



# Slade

## Primary School

### **School Newsletter / Term 3 Issue 1**

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# Mrs Slade

## Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. A special welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us over the break; we hope that you soon feel part of our Slade family.

Welcome too to new members of staff who have joined us this term. Helen Lipman has quickly settled into her new role of Sphinx Class Teacher, joining us from Fleetdown Primary School in Dartford. We look forward to getting to know Helen as she settles into school life here. Also this week, we welcome Yashada Satbhai to our expanding support staff team. Yashada is providing one to one support for two of our pupils in school, following her relocation to Tonbridge. A warm welcome to each of you; we hope that you soon feel at home here as part of the Slade family.

On Wednesday this week, we welcomed Tel German our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser to the school for the first of her visits this academic year. Tel visited each of the classrooms observing lessons, talking to the children about their learning and looking in books before spending time with myself, Miss Garrett and Simon Griffiths, Chair of Governors. She was impressed by the 'exemplary' and 'strong' provision that she saw and the positive changes that have been made since her previous visit to the school in June. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved!

A reminder that we would once again very much like for you to see first-hand what a typical morning in school entails and familiarise yourselves some of the children's learning experiences. Therefore, we will be holding our annual Open Mornings this term on Wednesday 29 January and Tuesday 4 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 Improvement Plan. More details to follow in next week's newsletter.

Next week on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding the first of this year's coffee mornings, an informal opportunity for you to come into school and meet Christina Ekperigin our Family Liaison Officer and catch up over a cup of coffee. Catherine Barber, Inclusion Leader, will also be there if you wanted an informal chat with her. The session will be held in the Main Hall after drop off with all who attend asked to use the main entrance and sign in at the school office. We look forward to seeing you there.

In order to ensure that all children are dismissed safely at the end of the day a reminder please that at pick up time all parents and carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who are not waiting to collect a child from Key Stage 2 should exit the playground as soon as their child has been collected. Key Stage 2 parents should wait for their children on the playground in front of the Adventure Playground away from the school buildings and behind the red line. KS2 Classes will be brought across the playground and dismissed from this point. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Karen Slade.**

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# Around School

## Changes to the Diary

We have had to make two changes to the school diary advertised in the summer. Our aim, as always, is to make you aware of the dates of school events as far in advance as possible, but on rare occasions this means that amendments do have to be made. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause but hope that this notice has been made in good time to allow for changes to your own diary with regards to leave from work or other considerations.

### ***Parent Consultations***

**These meetings will now be held on Tuesday 24 March and Wednesday 25 March.**

This is due to a choir competition on the original date of Wednesday 25 March.

The date of the booking period for these meetings will be advertised nearer the time.

### ***Sports Day***

**The annual Sports Day has been changed and will now be held on Tuesday 23 June.**

This is due to the Year 6 Residential in Devon being on a different week this year.

The reserve date in case of postponement will be Thursday 2 July.



## C'ptain Clare Prepares the Pirate Grub

We are all looking forward to the latest special mealday provided by Nourish.

**Next Thursday (16 January) sees Clare and her Kitchen Crew serve up more than just ships biscuits to our landlubbers, lads and lassies!**

Join in the pirate fun and don't miss out on the bounty which includes Jolly Roger's Burger in a Bun, Margherita 'Pizza' of Eight (blame Nourish for the names!), Cheese and Onion Pasta, Scurvy Avoiding seasonal vegetables and a variety of Baked Potatoes. For desert, there's Chest of Jammy Treasure, Nourish's own ships biscuit, Fruit Mates Fruit Pots and Yo-ho-ho Yoghurt.

This is a one off special mealday not to be missed; don't cause a mutiny at home and let your own ship's hand enjoy lunch with their hearties on the Good Ship Slade on Thursday 16 January.

This meal is completely free of charge to all children in EYFS and KS1 - just leave the packed lunch at home and ask for a meal on the day. Children in KS2 (Year 3-6) should have the meal booked in advance via ParentPay (A link is now active via our own website (<https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/>) go to Parents then Lunchtimes for full information.

### ***Competition***

Design a pirate hat or draw your best pirate ship to be judged by C'ptain Clare. Booty will be handed out to all entries at the end of the week.

Submit your designs or pictures to the school office by 09:00 on Thursday 16 January for your chance to win.



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## Congratulations Arno

Many of our regular readers will recognise Arno's name for his many sporting achievements, especially in the field of cross-country running.

