.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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
Friday 27 - 09:15 Macmillan Coffee Morning Monday 30 - NHS Flu Immunisations	Tuesday 1 - Individual Photographs <b>Thursday 3 - Harvest Festival</b> Tuesday 22 - Parent Teacher Consultations Thursday 24 - Parent Teacher Consultations Friday 25 - Last Day of Term 1	Monday 4 - First Day of Term 2 Wednesday 13 - EYFS25 Open Event Wednesday 20 - EYFS25 Open Event

December	January	February
Tuesday 10 - EYFS Performance Tuesday 10 - Year 1 Performance Wednesday 11 - Year 2 Performance Wednesday 11 - EYFS Performance Thursday 12 - Year 1 Performance Thursday 12 - Year 2 Performance Friday 13 - Christmas Sale, Jumper and Meal Monday 16 - Carols by Candlelight Thursday 19 - Last Day of Term 2	Monday 6 - First Day of Term 3	<b>Monday 3 - Young Voices 2025 (participants aware of detail)</b> Tuesday 11 - Online Safety Day Friday 14 - Last Day of Term 3 Monday 24 - First Day of Term 4

March	April	May
Thursday 6 - World Book Day Tuesday 25 - Parent Teacher Consultations Thursday 27 - Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 1 - Summer Concert Friday 4 - Last Day of Term 4 Tuesday 22 - First Day of Term 5	Monday 12 - Thursday 15 - KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests Thursday 15 - Secondary School Information Evening for Year 5 parents Friday 23 - Last Day of Term 5

June	July
Monday 2 - First Day of Term 6 Tuesday 17 - Open Evening Thursday 19 - Sports Day <b>Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford)</b>	Thursday 3 - Next Year Transition Day Tuesday 15 - Year 6 Production Thursday 17 - Year 6 Production Friday 18 - Last Day of Term 6

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](#)

**Changes and additions to the diary from last week's calendar are written in red for ease of reference**