



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

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Friday 4 October 2024

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday was such a joyful, memorable day in the Slade calendar when the whole school gathered at St Peter and St Paul church for our Harvest Festival, the first time that we've all come together this academic year! Children from each of the year groups led us through a feast of songs and poetry, helping us to reflect on the meaning of Harvest. Well done and thank you to all involved for the work that you prepared and presented during the celebration. Thank you too to the many parents who joined us in our celebration and escorted us walking to and from school; we hope you enjoyed the occasion as much as we all did.

Thank you too to all families who sent in produce for our harvest collection which was delivered by our Year 6 House Captains this afternoon to some of our local elderly residents. The remainder of our food collection will be delivered to the Nourish Community Foodbank, a local charity providing practical support to families in Tonbridge during times of need. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the sorting and distribution of food parcels. We very much appreciate it.

Please do find the time to take a look at this term's Maths newsletter which dropped into your inboxes last week. September's edition is once again jam packed with maths-based activities for you to enjoy as a family at home and is a great opportunity for you to find out more about ways in which you can support your child with their maths learning too. The newsletter also explains how to get involved in this month's maths at home competition and provides lovely ideas for some sport themed maths learning this October. Don't forget to send us your photos of you enjoying all things mathematical which will then be shared in future Maths newsletters; some may get to feature in this newsletter too!

Earlier today, the booking system for parent consultation meetings opened on Arbor. Please do sign up for an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and to hear of the progress that they are making. Then, a reminder that next Wednesday we look forward to welcoming the parents of children in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes into school for their 'Meet the Team' Meetings. Do check out the details that were shared in a separate communication earlier this week. We look forward to seeing you there!

A huge thank you this week to Simon Griffiths who has now stepped down from his role of Chair of Governors after 9 years of leading the governing body. Simon's dedication, enthusiasm and passion in the role has ensured that Slade has continued to grow under his leadership. With all good wishes to you Simon for a healthy and happy retirement from governance; here's to your next chapter! Thankfully though, it's not time for goodbyes just yet as we're delighted to report that Simon will be staying on as a governor until Christmas. In addition, congratulations to Eleanor Hoyle who has now been elected to the position of chair by the governing body and assumes the role with immediate effect. Thank you, Eleanor, for stepping in to this role; we very much appreciate it. Do look out for a separate letter from our outgoing and incoming chairs which explains these changes in more detail.

Finally, some exciting baby news! Congratulations to Cassandra Abisoye, Teaching Assistant, who has now asked me to share her pregnancy news with the wider Slade community following it being shared earlier this term with staff! Huge congratulations to you and to your family from us all Cassie! We look forward to welcoming your new addition in the new year!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 7 September 2024

- Terrific Television Visiting Year 2 - participants will have already submitted consent forms
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Tuesday 8 October 2024

- Hydra Class Swimming
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Wednesday 9 October 2024

- Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby - Participants aware of detail
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Thursday 10 October 2024

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

Friday 11 October 2024

- Sphinx Class Forest School
- **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



This week, we have welcomed Barnaby to Slade following his relocation to Tonbridge.

Barnaby has had an active first few days with us as Year 5 have been particularly busy this week!

We hope you have enjoyed your first week. Our welcome is as always extended to Barnaby's family, with who we look forward to sharing a long, happy and successful relationship.

A reminder to all parents that use our Wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs, that there is strictly no parking in the Deacon House carpark, nor should parents wait in vehicles along the driveway to Deacon House.

Also, a sad reminder to please respect all of our staff, other visitors and other parents when dropping off and collecting from Yeti's Wraparound.

Foul or abusive language cannot be accepted at any time and incidences of this directed towards colleagues will always be reported to the Leadership Team.



The class teachers are looking forward to sharing details on how your child has settled into their new yeargroup and class, discuss any questions you may have about the rest of the year at our Term 1 Autumn Parent -Teacher Consultation Meetings.

The Meetings will take place between 16:00 and 19:00 on both Tuesday 22 October and Thursday 24 October. The booking window to secure your chosen appointment time opened early this morning.

All you have to do to book is log in to your Arbor account and choose Guardian Consultations before selecting a day and time to suit. Please be aware that it is only possible to book one appointment per child and to receive an acknowledgement of the booked meeting, you should make sure that there is a tick beside the parent or carer who will be attending on the booking screen.

Slade Journal: Around School



Everyone had a lovely time at our Harvest Festival held at the Parish Church yesterday. The annual trip to the church of St Peter and St Paul gives us a chance to be thankful for the food we eat and to those who farm locally, nationally and internationally to provide us with the produce that we can sometimes take for granted.

Mrs Slade opened up the service with her welcome message which was followed by songs from each yeargroup, which have been practised especially for the occasion. Thankyou to everyone at the church for hosting us again this year and to all of the parents who attended the service as well.

