



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas well and truly arrived on Friday at Slade! Children and staff were all looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers and outfits as we all enjoyed the Christmas Sale and Christmas Lunch. Many thanks to all our parent helpers who were busy in school last week organising Christmas Sales, raffles and photographs. Your help in making Christmas such a special time here at Slade is very much appreciated. Thank you too to our cook Clare and her catering team for producing such a fabulous feast for us all at lunchtime on Friday. Delicious!

Huge congratulations and well done to all the children and staff involved in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 productions that were performed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week. The acting, singing, dancing, signing and narrating were all absolutely fabulous and I know that everyone who came to watch left feeling thoroughly Christmassy! Well done children, we are all very proud of each and every one of you!

On Thursday we held our very own General Election where following a day of campaigning by the four main parties children in Years 4, 5 and 6 cast their vote in the ballot box to see which party would be elected. All votes were counted and the winning party at Slade Primary School was The Green Party! Thank you to all those Year 6 pupils who stood for election and campaigned so enthusiastically!

On Wednesday we say goodbye to some members of staff who are leaving Slade and heading off to pastures new! Firstly, best wishes to Teaching Assistants Stephanie Carter and Chloe Crumley, who are both leaving us to take up new roles outside of the education sector; goodbye and good luck to you both. There will be changes in the office in January too as we say goodbye to Harenet Delaney, Office Manager, and Anel Andrews, Finance Officer, as they both begin new roles in other schools. Harenet is moving to St John's Primary School Tunbridge Wells to be part of their Personnel Team whilst Anel is the new Bursar at Leigh Primary School. Good luck to you both as you embark on this next phase in your careers.

We also say a special goodbye on Wednesday to Mrs. Walker who leaves us after 13 years of teaching at our school to relocate with her family to the Lake District. Susan has taught across all the age ranges here at Slade during her time with us. Additionally she has been a member of the Senior Leader Team and curriculum leader for English, always carrying out her teaching and leadership roles with enthusiasm and passion. As disappointed as we are to be losing Mrs Walker and all that she brings to our school we wish her well in all that she chooses to do once she has settled into her new home and surroundings. Thank you, good-bye and good luck Mrs. Walker!

We would once again very much like for you to see first-hand what a typical morning in school entails and familiarise yourselves with some of the children's learning experiences. Therefore, we will be holding our annual Open Mornings next term on Wednesday 29 January and Tuesday 11 February between 9a.m. and 11a.m. These mornings will be an opportunity for you to hear from the Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors as we share with you the main priorities for the school, including our long-term strategic plan, and discuss the main features of our School Development Plan. More details to follow nearer the time.

This will be the last newsletter of the term so may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to seeing you back in school on the first day of Term 3, Monday 6 January 2020.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

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Around School

Christmas Showtime at Slade

Last week, our Reception and KS1 children played in front of an aggregate of over 500 parents, carers and friends as they performed three different seasonal productions.

Our youngest children took part in a traditional nativity with a brilliant counting twist. The children welcomed the birth of Baby Jesus as they counted the sheep, the shepherds, the kings and finally, the most important count of all - how many babies were there?! Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Pearson are incredibly proud of each and every actor - Well done all of Gruffalo and Elmer Classes.

The Year 1 production this year was Ralph the Reindeer. Ralph steps up to volunteer to carry the presents and fly the sleigh for Christmas when Rudolph falls ill - the problem? Ralph cannot fly! All turns out well though when Ralph decides to help by lifting Rudolph's spirits by singing to him. This works a treat as Rudolph feels better just in time to help Father Christmas on Christmas Eve.

The show season was completed on Thursday afternoon when our Year 2 classes took to the boards to perform 'The Stars are Coming Out for Christmas'. This was the quest to find the outstanding contributor to Christmas over the years - you could think of it as being the OSCARS of Christmas! Of all of the characters the eventual winner was The Star of Bethlehem - the original Star of Christmas!

Attendance Stars

Congratulations to all of the children who obtained a attendance of over the target of 97% and in particular, those who had a 100% attendance.

In the termly raffle this time, our 100 percenter winners were Lucien (who gets vouchers for Hollywood Bowl), Chloe (Book Tokens) and Alisha (WH Smith vouchers). Well done all and thankyou to these companies for donating these fantastic prizes.



First Class Jackson

We are thrilled to report that Jackson in Pegasus Class achieved a 1st pass in his karate grading last weekend. He has now moved from orange stripe belt to a green belt.

