



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

This final week of Term 3 has been another busy one with exciting learning happening across the school. From puppet making in Year 2, to pasta sauce being created and cooked in Year 4 and children in Year 3 working with our visiting theatre company 'Living History', recreating Roman battles and performing in amphitheatres! Do read on into the newsletter or check out our Twitter feed to find out more about what the children have been up to this week.

Well done and thank you to our Year 6 'E-Safety Ambassadors', our Year 4 classes and Miss Bates who took a lead role in our Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. All children across the school were learning how to stay safe online as part of this year's national event, through the theme of 'Together for a better internet'. Thank you to the children mentioned above who led the E-Safety themed assemblies and thank you too to those parents who came along to find out more about staying safe online! We hope that you found it informative and useful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about keeping your child safe online.

We're extremely proud of all our Sports Leaders who represented the school so magnificently at their 'Playmaker' leadership training this week in Tunbridge Wells. All leaders were a credit to the school, giving their absolute best as they were assessed on planning and delivering sports sessions for younger pupils. We look forward to seeing you applying your learning during the lunchtime sessions you will be running during the coming terms. Well done everyone!

This afternoon we welcomed Tonbridge MP Tom Tugendhat into school! Tom came and spent time firstly with Hippogriff Class where he met Amelia J and presented her with her prize for being a worthy winner of his design a Christmas card competition at the end of 2019 following which he led a question and answer session with the class. Then it was off to our own Cabinet Office meeting as he met with Pupil Council members where he was grilled by children on topics that are close to their hearts, in addition to questions on how much an MP earns and Tom's personal views on the Prime Minister! Thank you Tom for giving up time in your busy schedule to come and meet us today. Do look out for photos on the website and Twitter!

Once again, a reminder that, in the interest of safety of all our school community, any parents or carers who drive their children to school should not be parking or dropping off on the yellow zig-zags outside the school entrances and are asked to drive with due care and consideration for all pedestrians. Thank you.

I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 24 February.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.



Thankyou again to Anshika for today's front cover picture.

Hope you all had many more Valentines wishes first thing this morning!

Have a great weekend and February Break - we will see you all again on Monday 24 February for the start of Term 4 (and hopefully Springtime!)

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Around School

Term 4 Learning at Slade

If your child is in Year 2-6, today they should have brought home a letter with their personal login details for 'Times Tables Rockstars'.

'Times Tables Rockstars' is a fun, multi-award winning online programme that can be used on a laptop or through the app on a tablet or mobile phone that gives children a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice.

Children get the opportunity to earn coins where they can buy costumes and accessories for their rock star avatar and can also challenge and compete against their friends.

Please take the time to introduce your child to Times Tables Rockstars at home as regular practice has proven to have a really positive impact on the progress of recalling these important facts.

If you have any questions or comments regarding 'Times Tables Rockstars', please [email the school office](#) and these will be addressed by the class teacher or Maths lead, Mrs Stephens.

Ciarán and Emily who are at two local schools have been taking part in TimesTables Rockstars. Emily, from Sussex Road School said, 'Yes, I do my Timestables Rockstars in school, I really enjoy it, particularly being able to design my own character.' Ciarán (below), who is at Barming School in Maidstone, agreed, 'Everyone in my class enjoys this. It's like doing times tables for a reason because you can earn coins to dress your character and get to move up the league table!'



Term 4 Topics

Year R - 'Are We There Yet?' We will be reading Going on a Bear Hunt, The Three Little Pigs and The Train Ride, to find out about different journeys, types of transport and animals.



Year 1 - 'What Does it Take to be a Great Explorer?' We will be learning about Ralph Fiennes, Amy Johnson, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will also be looking at instructions and the importance of them being clear and unambiguous. This will result in us becoming TV chefs!



Year 2 - 'Welcome Aboard the Titanic.' Continuing to build on our topics from this term.



Year 3 - 'Tonbridge' We will be carrying out a local study of Tonbridge and thinking how and why our local area is changing.

Year 4- 'Norman Castles' We find out why castles were important to the Normans. This topic will be enhanced by a visit to Tonbridge Castle.



Year 5 - 'The British Empire' We look at why Britain had ambitions to expand an empire across the globe and seek to find out the reasons behind the demise of Britain's influence in the world.



Year 6- 'Ancient Egypt' The Year 6 children will be investigating a big question on the subject of Ancient Egypt.

