



# Slade

## Primary School

### School Newsletter / Term 4 Issue 1

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# Mrs Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a super half term break and are looking forward to everything that we have planned for Term 4.

Many thanks to those parents who attended our Maths curriculum information sessions on Tuesday this week. This was an opportunity for those who attended to find out more about how we teach calculation in Maths across the school, enabling you to support your child using the same methods in their learning at home. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to provide us with feedback and to tell us how informative you found the meetings including how much you enjoyed the practical element of the sessions! Special thanks to Mrs Stephens for planning and leading the presentation and to Siwon, James, Jing-Wen and Emily for confidently demonstrating the methods we use to the captive audience. Well done Year 6! You will have received a copy of the slides from the session and the handout that we shared via ParentMail on Wednesday.

This week we have been holding Pupil Progress meetings where members of the school leadership team meet with each class teacher and their support staff to discuss the progress of each child in school. It has been pleasing to see the progress that your children have made since these meetings were last held in Term 2. A reminder that Parent Consultation meetings take place at the end of this term on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 24 March. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the progress they are making and to hear of their targets for the coming terms. The booking system for these meetings will be opening on Thursday at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

I am sure that you are all aware of the occurrence of the Covid-19 virus (coronavirus) and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. This week we have discussed with all the children the steps that they can all take to prevent the spread of infection, including the importance of regular handwashing especially when having been to the toilet. We would ask that you reinforce these messages with your children at home as we work together in the interests of the health and safety of all our pupils and staff. For further information please use this link to the [guidance](#) from Public Health England on steps you should be taking and to support you and your families. Please also be assured that there is currently no cause for concern at the school and that we will keep you informed of any developments if and when they arise. If you have any queries regarding this matter then please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

A reminder that as well as next Thursday being World Book Day in school it is also the date for this term's PTA Meeting, at 7.30pm in the school library. The PTA continues to make such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money. It is also a great way to meet new people and to get more involved in the life of the school so it would be lovely to see more of you there at the meeting on Thursday!

**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Karen Slade.**

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# Around School

## World Book Day at Slade

**World Book Day will be celebrated globally on Thursday 5 March.**

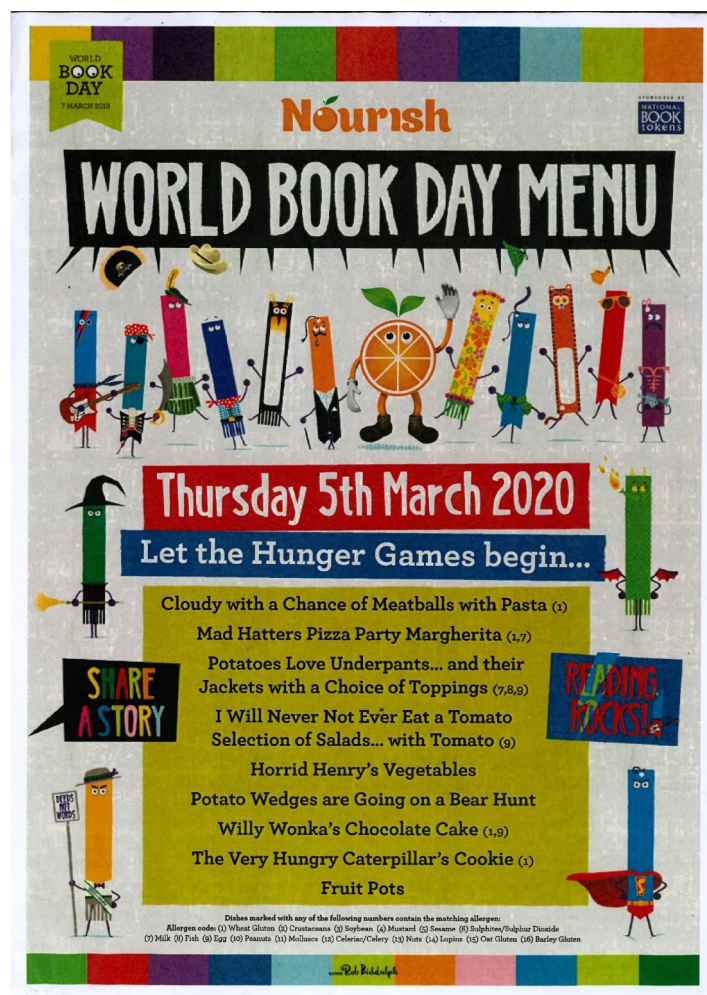
Across the day, the children will be able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book or comic character.