We are proud and privileged to have been in a position to support our local community following the Harvest Festival.

Earlier today, Mrs Slade along with our newly appointed House Captains took the huge numbers of donated produce across the road to the Castle Fields Residential Development, where they are distributed among the residents and their families. Further donations have been made to the local food banks, which are always very grateful as their services are used by an increasing number of people. Special thanks to everyone who donated, and to Lesley and the residents at Castle Fields for their ongoing friendship with our school.



Individual Photographs



It was great to see Matthew Walker on Tuesday as he visited Slade to take the individual profile pictures of all of the pupils at Slade. The photographs of your child are now for sale and can be easily purchased by visiting www.portraitdays.net and click on the link for online ordering. You should then enter the access code on the proof card that came home on Wednesday. Alternatively, just scan the QR code on the card for instant access. If you have any questions or have lost the proof card, please contact Matthew directly via matt@portraitdays.net.

The deadline for free delivery to school is Sunday 20 October, after which you can still order, but a home delivery charge will apply.

As part of our commitment to providing information about future paid for events early on in the year, we are very pleased to have now uploaded all of this years Key Stage 2 swimming lessons to Arbor. This means that all parents in Key Stage 2 classes will now be able to see the dates that their child will be swimming and be able to provide consent and payment at anytime before the scheduled start date.



AGM & COMEDY BINGO NIGHT



WITH KITTY CASSIS

OUTRAGEOUS COMEDY, CLASSIC BINGO AND
CHANCE TO VOTE IN THE PTA COMMITTEE FOR
THE YEAR AHEAD

7PM FOR A WELCOME PIMMS

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE...AND SOME FRIENDS

£5 A TICKET, OR PAY WHAT YOU CAN VIA SUM UP:

SLADEPTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM

THURSDAY - 17 OCTOBER
SCHOOL HALL



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Slade Journal: Around School



Since the start of term we have been sharing the story of our fundraising efforts for the Homicide Team at the charity [Victim Support](#).

Victim Support have been supporting the family of Tom Waugh, former pupil at Slade, following his death in 2022 to knife crime. You will also know that Tom's mother was until recently a valued and much loved member of the Slade Team.

To raise funds for the invaluable work carried out by Victim Support, it was decided to take part in the Run Kent distance races, which took place around Tonbridge last weekend.

We had runners taking part in all of the categories (5km, 10km and half-marathon) with all being absolute superstars and completing their individual challenges with a flourish. It was great to see them all back in school on Monday morning without any strains or aches!

We are so proud to be able to report that at the time of writing, the amount raised from the run stands at £7350. It is beyond the words that we can afford here to express how much this means to everyone who knew and loved Tom here at Slade.

Many congratulations to everyone who took part in the run on behalf of Victim Support (pictured above) and heartfelt thanks to everyone who lined the race route in support of the team. Of course those thanks are extended to everyone who has donated so far. For once, we don't mind the newsletter being inaccurate - if you are able, please consider adding to the total and pushing us past the current total written here by donating via [Just Giving](#). There, you will also find the story behind the run and our updates towards last week's fundraising final!

On the next page, we capture the emotional, but incredible atmosphere of the day thanks to photographs. With our thanks to Office colleague Tracey Arnold and to former class teacher Maz Bates for the pictures and for allowing us to share them here.

Slade Journal: Around School

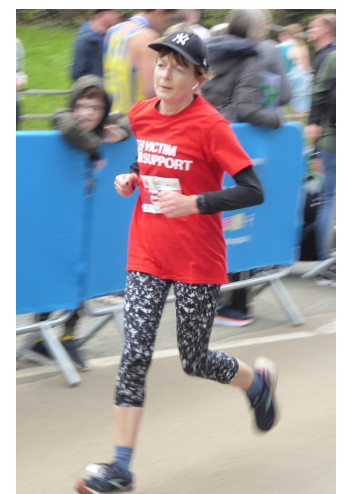
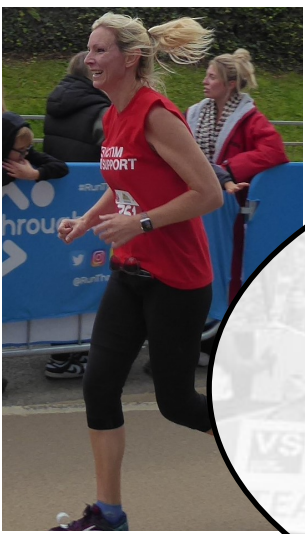


Sunday was such a positive and uplifting morning when the Slade family, including lots of lovely people who have left the school, could remember Tom and surround Louise, Andrew and Dan with our love and support. The Team Slade runners were all absolutely amazing and thoroughly deserved their medals and bags of bagels! *Julie Hitchcock*