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Safer Internet Day 2020

A big well done to our Year 5 and 6 Digital Leaders and to everyone in Year 4 for producing and presenting special assemblies on Tuesday, Safer Internet Day.

The global theme for Safer Internet Day is "Together for a better internet", with this year's UK campaign entitled "Free to be me."



Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community.

For more information on Safer Internet Day 2020, please visit: www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Tips for children and parents to make the most of their time online are [available here](#).

Thankyou to all of the relatives of Phoenix and Sphinx Classes who were able to join us for their children's assemblies and to Miss Bates for organising the day of learning and awareness for all of our children, including the fantastic video made by the Digital Leaders.

EYFS and KS1 Film Night

The PTA are glad to be putting on a special event exclusively for children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2.

The EYFS and KS1 Film Night will be showing Toy Story 4 on Friday 27 March straight after school. For an entrance fee of just £5, each child will receive a hot dog and a drink as well as the film on the big screen.

They can also bring in casual clothing to change in to. There will be further information coming out shortly - look out for that - and let the production begin!



Thankyou and Best Wishes Mrs Wye



Today, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Wye who has been with us this term in Gnome Class as she continued her Schools Direct qualification, swapping classes for six weeks with our own Miss Taylor who is completing the same course. We would like to say a big thanks and well done to Mrs Wye and wish her well for her teaching career which will resume at Horsmonden School after the February Break.

Karate Grading

We are very proud of the children from Slade who took part in their personal karate grading last weekend.

All six attend the Friday afternoon Sama Karate lessons with Carman. She organised for this group to take their grading examination, which they all passed. In particular, Carman let us know that Olivia in Gnome Class achieved the highest award - the First Pass. Congratulations to you all.

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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

96.4%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

96.3%

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

14 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 10 February	Thera Boxing	Selected Children ParentMail
Monday 10 February	Sensory Circuits	Sensory Circuits ParentMail
Monday 10 February	Safer Internet Assemblies	All School ParentMail
Monday 10 February	EYFS News 3:5	Year R ParentMail
Monday 10 February	Year 5 and 6 Netball	Year 5 and Year 6 ParentMail
Tuesday 11 February	Year 4 Trip to Tonbridge Reminder	Selected Year 4 ParentMail
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 11 February	Railway Safety	
Wednesday 12 February	Welcome to @LHWtweet	
Wednesday 12 February	Battling Celts	
Wednesday 12 February	Gladiator Training	
Wednesday 12 February	Roman Day Wrap	
Wednesday 12 February	Sports Leaders Training	
Friday 14 February	World Book Day	All School ParentMail
Friday 14 February	Email failure at school	
Friday 14 February	Mr Clark rescues us from the email failure!	
Friday 14 February	Tom Tugendhat MP Visit	
Friday 14 February	Celebration Assembly Live	
Friday 14 February	EYFS News	Year R ParentMail

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In this week's Slipper comic, he learns about the internet and how to stay safe on the world wide web. Join the snowman on an awesome adventure about E- safety. so, I can hear the computer gears whirring and the password being demanded so lets all go on a comic story we'll never forget...

Daniel





The Fun Spot

This week we are
Safely Surfing the Internet



Q – why did the PowerPoint presentation cross the road?...

A – to get to the other slide

Q- why do spiders not live in computers?...

A – the web isn't safe enough

Q- Why was the computer sick?...

A – it had a virus

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The E- safety
puzzling puzzle

CHARGER
COMPUTER
FREE TO BE ME
INTERNET
IPAD
SAFETY
SEARCH
TECHNOLOGY
WORLD WIDE WEB

World Book Day Dressing Up Event

Kerry Taylor-Smith, PTA Chair

Thankyou for all of your donations of used fancy dress costumes collected this week.

After the February Break, we will be selling the costumes for a few pounds - come and pick up a bargain whilst helping to reduce, reuse and recycle!

Full information about World Book Day at Slade was sent via ParentMail this week.



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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February	February Break
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4 Welcome to Springtime!
Tuesday 25 February	Calculation in Maths Presentations Just turn up : Presentations in the main hall at 09:15 and 14:30

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening, Year 5 & 6 Netball
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 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
Wednesday 6 May	Kent Test Information Meeting for Year 5 Parents - 19:00
Friday 8 May	National Holiday - School Closed

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