



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're half way through Term 3 already and it's been another busy week of learning for children and staff alike! Do ask your children what exciting things have been happening in their class this week!

I am delighted to share that Fiona Toft, currently a Teaching Assistant providing one to one support in Pegasus Class, has been successfully appointed to the role of Finance Officer, following the departure of Anel Andrews at the end of Term 2. We look forward to welcoming Fiona into the office team and now having her with us in school on a daily basis as she continues with some of her Teaching Assistant hours too. Congratulations Fiona!

We are currently advertising three support staff vacancies that have become available, 2 of which are new roles, working in our Inclusion Team under the leadership of Catherine Barber our Inclusion Leader. Full details about each of these roles are available on the Kent teach website at www.kent-teach.com or do come to speak to either myself or Catherine if you want to find out more about what each of the roles involve.

In addition to our upcoming Open Mornings, the first of which is next week, we will also be holding 2 curriculum information sessions for parents focusing on 'Calculation in Maths'. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about how we teach calculation in Maths across the school, enabling you to then support your child using the same methods in their learning at home. The session will explain the main points in our calculation policy with some of our older children demonstrating the methods to you. There will hopefully be time for you to enjoy doing some calculations yourselves too! These sessions will be held on Tuesday 25 February at 9am and then repeated at 2.45pm. Both sessions will be held in the main hall and last for approximately 45 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child in school then please do arrange a time to discuss these with your child's class teacher. This can be done by catching the teacher at the end of the day, once the class has been dismissed, telephoning the school office to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time or by emailing the class teacher at the class email address. Don't forget that we will be holding parent consultation meetings in Terms 4, which will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress to date with the class teacher and find out what their targets are for the term.

A reminder 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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

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Around School

Game, Set and Match

Everyone at Slade would like to set on record their gratitude and best wishes to Giles Davey, who has this week served his last tennis club session to our children following his relocation to East Anglia.

Giles has been our resident tennis coach for the last four years, running the successful Davey Tennis courses all year round on a Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Giles would like to thank all of the children and their parents and carers for their support and dedication to the improvement in their game.

You may not have seen the last of Giles yet though as the Davey family's move has been recorded for BBC TV's Escape to the Country, which will be aired in a future series.

All of the children, parents and carers have been notified that the tennis club at Slade has now closed. Keep your eyes peeled for exciting new clubs as and when they are confirmed.



Year 4 Swimming

Phoenix and Sphinx Classes will commence their swimming lessons on Wednesday 5 February.



The nine week course costs £18.00 and is available to purchase now on ParentMail as described on the letter sent out recently.

Payment also counts as consent to swim. Without consent from a parent or carer, your child will not be able to join in these invaluable and fun sessions at Tonbridge Pool.

Many thanks to everyone who has already paid and consented.

Road Crossing

You will want to be aware that there will be no Road Crossing Patrol at the junction of Stafford Road and The Slade next Monday, 27 January.

Don't worry though, Ray will be back in action on Tuesday afternoon!



Stationery Vehicles and Parking

We have been alerted by concerned parents and neighbours about the number of vehicles who are waiting at the end of the school day on the roadside with their engine running.

As well as damaging air quality for our immediate community, it also produces an unwelcome noise pollution. If you are lucky enough to be able to park on the street at the end of the day, please do switch off the engine.

We are in a more fortunate position than most primary schools in that we have access to the large public car park just 200m from the front gate, which, with a permit, parents can use free of charge at drop off and collection times.



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Mouths Wide Open

Our KS2 children were treated to a visit from Kelly and Ellen from Stradbrook Dental Clinic who are visiting local primary schools talking about good dental hygiene.



The children were given information about what makes a healthy mouth with healthy teeth and how good eating and brushing help to maintain healthy teeth and gums.