Mrs Slade was delighted to receive a message during the Christmas holidays from Liam Friend of the Ashford Leisure Trust informing her that Arno had qualified for the National Cross Country final for Primary Years 5 and 6! This was due to his win at the local Brands Hatch event in November.

The finals are held at Prestwold Hall in Loughborough, Leicestershire on Saturday 21 March and is screened live across the world online. The medals on the day are handed out by Jenny Meadows, World 800m medalist.

Many congratulations from everyone at Slade Arno, and best of luck for the final!

## The Medway Visits Slade!

Tonbridge made the headlines over the holiday period as the rain continued to fall, eventually leading to the River Medway to bust its banks. Even still now there are more gulls than goals on the Racecourse Recreation Ground!

Whilst we were lucky that none of our buildings were affected by the flooding, the school field and surrounding pathways certainly were.

Mrs Hitchcock took these photographs of the extent of the rising water as the Medway visited Slade and tried its best to reach Titan Class and Deacon House!



## Logon to Slade

Over the Christmas holiday our brand new website went live, we hope that you have had chance to have a browse. The website has all of the information you need, or may want, to know about the school as well as a calendar of events which is kept up-to-date at all times.

Take a fresh look today and add us to your favourites bar: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/>

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# Around School

## Buster's Book Club 2020

**Buster's Book Club will return next week as some of the participating schools only returned to school on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.**

Buster's Book Club is a fun incentive to primary aged children to get into a book and enjoy reading at home. It is organised by Inspire Schools, the charity arm of the Kent Messenger Group which includes the KM local newspapers, KMFM and KMTV.

Each child will come home from school with a Buster's bookmark attached to their reading record book - all you have to do is write down the day each week that your child has read the most: a school, personal or library reading book, magazine, comic, website - anything that they have enjoyed reading, either to you or on their own.

The bookmark states that this should only be a Wednesday, but we understand that this is not practical or fair for a lot of families, so please, just use the day which the child has read the most - just have the bookmark completed by Wednesday so the totals can be added up on Thursday morning.

The children can earn badges (bronze, silver and gold). These are awarded for outstanding effort, improvement and achievement.

The KM offer special reward weeks - this term there is a chance for your child's class to win prizes, including an assembly from Creepy Claws where they can learn about mini beasts, perfect pets and habitats around the world as well as meeting a variety of feathery, scaly and furry friends.



## PTA Get Together

**The PTA have asked us to promote their next meeting, which will be next Thursday, 16 January.**

The meeting will start at 19:30 and is held in the school library.

The get-together is open to every parent and carer, please do come in and see how you or your business may be able to help the school. On the agenda for Thursday is the Summer Fête Auction, the Year 6 Sensory Garden and the Junior Disco.

## Coffee with Christina and Catherine

**Our Family Liaison Officer, Christina Ekperigin and new Inclusion Leader (SENCO), Catherine Barber, are hosting a coffee morning for all parents and carers next Thursday, 16 January.**

The coffee morning will be held in the main hall between 09:00 and 09:45.

Everyone is welcome as it will be a chance to find out more about the FLO and Inclusions roles in an informal way over a chat and a drink.



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# 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

**95.6%**

### ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

**96.1%**

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

**7 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](https://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
Tuesday 2 January	Year 1 Teachers out in London	
Monday 6 January	V&A Museum Payment Reminder	Selected Year 1 ParentMail
Tuesday 7 January	Stocks Green Writing Day Reminder	Selected Children
Tuesday 7 January	V&A Museum Volunteers	Year 1 Volunteers ParentMail
Wednesday 8 January	Racket Pack Festival	Selected KS2 Children ParentMail
Wednesday 8 January	Reed and Feed Reminder	Selected Children ParentMail
Wednesday 8 January	Mrs Hill in the Times of Tonbridge	
Wednesday 8 January	Senacre Wood School <a href="https://www.twitter.com/SenacreWood">@SenacreWood</a> - OFSTED	 Reply
Friday 10 January	Arrival Time for Year 1 Trip	Year 1 ParentMail
Friday 10 January	Year 3 Roman Day Payment and Permission Reminder	Selected Year 3 ParentMail
Friday 10 January	FLO and Inclusion Coffee Morning	
Friday 10 January	Celebration Assembly Highlights	
Friday 10 January	EYFS News	EYFS ParentMail

