



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy, book filled week it's been!

As part of our Book Week celebrations, Slade was transformed yesterday into a colourful world of book characters as we celebrated World Book Day! Following a whole school assembly everyone continued the book theme back in class as children explored the characters and books that they were representing. Do take a look at some of the photographs that were tweeted to our Twitter feed! Thank you for the part that you played with resourcing costumes and helping your child to bring their book character to life. Special thanks to Miss Redden, Mr Watts and all the staff for the fun that you have created this week. Your child should have brought a book token home with them yesterday which can be exchanged in any local book store. We look forward to seeing the books that you buy!

Dragon Class had an exciting day at Tonbridge School on Monday as part of a 'Linking Schools Project' which sees them partnered with a class of Year 5 children from a Dartford school with the aim of sharing their experiences of primary school life in different parts of Kent. This was their first meeting during which all the children enjoyed playing 'getting to know you' games before creating a video with the aim of highlighting the children's similarities and differences; we look forward to seeing the finished films! The children all had an amazing time and were a credit to the school in every way. Well done Dragon Class!

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. In the absence of mid-year reports this year we would strongly encourage all parents to attend to receive information on your child's attainment to date. The booking system for these meetings opened yesterday; please do contact the school office if you are unable to access the site.

Regarding the Covid-19 virus (coronavirus), this week we have continued to reinforce 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. Please be assured that our caretaking and cleaning team are working hard to ensure that there is soap in the toilets at all times with supplies reviewed and replenished throughout the day. We have also purchased a large amount of alcohol free hand sanitiser and dispensers which are in the process of being installed at entry points around the school. We continue to follow the advice provided by Public Health England and the daily updates that we receive from the DfE. We will continue to 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.

Finally, thank you to the parents, staff and governors who came out last night on a wet and wild Thursday evening to attend the PTA meeting. It was lovely to see you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

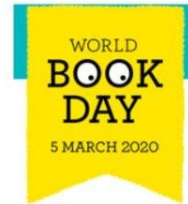
Karen Slade.

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Around School

Slade Celebrates World Book Day



The whole school celebrated in the time honoured fashion yesterday as the annual World Book Day rolled in to town.

A big thankyou to all of our parents and carers for assisting with the many different costume ideas and make up that transformed the children in to their favourite book and comic characters.

Around school, there was lots going on, planned by our new English leaders Miss Redden and Mr Watts. We caught up with them as the day was closing:

'Today has been exhausting fun as children of all ages have enjoyed reading different books, their favourite stories and some surprise new books as well. What has been so lovely about today's events have been the times when the different classes and yeargroups have visited each other to do different activities. In the morning the Year 6 children were thrilled to get to spend quality learning and pleasure time with their buddies from Elmer and Gruffalo Classes and the Year 5 children had time in the Year 1 classes, which was a great experience for them- they all shared with each other their favourite story books.'

During the afternoon, everyone was up to different activities around the school, including:

- Comic Strip creating
- Map making
- Poem acting
- Dreams dreaming
- Character choosing
- Heffalump catching

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](https://twitter.com/WorldBookDayUK)



[WorldBookDayUK](https://www.facebook.com/WorldBookDayUK)



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Around School

Parent - Teacher Consultations

The booking period for the parent - teacher consultation evenings opened last night as advertised.

These 10 minute meetings are designed to hear about the progress made by your child during the school year so far and to discuss their targets as we head towards the end of the year. It is also an opportunity to find out how your child is at school and to ask any questions that you may have been thinking about, but not had time to ask!

Our Spring meetings are held on Tuesday 24 March between 16:00 and 18:30 and the following day, Thursday 25 March between 17:00 and 20:00.

Thank you to all of the 70% of you who have booked so far, if you haven't done so yet, visit <https://slade.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> tonight or over the weekend.



Year 6 Leavers - Note for Parents

We are grateful to parent Ella Duggan, who has set up a social media group for the parents and carers of our Year 6 cohort who will be leaving us in July.

This is a private Facebook group where information and ideas can be shared quickly and easily as various events are planned, including the ordering and purchasing of the traditional Leavers Hoodies.

Join in the conversation (or just find out what is happening) by logging in via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/228315831509924/>



2020 Slade Year 6 Leavers

Summertime in Narnians

The Booking Dates for Narnians Wraparound Care in Term 5 and 6 opens next Thursday at 19:00.

A quick reminder that for your child to be enrolled in to either the Breakfast or After School Club you should have handed back the Registration Form to the School Office. This provides the staff in the facility easy access to the emergency details and allergy information in case of need.