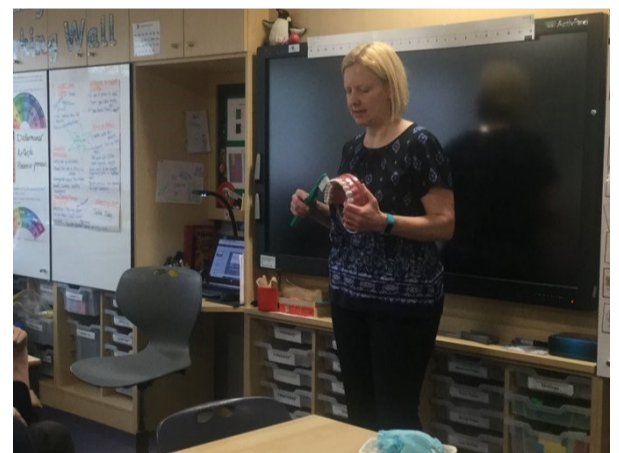
They were shown how to brush properly and effectively as well as finding out what causes decay. Kelly (shown below demonstrating to Griffin Class) and Ellen (left) were keen to stress that children are allowed sweet treats, but they must remember to brush thoroughly afterwards.

All of the children were given a gift bag to take home which included a free Wisdom Step by Step toothbrush with gum bumpers and tongue cleaner and a leaflet for parents and carers about taking the children to the dentist, how best to clean teeth, the causes of toothache and decay prevention.

Stradbrook are offering free check ups for all children (-18 years) and have appointments available during the February break (between Monday 17 and Friday 21 February) and after school times from 16:00. Just contact their reception team on 01732 385242 or [book via their website](#).

Our older children all enjoyed the visit - if you don't usually have the opportunity to visit the dentist for check-ups, please try to do so, either at Stradbrook or any of the local dentists in town, many of who offer NHS appointments.

Kelly and Ellen will be back at Slade to visit the KS1 classes soon.



School Open Mornings

Thankyou to everyone who has booked to come and see us for one of our open mornings coming up over the next couple of weeks. We have had 80 bookings made within 24 hours of opening which is amazing, we look forward to sharing the morning with you all.

If you haven't got your name down yet, don't miss out - just visit our [online booking site](#) and choose one of the open mornings.

We will be throwing open the doors on **Wednesday 29 January and Tuesday 4 February** (both between 09:00 and 11:00), starting with a presentation from Mrs Slade detailing the main priorities for the school, including our long-term strategic plan, and discuss the main features of our School Development Plan. This is followed by your chance to wander at your leisure around the school, dipping in to any classroom to see a normal learning day here at Slade for yourselves..

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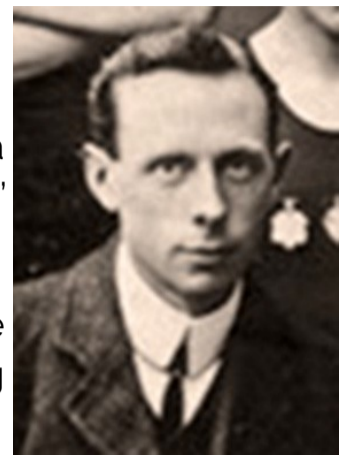


Around School

Helping with History

We have been contacted by a local historian who is assisting with research in to a teacher who would have taught at the 'National School' or 'Bank Street Boys School' in Tonbridge towards the end of the Victorian era in 1895 - 1900.

The teacher, Mr Harry J Payne (pictured left) sadly died in conflict and is listed in the Roll of Honour for the Fallen of World War 1 at his teacher training college, King Alfred's in Winchester.



King Alfred's, now the University of Winchester, are carrying out this research and are keen to track down the school, or schools, that Mr Payne worked in, as it would complete the last piece in his story,

The story of Tonbridge's Harry Payne sits alongside other poignant memories of former students at King Alfred's Winchester Training College who fell in WWI on a dedicated website in their honour; take a look at <https://wtcfallen.com/> for sight of these stories.

Harry's place in history courtesy of wtcfallen.com.



If you do have any knowledge of Mr Payne, his life and career here in Tonbridge, or any documents relating to the National school or Bank Street Boys School that may assist this enquiry, please contact the school office via email office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Headlice and Threadworm

There have been a few reported instances of headlice and threadworm here at the school this week. Both of these bugs are common in children and are harmless, albeit a nuisance!