I'm someone that wouldn't consider running to be one of my biggest strengths, but I must admit to being particularly good at standing on the side of the road and clapping! It was one of those occasions that reminded me why I'm so proud to be a part of the Slade family. *Thomas Clark*

I was running with my club and had my Victim Support bib attached to the back of my club T. I did the 10k. I absolutely loved this run and running for Tom made it so special. The mighty cheer from Team Slade on the homerun was just what I needed for that last spurt of energy! Thanks Team Slade *Tina Hall*



What a special morning! I am a Marshall at the race but this year was so special as Team Slade were running. Everyone did brilliantly - runners and supporters. An emotional morning sharing it with Louise, Andrew, Dan and their friends. What a great cause and so much money was raised! *Tracey Fordyce*



It was a challenging run but made easier by the amazing Slade support crew and knowing that it was all in aid of such a worthy cause! *Stephanie Stephens*

Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing

Tonbridge Sports Morning



On Wednesday, our Year 5 classes decamped to Tonbridge School who were hosting a Community Sports Morning for local primary schools.

The boys and teachers at Tonbridge gave skills coaching in football, hockey and cricket before the children had the chance to play mini games against each other.

Everyone had a great time, despite the downpours and out thanks go to Tonbridge for putting on such a fun morning of activities.



Later on Wednesday, we were represented by teams in the Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Tag Rugby Training and Development Festival held at Tonbridge Juddians RFC.

The festival was attended by primary schools from across Tonbridge, Malling and Tunbridge Wells and involved the coaches at TJRFC giving game instruction and coaching before and during matches so that the girls could learn as they played and could master tactics in game situations. It was a great afternoon, much enjoyed by all.



The Year 6 team played Southborough, St Matthews (TW), Temple Grove and Chiddingstone schools, winning 3 of their 4 games whilst the Year 5 girls won 1 of their 3 matches versus Hildenborough, Claremont and Woodlands.

Thanks to Darren and everyone else at Tonbridge Juddians for organising the festival.

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 = 96.9%

Our Attendance This Year = 96.1%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 28

Well done to this weeks winners:

Attendance Ted: Hippogriff Class

99% Attendance

Punctuality Pup: Sprite Class

0 Late

Congratulations to Mr Louth and Miss Ellis and your classes.



Slade Journal: Around School



There was a feeling of happiness all around the lunch hall yesterday as we helped Nourish celebrate their mascot's birthday.

In the Kitchen, Kirsty and her team cooked up a special menu for Mr Nourish and all of his friends at Slade. They are all very pleased to have received so many birthday cards as well. The winners of the birthday card competition will be announced in next week's Celebration Assembly.

In total, 97% of children in EYFS and KS1 were served a hot meal from Nourish, which is a super figure. This number was used in our National School Census figures which we hope protects the Universal and Benefits Related Free School Meal schemes for another budgetary year!



We have an exciting opportunity to join the team here at Slade with a vacancy becoming available for a Lunchtime Supervisor.

The children love their lunchtimes and the team of Lunchtime Supervisors help them to have a safe and fun time in the middle of their busy days.

If you are interested, please log on to the Kent Teach website over the weekend, where there is further information and the chance to apply.

Please see Miss Garrett on the school gate at the beginning or end of any day if you would like to have a chat about the role and about working here at Slade.

All vacancies at Slade are advertised on Kent Teach: Take a look at school vacancies across the county here: www.kent-teach.com

News and Events from the PTA

PTA AGM - Thursday 17th October

A number of Committee Members will be stepping down at the AGM. Without a full Committee we cannot meet our ambitious fundraising targets!

We are looking for a new Co-Secretary and Co-Treasurer, but would also be keen to find someone able to help us with artistic design work, someone to focus on Events and anyone keen to join as a general Committee Member to help guide the allocation of PTA funds.

If you would be interested in being nominated or would like any further information please email: PTA@slade.kent.sch.uk

We're a super friendly Committee and would love to welcome new members ??

The AGM will also see the visit to Slade of Kitty Cassis with a Comedy Bingo show. Full details on Page 6 of today's newsletter - just £5 a ticket, or whatever you can pay via our SumUp Store:

<https://sladeppta.sumupstore.com/>

FINAL REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS ARTWORK TEMPLATES

****DEADLINE MIDDAY WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER****

This week your children brought home their Christmas artwork templates (please do check their bags if you haven't yet seen their beautiful drawings!).

These templates can be applied to many items that will make wonderful keepsakes and/or Christmas presents for friends and family.

Full instructions and further information have been included with your child's artwork.

Please note all orders must be placed online and the school cannot accept any orders or payment.