Recently, we have had an increase of parents wishing to cancel sessions on the day. The Terms and Conditions agreement states that cancellations can only be made up to 24 hours before an After School session and 48 hours before a booked Breakfast Club slot. The same timescales operate when booking at home, although we can make ad-hoc emergency bookings via the school office during the day as long as the signed agreement form has been submitted.

Road Crossing

There will be no road crossing officer on duty on the afternoon of Monday 9 March.

Don't worry though, Ray is back on Tuesday!



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500 Word Challenge

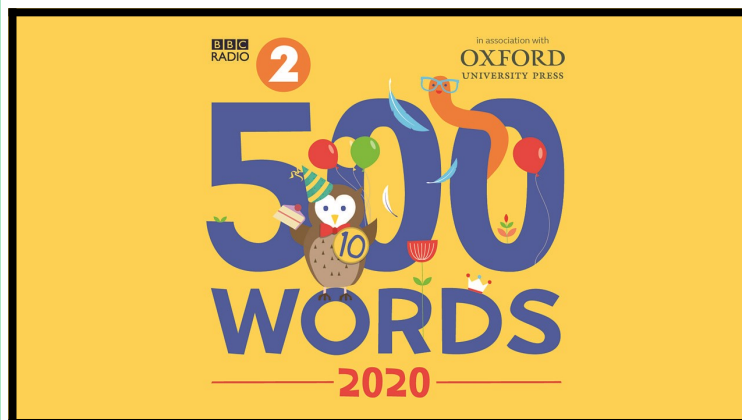
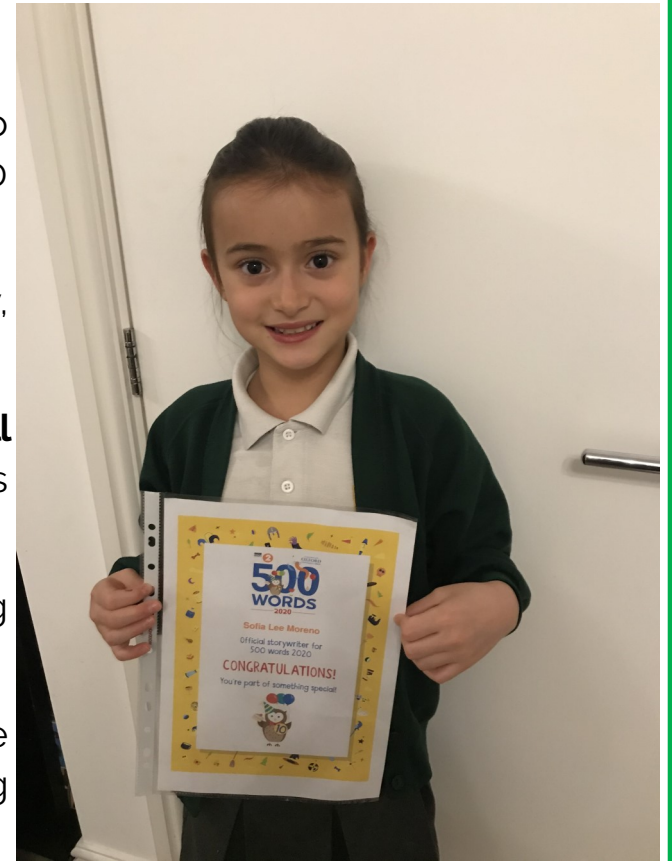
.Many congratulations to Sophia from Hippogriff Class in Year 3 who completed the 500 Word Challenge: To write a story in just 500 words, which is a lot harder than it sounds!

The competition is run annually by the BBC Radio 2 breakfast show, hosted by Zoë Ball.

Sophia has entered her story; **Pegasus and the Atrocious Troll** which she is understandably very excited by. We hope to share this with you next week!

Entries for the competition have now closed, with the results being announced on the 12th of June.

Sophia has received her certificate for taking up the challenge (right). As it says - congratulations - You are part of something special.



Thanks to Sophia's mum for providing the photograph for this story, we look forward to reading Pegasus and the Atrocious Troll.

If you have also entered the 500 word challenge, please let us know, and if we are allowed to print your story it would be great as well, we will feature them over the next few weeks.

Sport Relief Help

Miss Lidlow (Pupil Council Lead) and Chair of the Council, Siwon

As you may be aware, this year's Sport Relief campaign is taking place next Friday, the 13th of March. We are excited to inform you that our Pupil Council are organising a sporting event where the children will be taking part in the Sport Relief mile at Tonbridge School, on Sport Relief day next Friday.