Headlice

We advise that pupils are checked on a weekly basis to prevent any outbreak of lice spreading. Further information on headlice can be found from the [NHS here](#), or by consulting a pharmacist.

Threadworm

Threadworms live in the bowel and the bottom, they are white worms about 15mm long that look like threads of cotton.

The most common sign is scratching around the bottom, especially at night which may cause disturbed sleep, although some children will show no symptoms at all. You may see the threadworm in the child's stools and around their bottom region.

There is no need to keep your child off of school as long as they are treated and good preventative hygiene advice is being followed such as : Keeping nails short, not biting or sucking fingers, bathing daily especially in the morning and using separate towels to the rest of the family. Washing hands after visiting the toilet and before eating as well as cleaning the toilet seat regularly.

Effective, easy treatment is available from any pharmacist and further information from the [NHS can be found here](#).

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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

96.1%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

95.8%

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

12 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:

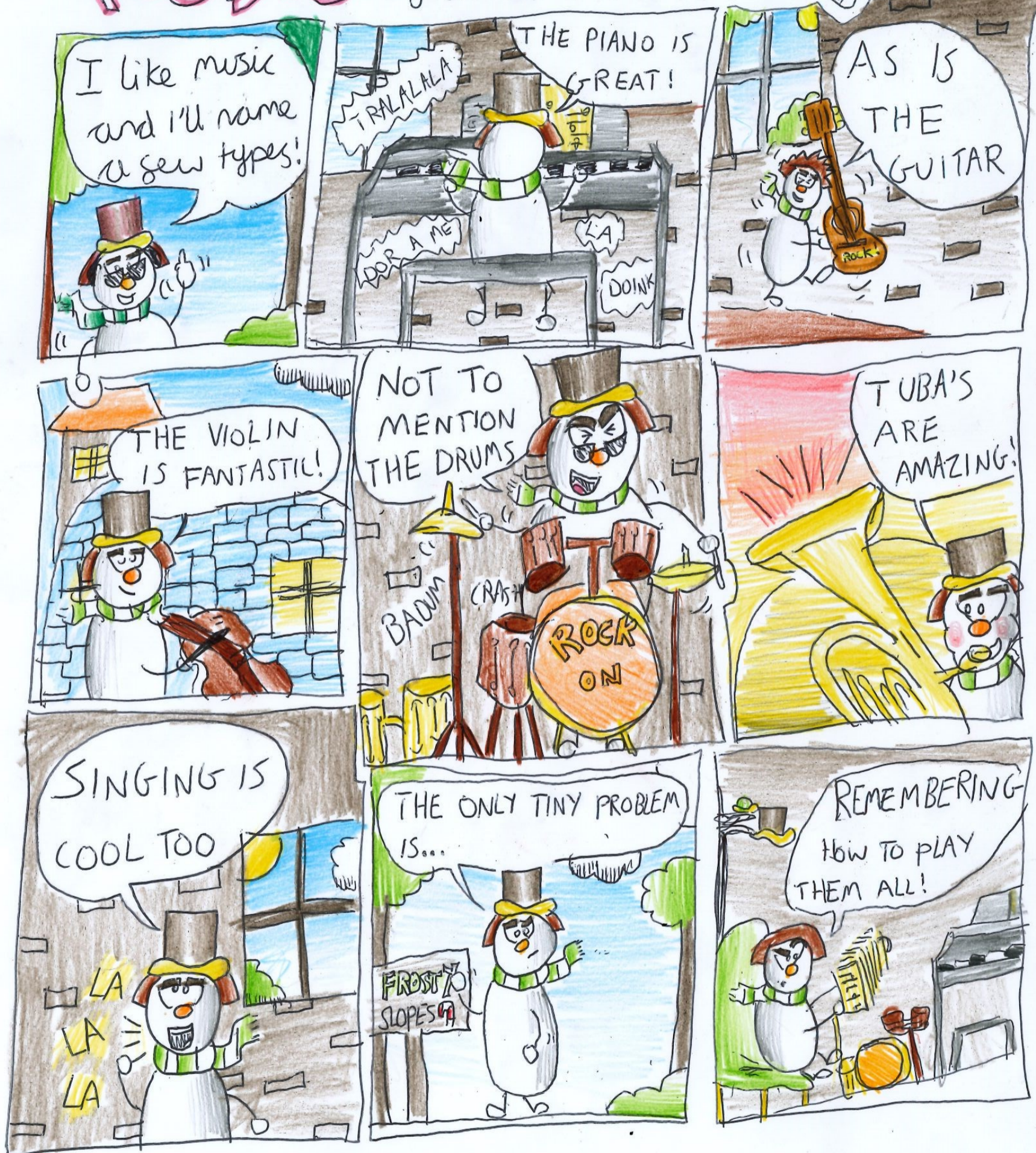
Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 20 January	Year 3 Roman Day Reminder	Selected Year 3 ParentMail
Monday 20 January	Year 4 Swimming Lessons Reminder	Selected Year 4 ParentMail
Monday 20 January	PTA Meeting Minutes	All School ParentMail
Monday 20 January	After School Tuition	Selected Children ParentMail
Monday 20 January	Open Morning Bookings	
Monday 20 January	Open Morning Bookings	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 22 January	Stradbrook Dental Visit	
Wednesday 22 January	Baby and Toddler Photographs	Gnome Class ParentMail
Wednesday 22 January	After School Tuition	Selected Children ParentMail
Wednesday 22 January	Spring Concert	KS2 ParentMail
Thursday 23 January	Staradbrook Dental Appointments	 Retweet @staradbrooksmile
Thursday 23 January	Absences	Selected absent children ParentMail
Friday 24 January	EYFS News	Year R ParentMail
Friday 24 January	Celebration Assembly Live	