1st pass is the best of three possible pass levels and incredibly difficult to achieve - a fact backed up by Carman of Sama Karate who runs lessons at Slade on Friday afternoons after school.

Not only did Jackson exhibit the skills required, the black belt instructors at the grading were particularly impressed with Jackson's respectful behaviour and positive attitude.

Quite rightly, Jackson's parents are very proud of this achievement and the great comments passed on to them by the instructors.

Fantastic news - well done Jackson!



Around School

Thankyou Kerry and Jo

Everyone at Slade would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks to the PTA for all of their incredible help last week with the preparations for Christmas Day at Slade on Friday, selling raffle tickets and cast photographs throughout the performance season and readying mince pies for tonight's Carols by Candlelight service at the Parish Church.

Our special thanks go to Kerry and Jo who have been a wonderful help to everyone in the office and have organised the busiest week in school of the whole year with seamless ease (or what they have managed to look like seamless ease!) To you both: time to put your feet up and take a breath!

Slade Online

We are delighted to end 2019 with the launch of our new school website.

The website has been completely redesigned along with our friends at E4Education to give a fresh, clean look that contains all of the information needed for our parents and new visitors alike.

It includes an easy click to the school calendar and school newsletter as well as all of the statutory school information and links to be able to pay for Breakfast and After School Club and Nourish school dinners.

Do save the website as a favourite and revisit it to make sure you are not missing out on anything going on in the school.

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Christmas Angels

Get along and support your local football team in the National League South this Christmas Holiday!

Tonbridge Angels are at home on Boxing Day (26 December) to local rivals Maidstone United in a 13:00 kick off. Why not pop along to Longmead if you need some fresh air and something different after Christmas Day. The Angels then make the short trip to Dartford on Saturday 28 December before the reverse fixture against The Stones at the Gallagher Stadium in Maidstone on New Years Day. Just before we come back to school, the team return home for a match against Chippenham Town.



From Everyone at Slade

We would all like to wish all of our children, families and friends a very happy, safe and memorable Christmas and New Year holiday.

We hope you have a fantastic time, whatever you are doing and look forward to seeing you again for the start of Term 3 on Monday 6 January.



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Around School

Term 3 Topics

We are already looking forward to 2020 at Slade in what promises to be another busy and fun three terms. The teachers would like to let you know what topics will be covered next term; what do you already know about these topics and what can you find out before January.

Year R: The Gingerbread Man

We will be learning the traditional tale of The Gingerbread Man and will be baking our very own too. We will be learning about seasonal changes and what happens in winter. The story books that we will be reading are 'How to Catch a Star' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.



Year 1: The History of Toys

The children will be comparing toys from the 1960's with those that they play with today and we are very much looking forward to their trip to the V&A Museum of Childhood at the beginning of term.



Year 2: Welcome Aboard the Titanic



We will be plotting events from the sinking of the Titanic on a timeline, finding out why the boat sank and who was affected. We will explore reasons why she hit an iceberg and discuss how people today can go on special trips to see the wreckage of the ship. In Maths, we will focus on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and continue to use our times tables. In English, we will be writing narratives and looking at books by Anthony Brown. Our focus will be verbs and suffixes. Finally, in Science we will be looking at living things and humans.

Year 3: Earthquakes and Volcanoes

We find out where in the world earthquakes and volcanoes occur and why they happen.



Year 4: Beyond the Magic Kingdom: What is the sunshine state really like?

Our pupils will gain an understanding of the physical and human geographical features of a region in North America with which they can begin to compare and contrast the characteristics of a region of the United Kingdom.

Year 5: British National Parks

We will be learning about National Parks - what they are, where they are and who they are for!



Year 6: Climate Change



Next term, we are going to be focusing on climate change and the affects it has on us locally as well as the world we live in. We will also be investigating what our world leaders have agreed to do about global warming going forward.





Slade Stats

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions as the children are registered in the morning at 08:50 and in the afternoon at 13:15 for KS1 and 13:30 for children in KS2.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted. Find out the winners by following our Twitter feed on a Friday afternoon.

ATTENDANCE TARGET

We would like to see overall school attendance be at or above

97%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week we recorded an overall attendance of

96.3%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

96.5%

Registers are taken at 08:50 each morning, with the gates open 10 minutes earlier. 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 - Find out the winners by following our Twitter feed on a Friday afternoon.

PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

23 Children late this week

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Dear Parents and Carers

We communicate to parents and carers all week long through our Twitter feed, keep up to date with what is happening and what is about to happen by following us: log on at www.twitter.com/sladeprimarysch or via the app @sladeprimarysch.

Letters and general information are sent via ParentMail. Every parent should have a ParentMail account linked to their personal email address, please download the ParentMail app from your chosen app provider and always read and act on the communication we send to you. School letters are only sent to you if the content applies to your child.

Urgent messages can also be sent via SMS. Please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile telephone number. We use Teachers to Parents SMS.

Below is a list of communications sent this week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 9 December	PTA Christmas Production Photos and Raffle	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 10 December	Netball Club	Year 5 and Year 6 ParentMail
Tuesday 10 December	Flu Immunisation Consent	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 10 December	Writing Day	Selected Children ParentMail
Wednesday 11 December	Year 3 trip to Harry Potter World @wbtourlondon	
Wednesday 11 December	Christmas Performances - Younger Siblings	EYFS and KS1 ParentMail
Wednesday 11 December	Christmas Sale Bags and Craft Afternoon	EYFS ParentMail
Thursday 12 December	Warner Bros Reply	
Thursday 12 December	Year 6 Election	
Thursday 12 December	Christmas Day at Slade	All School ParentMail
Friday 13 December	Christmas Day at Slade	
Friday 6 December	NHS Flu Immunisation Consent	All School ParentMail

The Fun Spot

Food themed fun from Daniel in Year 6

Word list

Fish
Chips
Vegetables
Fruit
smoothie

Apple
meat
breakfast
Lunch
Dinner

F	R	U	I	T	U	F	T	L	V	R	N	C	V	R
N	D	C	R	R	S	F	X	E	M	F	G	M	Z	E
E	I	R	F	Z	F	O	G	J	O	P	G	B	M	N
L	I	Z	T	O	B	E	F	F	W	H	F	M	S	N
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W	B	P	B	A	H	F	P	V	P	V	W	F	K	Y
E	O	V	S	E	S	U	L	Z	H	E	C	Y	D	A
U	Q	C	I	T	K	A	A	M	V	B	E	E	M	G



Q – what's a frog's favourite drink?

A- Croak a cola!



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The snowman who will never melt



The Chair of Governors

Simon Griffiths

The governors hold five Full Governing Body meetings each school year and the second of these took place recently. In a very full meeting we discussed and agreed several policies, which have now been updated on the school website, received a comprehensive report on all aspects of the school from the Headteacher, reviewed a Department for Education report covering the schools SATs results and discussed progress against the schools strategic milestones. We also received reports on recent governor monitoring visits covering Safeguarding and Health and Safety and reviewed the minutes from the latest Pupil Council meeting.

The public minutes from the Full Governing Body meeting held on 11th September were also agreed by the governors and these are now available on the governor page of the school website, along with the agreed minutes from this year's first three committee meetings.

On behalf of the governors may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and I hope you all have an enjoyable festive break.

Regards,

Simon.

Golden Table Winners

Congratulations to all of the children who have been recognised by our team of Lunchtime Supervisors for following all of the lunchtime rules consistently throughout the term.

They sat for their lunch today on the Golden Table where they were served like the VIPs they are!

The winners were:

Elmer : Maddy, Juliet and Joshua

Gruffalo: Alfie, Jack and Yao

Pixie: Evelien, Myles and Harriet

Elf: Malvina, Stella and James

Gnome: Winifred and Sofia

Sprite: Bridget and Beatrice

Well done everyone!



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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Wednesday 18 December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 6 January	First Day of Term 3

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT TERM

MONDAY	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening
TUESDAY	Craft'd Sewing, Davey Tennis
WEDNESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Silhouette Dance, The Art Trolley
THURSDAY	Active Sports Group Gymnastics, Davey Tennis
FRIDAY	Lunchtime French, The Art Trolley, Sama Karate

FURTHER AHEAD

Wednesday 15 January	Governors Meeting 18:30
Wednesday 15 January	Closing date for Primary Intake 2020 applications
Thursday 16 January	Family Liaison Officer Coffee Morning
Wednesday 22 January	Stradbroke Dentist visit to KS2
Monday 27 January	Rev. Brown Assembly
Wednesday 29 January	Governors Meeting 18:30
Monday 3 February	Kent Police visit to EYFS
Tuesday 4 February	E-Safety Day
Wednesday 12 February	Year 3 Roman Day
Friday 14 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 11 March	Year 4 trip to Tonbridge Castle
Wednesday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4

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