Thankyou to the PTA for selling the used costumes out in the now infamous Tonbridge weather this week in the playground.

Also on Thursday, the children will all be taking part in a range of reading and literary based activities. Keep an eye out on Twitter for live updates.

We are pleased to say that Nourish are also in the Book Day spirit. They have produced a special menu for the day, shown below.

As ever, the meal is free to any child in EYFS and KS1. The children in KS2 should have the meal paid for in advance via the [ParentPay](#) website. Meals cost £2.20.



World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by [UNESCO](#) as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

Find out lots more about World Book Day by visiting their website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>, by following them on Social Media in the following ways:



[@WorldBookDayUK](#)



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## **Snuggle and Read: Friday 6 March**

In addition to all the fun on Thursday, we are holding another Snuggle and Read event in the school library on Friday evening after school. This event is open to all children in Year R, 1 and 2.



Snuggle and Read is organised and hosted by school librarian Caroline Mawson (right) and is a lovely opportunity to accompany your child to the library and read a story or share a book and a biscuit with them. Cuddle Bears are most welcome and you can also bring a blanket for the ultimate snuggle!

If you would like to take part in this, please email the school office over the weekend to confirm attendance (then we will make sure we have enough cookies!) Just use 'Snuggle and Read' in the subject box.



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## Peer Mediation

We have been lucky to welcome back Caroline McInnes from Maidstone Mediation this week.

Caroline has been training a group of volunteers in Year 5 to become peer mediators. The mediators role is to be available at break and lunchtimes to be on hand to assist the diffusion of low level disputes between children and friends whilst they are playing.

Congratulations and thanks for volunteering to Anthony, Dolly, Amalia, Joshua, Chloe and Maxwell in Wyvern Class, and from Dragon Class: Leah, Frank, Eduardo, George, Shiloh and Phoebe. These peer mediators will be available to hear both sides of the incident and find out information about how it has affected both parties and assist in bringing about a positive resolution to the situation.

They have been equipped with a set of suitable questions and guidelines, which they have practiced and shown that they are ready to help!

Thankyou again to Caroline and Maidstone Mediation for their continued support.



## Secondary School Offer Day

Year 6 parents, carers and children will be eagerly awaiting National Offer Day for places at Secondary School from September.

You will be emailed from Kent County Council from 16:00 on Monday.

With your offer letter which states which school you have been allocated, you will also receive an Acceptance and Refusal Form. This form should be returned to the school that has been offered before Monday 16 March. When accepting a place you should note the list of documents that should be taken with you to prove identity.

Also in your pack will be a Waiting List Form. This form should be used if you wish to be placed on to the waiting list of any school that you named in the original submission process. You can do this online via the [KCC Website](#).

If you have any queries about your application, the decision or the next stage in the process, please contact Kent County Council directly on 03000 41 21 21 or to the Admissions Department at your allocated school.

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## Booking Dates

The Booking Dates for Narnians Wraparound Care and for Parent Teacher Consultations are both open in the next couple of weeks:

### **Parents Evening (Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March)**

Booking will open via <https://slade.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> at 19:00 on Thursday 5 March.

### **Narnians Summer Term (Term 5 and 6)**

Booking will open via [SCOPAY.com](https://scopay.com) at 19:00 on Thursday 12 March.

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# Around School

## Maureen's Memories

On Tuesday we were delighted to meet Maureen Davis, who popped in to Slade to see the memorial board to those former pupils who gained distinction in WW1.