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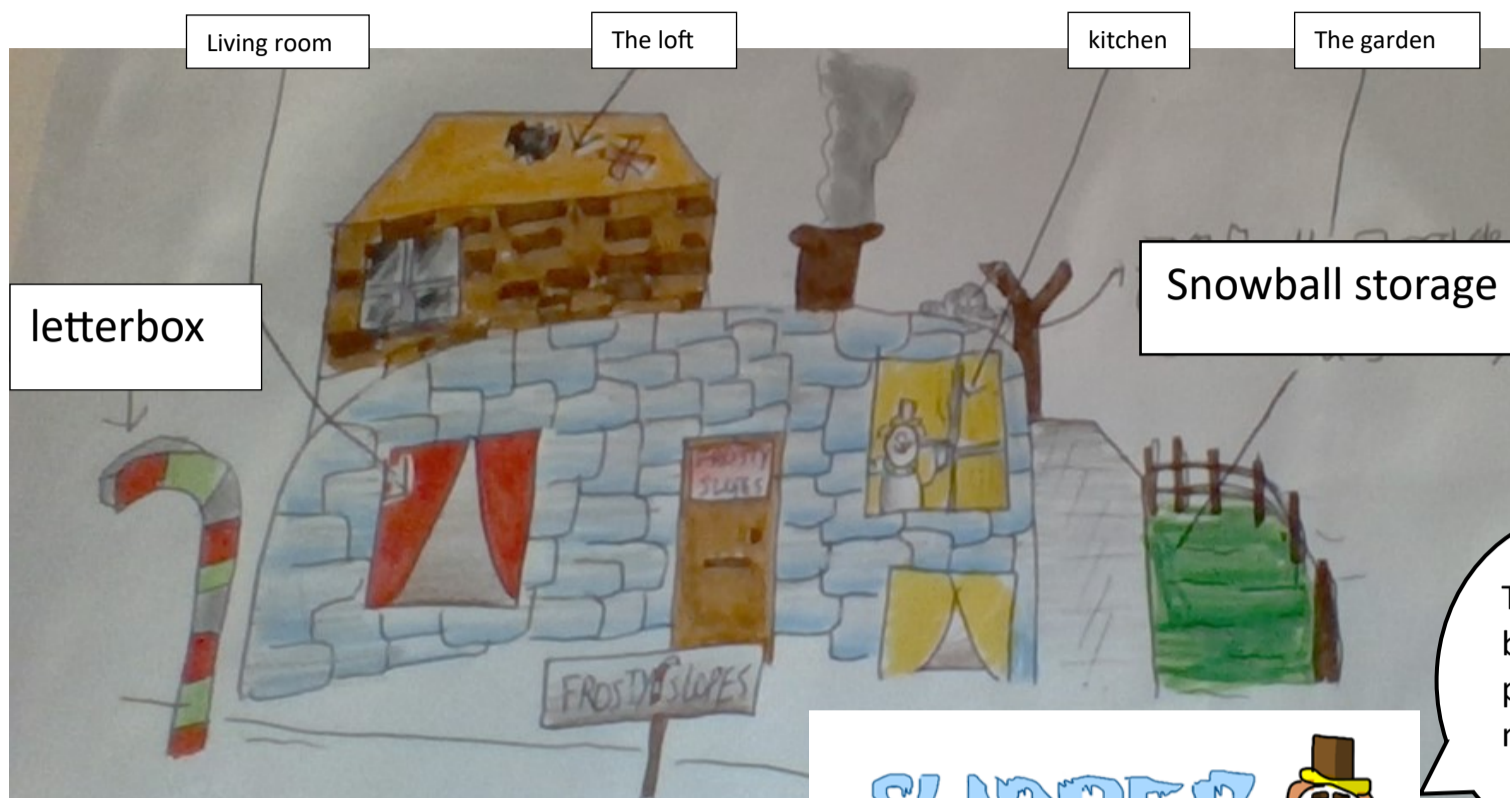