The deadline for orders is **MIDDAY Wednesday 9th October** and no orders will be accepted after this date.

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

Expected delivery of orders placed is mid-last week of November.

For any queries please email slademasgifts@yahoo.com

In Our Community

We are pleased to share the latest from Tonbridge Angels, currently riding high in the National League South. As well as their October Soccer Camps, they are very pleased to offer a free session to pupils receiving Benefits Related Free School Meals or are Pupil Premium eligible. Please book directly, or ask our Family Liaison Officer, Libby Wilmshurst if you require any assistance with the booking. Finally, there's a chance to join the Halloween fun on Thursday 31 October.



IN THE COMMUNITY ANGELS CAMPS Soccer



On the the Tonbridge Angels 3G pitch!

Football coaching & fun football themed activities for girls from school years 2-9. Our team of FA qualified coaches will help the children develop their football skills in a fun and friendly environment.

EARLY BIRD 10% OFF
If you book by 27th Sept.
DCCB42

Special Girls day For school years 2-9

GIRLS ONLY SESSION
FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER
(9am - 3pm)

Scan to book now using our online booking system
<https://tonbridge-angels.classforkids.io/camp/3> **Book Now!**

£25 for the day
(9am - 3pm)



Make sure you wear the correct footwear and bring a water bottle and packed lunch!

Footwear Guide



Tonbridge Angels Football Club
Halcyon Wealth Longmead Stadium, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge TN10 3JF



IN THE COMMUNITY ANGELS CAMPS Soccer



On the the Tonbridge Angels 3G pitch!

Football coaching & fun football themed activities for boys & girls age 5 to 12 years. Our team of FA qualified coaches will help the children develop their football skills in a fun and friendly environment.

Family & friends discount offer
£140 for 2 children for all 4 days!

EARLY BIRD 10% OFF
If you book by 27th Sept.
DCCB42

October Half Term For school years 2-9

FOOTBALL COACHING & FUN
MON 28th October - THUR 31st October
(9am - 3pm)



Make sure you wear the correct footwear and bring a water bottle and packed lunch!

Footwear Guide



Scan to book now using our online booking system
<https://tonbridge-angels.classforkids.io/camp/3> **Book Now!**

£25 per day (9am - 3pm)
£80 for 4 days (9am - 3pm)



Tonbridge Angels Football Club
Halcyon Wealth Longmead Stadium, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge TN10 3JF



SUPPORTED BY THE **MEARS FOUNDATION**

FOOT-TEA

FREE 1 hour football session and a FREE hot meal.

For children aged 4-12 yrs who receive free school meals or pupil premium



<https://tonbridge-angels.classforkids.io/>

ANGELS MARQUEE @ LONGMEAD

HALLOWEEN PARTY

£8 PER CHILD + BOOKING FEE
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5 - 12



KIDS HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY **BOOK HERE**
EERIE ENTERTAINMENT
TRICK OR TREAT GAMES
SPOOKY SNACK BOX



Thursday
October 31st
12pm - 3pm

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC | ANGELS MARQUEE | TN10 3JF

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

PTA EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

17TH - AGM &
COMEDY BINGO

NOVEMBER

8TH - FIREWORK
NIGHT

REFRESHMENTS @
SCHOOL EVENTS

DECEMBER

13TH - CHRISTMAS SALE

16TH - MINCE PIES &
MULLED WINE @ CAROL
SERVICE

JANUARY

BAGS 2 SCHOOL
COLLECTION BINGO

FEBRUARY

7TH - KS2 DISCO
14TH - VALENTINE'S
SMARTIES
FUNDRAISER

MARCH

12TH - KS1 FILM
NIGHT

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM
SALES THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR



APRIL

4TH - BREAK THE
RULES DAY & EASTER
BAKE SALE

MAY



JUNE

19 - SPORTS DAY
21 - SUMMER FETE

REFRESHMENTS @
SCHOOL EVENTS

JULY

11 - PIMMS PARTY &
SILENT DISCO

AUGUST



SEPTEMBER

NEW INTAKE PICNIC

Diary Dates: Looking Ahead



September	October	November
	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 Thursday 16 - Year 1 Trip: Tunbridge Wells	Monday 3 - Young Voices 2025 (participants aware of detail) Tuesday 11 - Online Safety Day Friday 14 - Last Day of Term 3 Monday 24 - First Day of Term 4

March	April	May
Tuesday 4 - EYFS Trip: Godstone Farm Thursday 6 - World Book Day Friday 21 - Year 4 Trip: Mountfitchet 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	Friday 2 - Year 3 Trip: Leavesden Friday 9 - Year 5 Trip: Herstmonceux 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 Year 2 Trip: Maidstone Tuesday 17 - Open Evening Thursday 19 - Sports Day Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford)	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

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