It was an emotional and poignant visit for Maureen as two of her relatives, both uncles, appear on the board having served in that conflict. Everyone at Slade is incredibly proud of our history within the community of Tonbridge and it is always fascinating to hear from or about people who have been part of that history - in this case Herbert and William Seale.



Local historian Pam Mills, who accompanied Maureen takes up the story:

**William Henry Seale** was born in Tonbridge in 1891, the son of William and Ann. In 1901, the family lived at 2 Peach Hall and William was a pupil at Slade School. By the time of the 1911 census, William had already enlisted in the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment and was stationed at the Quebec Barracks, Bordon in Hampshire. In 1915 he married Bridget in Tonbridge having first been sent to France on 15 August 1914. He was a good soldier and had been promoted to Sergeant by 1917. He then obtained a commission in the 2nd Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. He was attached to the 5th Trench Mortar Battery. In 1918 he won the Military Cross for valour in the field. He was home on leave between 19 February and 6 March 1918 and on returning to France was immediately back in action. He was severely wounded in action on 8 March and subsequently died of his wounds on the 14 March 1918. He is buried at Rocquigny-Equantcourt Road British Cemetery in Étricourt-Manancourt.

**Herbert Seale**, usually known as Bert, was William's brother and also attended Slade School, was 19 years old and a Lance-Corporal in a trench mortar section of the Cyclists, attached to the Royal West Kent Regiment. In 1915 he won the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The citation for the award reads: *For conspicuous gallantry and determination on October 13th near Hulloch's Quarries. He was buried as a result of explosion of shell and after extracting himself, he returned to his trench mortar and although suffering from severe shock and total deafness he worked it with great coolness under heavy shell firing all afternoon.*

Herbert Seale survived the war and was discharged to Class 'Z' Army Reserve on 5 March 1919.

### **Military Matters in Tonbridge**

#### **The impact of the Great War on a small market town**

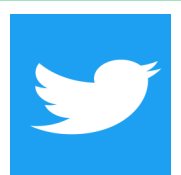
(price £10 all profits of the sale goes to Poppy appeal)

With nearly 300 pages of researched information including of the regiments that were based in the town during WW1, with descriptions of the activities and training along with photographs.

In the absence of any war diary kept by home county regiments this book highlights how Tonbridge took on the appearance of a Garrison town during WW1 and shows how the soldiers spent their time. This book will prove useful to all ages. The second half of the book is dedicated to the fallen from Tonbridge as this list is not available in any purchasable format.

Copies can be reserved before the launch date: via [pjstmills@aol.com](mailto:pjstmills@aol.com)

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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

**96.3%**

### 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

**26 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
Monday 24 February	Concert Information	Selected Children ParentMail
Monday 24 February	Sports Relief	All School ParentMail
Monday 24 February	Calculation in Maths	All School ParentMail
Monday 24 February	Calculation in Maths	
Tuesday 25 February	High 5 Netball	Selected Children ParentMail
Tuesday 25 February	Year 4 Trip to Tonbridge Reminder	Selected Year 4 ParentMail
Tuesday 25 February	Tonbridge Castle Visit Reminder	Selected Year 4 ParentMail
Wednesday 26 February	Calculation in Maths Presentation Slides	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 26 February	Spring Concert	KS2 ParentMail
Wednesday 26 February	Nourish Book Day Meal	
Thursday 27 February	Linking Schools	Dragon Class ParentMail
Thursday 27 February	Cuddle and Read	EYFS and KS1 ParentMail
Thursday 27 February	Home Learning	Year 4 ParentMail
Thursday 28 February	Calculation in Maths Feedback	  
Friday 28 February	Music Concert Visit	Year 3,4,5 ParentMail
Friday 28 February	Sex and Relationship education	Year 1 ParentMail
Friday 28 February	Celebration Assembly Live	
Friday 28 February	EYFS News	Year R ParentMail