THE FUN GUIDE TO...

MUSIC by Slipper



The Fun Spot



This is a bonus picture of my house!

Marvellous Music

Following last week's Rock Concert, Daniel has produced a musical special for today's Fun Spot with a little bit of help from William, who came up with the keyboard joke!



Q – what do you need to get into your house?...

A- a **key**board

Q- what do you call a cow playing a musical instrument?...

A- a **moos**ician

What glue do you use to fix a broken tuba?...

A- a **tuba** of glue

M S Z W U F L Q B X E H W
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CELLO
CONDUCTOR
DRUMS
GUITAR
MUSIC
MUSICIAN
PIANO
SINGING
TUBA
VIOLIN

The musical puzzle



Next Week...

Where in the world is Slipper?

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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 27 January	Rev. Brown Assembly Please inform class teacher if your child should be withdrawn from this assembly
Tuesday 28 January	Brian Moses Writing Event at Stocks Green School Selected children (travel should be sorted by this time) meeting Mrs Sandell at 09:20
Wednesday 29 January 09:00 - 11:00	Parent and Carer Open Morning Book your place via https://slade.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ (see page 3)
Wednesday 29 January 18:30	Governors Meeting Curriculum Committee

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

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

FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 3 February	Kent Police visit to EYFS
Tuesday 4 February	Open Morning for all current parents and carers 09:00 - 11:00
Friday 7 February	Books home for the weekend
Tuesday 11 February	E-Safety Day - This is a date alteration
Wednesday 12 February	Year 3 Roman Day
Friday 14 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 25 February	Calculation in Maths presentation - See Mrs Slade's notes on Page 2
Monday 2 March - Friday 6 March	Book Week
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 March	Year 4 Trip to Tonbridge Castle
Wednesday 11 March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 18 March	High Hopes Assembly
Tuesday 24 March	Parent Consultations 16:00 - 18:30
Wednesday 25 March	Parent Consultations 17:00 - 20:00
Tuesday 31 March	Spring Concert
Wednesday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 20 April	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 29 April	Residential Week Meeting for Year 6 Parents and Carers - 19:00
Tuesday 5 May	Class and Group Photographs - Matthew Walker Photography

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