Each class will walk to Tonbridge School, walk/run 2 ½ laps of the running track, then walk back to school in order to complete the mile. On the day, we invite the children to come to school in their own sports clothes or to dress up as their favourite sports personality. There is also the option to raise funds for the charity by sponsoring the children to complete their mile. If you wish to do so, please see the sponsorship form attached or alternatively, your child may ask their teacher to print them a copy. The money we raise will be used to change countless lives, both here in the UK and worldwide.

In order to complete the event we will need some parent/carer volunteers to help with each class between 13:00 and 15:30. If you are free that afternoon and are able to help, then please contact the [school office via email](#) Use Sport Relief and your child's class name in the subject box .

Classes will be taking it in turns to carry out the mile, so we may need your help to walk to and from Tonbridge School more than once.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll help our school raise lots of money for Sport Relief.



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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

95.9%

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

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
Friday 28 February	Tonbridge School Concert	 
Monday 28 February	Sladeopoly	
Monday 2 March	Lunch Requirements - Tonbridge Castle Visit	Year 4 ParentMail
Monday 2 March	Payment Reminder - Tonbridge Castle Visit	Selected Year 4 ParentMail
Monday 2 March	PTA Film Night	EYFS & KS1 ParentMail
Monday 2 March	Parent Helpers - Tonbridge Castle Visit	Year 4 ParentMail
Tuesday 3 March	Term 4 Spelling Home Learning	Year 4 ParentMail
Tuesday 3 March	Secondary School Open Events	Year 5 ParentMail
Wednesday 4 March	Young Carers Group	Selected Children ParentMail
Wednesday 4 March	Letter from Mrs Slade	Year 5 ParentMail
Wednesday 4 March	World Book Day Tomorrow	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 4 March	Choir Competition	Selected KS2 ParentMail
Wednesday 4 March	Favourite Book	Year 1 ParentMail
Thursday 5 March	Tonbridge Castle Trip	Year 4 ParentMail
Thursday 5 March	WBD Today	
Thursday 5 March	WBD Buddy Readers	
Thursday 5 March	WBD - Not just for the Children	
Thursday 5 March	WBD Activities KS1	
Thursday 5 March	WBD Activities KS2	
Thursday 5 March	Parent - Teacher Consultations	All School ParentMail & 
Friday 6 March	Artist in Residence @robtturner	 
Friday 6 March	EYFS News	EYFS ParentMail
Friday 6 March	Celebration Assembly Live	
Friday 6 March	Spring Concert Performers	Selected Children ParentMail

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In this week's Slipper comic, he goes on a trip on the "slipper time machine" and finds about books through the centuries in this weeks action packed world book day themed comic!





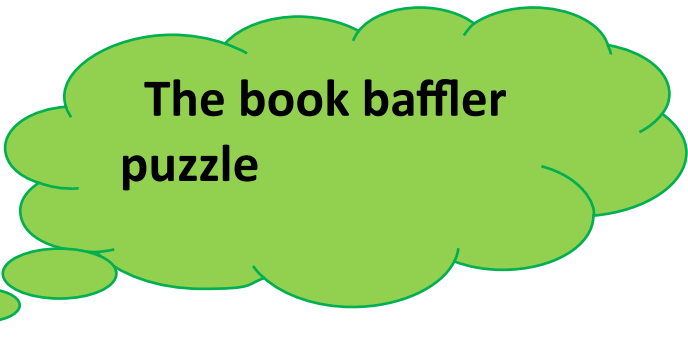
BRILLIANT BOOKS

Q- what books live in the forests?
A- Poetree books

Q- why was the dinosaur afraid to go to the library?
A - his books were 65 million years overdue

Q- where do librarians sleep?
A - in between the covers

BONUS JOKE
Q- what do librarians take fishing as bait?
A- Bookworms



- AUTHOR
- BOOK
- BOOKMARK
- CHARACTER
- ILLUSTRATIONS
- PAGES
- PLOT
- SETTING
- SLIPPER
- WORD

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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 9 March	Rev. Brown Assembly Please inform the class teacher if you would like your child to be withdrawn from this assembly
Wednesday 11 March	Year 4 Visit to Tonbridge Castle You should have paid for this event online and requested lunch if applicable already. The children are also having their regular swimming lessons, please also bring kit
Wednesday 11 March 16:00	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 12 March	Narnians Wraparound Care Summer Terms Booking opens from 19:00 - see page 4
Friday 13 March	Sport Relief Day Please see page 5 as well as previous ParentMail communication which included sponsor form for this event

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

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 - St Peter and St Paul Church, 18:50
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
Wednesday 13 May	Finance and Property Governors Meeting, 18:30
Monday 18 May	Rev. Brown Assembly

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