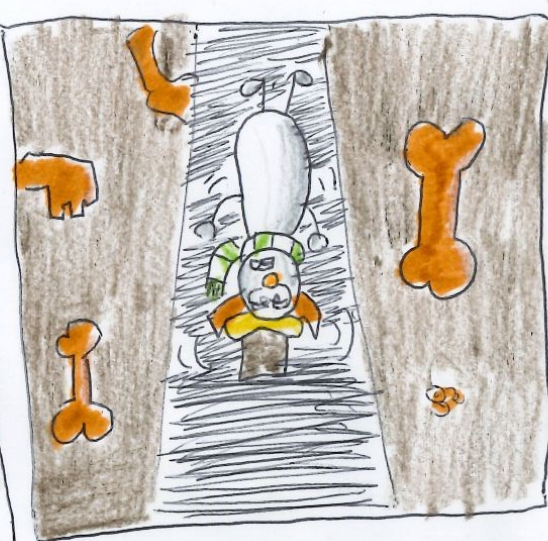
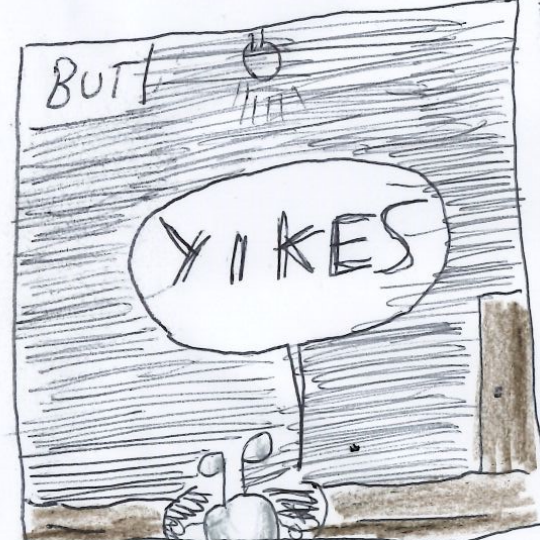
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WILL SLIPPER EVER GET OUT? READ PART 2



# The Fun Spot



## Welcome Isaac

This week we were pleased to welcome Isaac and his family to Slade.

Isaac joins us from St Margaret Clitherow School and will be learning with Elmer Class.

He has settled in to Mrs Pearson's class immediately and we pass on our best wishes to him and his family for a long and successful time at Slade.

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# Coming up...

## NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 2 March	<b>Linking Schools</b> Dragon Class to Tonbridge School for Linking Project
Tuesday 3 March	<b>PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale</b> 15:25 in the school playground
Wednesday 4 March	<b>High 5 Netball Competition</b> 16:00 - 18:00 Weald of Kent School
Wednesday 4 March	<b>Governors Meeting</b> From 18:30 - Strategy Group
Thursday 5 March	<b>World Book Day</b> Dress up as a book character and special menu from Nourish - see page 3
Thursday 5 March	<b>Parent Consultation Bookings Open</b> From 19:00 - Visit <a href="https://slade.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/">https://slade.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/</a>
Thursday 5 March	<b>PTA Meeting</b> Join us in the School Library from 19:30
Friday 6 March	<b>Book Week Snuggle and Read</b> 16:00 School Library - see page 3

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening, Year 5 & 6 Netball
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Craft'd Sewing Club
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Gary Marshall Cricket, Silhouette Dance, The Art Trolley
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Active Sports Group Gymnastics
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Lunchtime French, The Art Trolley, Sama Karate

## FURTHER AHEAD

Wednesday 11 March	Year 4 Trip to Tonbridge Castle
Wednesday 11 March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 12 March	Narnians Summer Term Bookings Open from 19:00
Wednesday 18 March	High Hopes Assembly
Tuesday 24 March	Parent Consultations 16:00 - 18:30
Wednesday 25 March	Parent Consultations 17:00 - 20:00
Thursday 26 March	Choir Competition 18:30, Tonbridge Baptist Church
Friday 27 March	Kent Police Safer Cycling Course - Year 6
Tuesday 31 March	Spring Concert
Wednesday 1 April	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>
Monday 20 April	<b>First Day of Term 5</b>
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	<b>National Holiday - School Closed</b>

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