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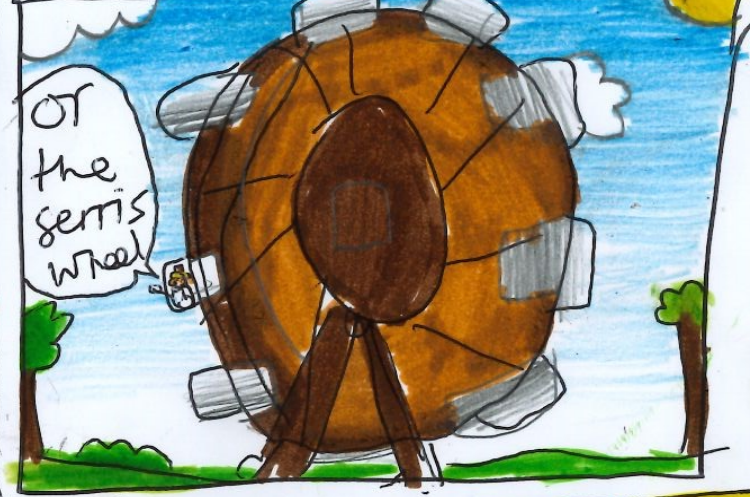




# SLIPPER

The snowman who will never melt

## Guide THE FUN GUIDE TO FUNFAIRS By Slipper

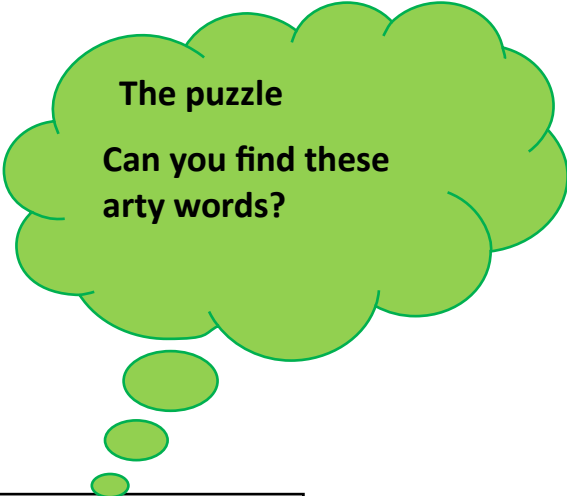






Art framed fun  
From Daniel in  
Year 6

Q – why was the artist great?...  
A- because he could always draw a crowd  
Q- what is an artist’s  
favourite swimming  
technique?...  
A- brushstroke!



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- 1.Artist
- 2.Painting
- 3.Easel
- 4.Canvas
- 5.Brush

- 6.Palette
- 7.Pencil
- 8.Sharpener
- 9.Paper
- 10.Sketch





# Coming up...

## NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 13 January	<b>Year 1 Trip to V&amp;A Museum</b> Children expected to return to school at 16:00
Tuesday 14 January	<b>Racket Pack Festival</b> Selected children to be collected from school office at 15:30
Wednesday 15 January	<b>High Hopes Assembly</b> Please inform class teacher if your child should be withdrawn from this assembly
Wednesday 15 January	<b>Year 3 Rock Show</b> No need to book, just come along to the school office for 14:30 to enjoy our music learning!
Wednesday 15 January	<b>Governors Meeting - Finance and Property</b> 18:30
Wednesday 15 January	<b>Closing Date for Primary Intake 2020 Applications</b> Visit <a href="http://kent.gov.uk">kent.gov.uk</a> if you have a child born between 01.09.2015 and 31.08.2016
Thursday 16 January 09:00 - 09:45	<b>Parents Coffee Morning</b> See Page 5

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening
TUESDAY	Davey Tennis, Craft'd Sewing Club
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 29 January	Open Morning for all current parents and carers 09:00 - 11:00
Wednesday 29 January	Governors Meeting 18:30
Monday 3 February	Kent Police visit to EYFS
Tuesday 4 February	Open Morning for all current parents and carers 09:00 - 11:00
Tuesday 4 February	E-Safety Day
Wednesday 12 February	Year 3 Roman Day
Friday 14 February	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
Monday 24 February	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>
Wednesday 11 March	Year 4 Trip to Tonbridge Castle
Wednesday 18 March	High Hopes Assembly
Tuesday 24 March	Parent Consultations 16:00 - 18:30
Wednesday 25 March	Parent Consultations 17:00 - 20:00 <b>This is a date alteration - See Page 3</b>

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