



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations and thank you to all children and adults who took part in our Sport Relief fundraising today. Well done to all of you for running around the track at Tonbridge School this afternoon dressed in your sports kit or as famous sporting stars and for completing the mile run! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who enabled this to happen and to Tonbridge School for hosting the event. A special mention to the Pupil Council who organised the afternoon under the watchful eye of Miss Lidlow, Mr Osborne and Mrs Hill. We will update you on how much we have raised in next week's newsletter. Well done everyone!

Regarding the Covid-19 virus (coronavirus), we continue to follow the advice provided by Public Health England (PHE) and the daily updates that we receive from the DfE. Many of you will be aware that there has now been a change in the advice for schools and the general public whereby anyone who has a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature must stay at home and not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started; this is in order to protect others. We would therefore ask that all members of our school community follow this advice and notify the school of any absence for this reason following our usual absence procedures.

The government advice can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

In addition, as I have clearly stated in previous newsletters we will continue to keep you informed of any developments if and when they arise, as above. Therefore, I would urge all parents to disregard the rumours and scaremongering that are unfortunately circulating on some social networking sites with regards to school closures and reiterate that if any changes of this matter are to be implemented then this message will be communicated to you all directly via our usual channels of communication.

Please be assured that the Senior Leadership Team, supported by the school governors, have reviewed our Business Continuity Plan to enable us to respond to any changes as and when required to do so, including in the event of a school closure. Furthermore, all planned school events, including trips and visits, are being reviewed prior to them taking place in order that any potential risk can be assessed. Any changes that need to be made to any planned event following a risk assessment being made will be communicated with you directly as soon as that information is available. Once again, if you have any queries regarding this matter then please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all work together to safeguard our school and its' community. It is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

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Around School

Over the Road, Back in Time

On Wednesday, Year 4 went on a walkabout around Tonbridge Castle as part of their topic learning this term; finding out when and why castles were important to the Normans in England and why Tonbridge needed a castle in the first place, for example did you know that:

Mrs Sandell took Sphinx Class on the trip, when they returned they reflected on the day and they wrote this summary together:

To link in with our learning, Year 4 are learning about Norman castles. On Wednesday we visited Tonbridge Castle.

First, we heard a story about the history of the castle.

William the Conqueror (right) first built the castle out of wood and later Henry I rebuilt it in stone.



After that, we went into the castle and underneath the gatehouse and we saw a model of the original castle with its motte, curtain walls and the keep. In the storeroom we saw food, chests of the finest cutlery, barrels of nuts and garlic cloves. In the dining room we sat with some life-size models and watched a film about life in the castle.



When we entered the great hall we saw the Murder Holes, which are holes in the ground where the people in the castle used to throw boiling water, arrows and hot sand to protect the castle from invaders. We also saw the family banners of the coat of arms of the De Clare family who were the inhabitants of the castle.

In the afternoon we dressed in the costume of the era and played some games. We really enjoyed the day at the castle, we are now experts so if you want to know more, ask Year 4!

The children of Sphinx and Phoenix Classes enjoyed the day, which was complemented by also being able to continue their swimming lessons half way through the visit at the pool next door!

For more reading about this famous landmark, literally on our doorstep, visit <https://www.tonbridgecastle.org/> or follow them on Twitter [@tonbridgecastle](https://twitter.com/tonbridgecastle).

Mrs Sandell would like to thank in particular Mrs Sevitt and Mrs Hepburn, parent helpers, without their help the trip could not run - thank you!



You can see how immersed in history all of Year 4 became through the day.

Everyone would like to thank the team over the road at Tonbridge Castle for their hospitality and for all of the learning we had on our visit.



Around School

Earrings and Sport

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the children are not permitted to wear earrings of any sort when doing PE or other sporting activity at school.

The children are allowed to take out the earrings themselves when getting changed, however we can take no responsibility if any jewelry gets lost at this time.

If the earrings cannot be removed, we are unable to tape or plaster over them and the PE session or sporting event will be lost.

It is therefore our recommendation that all earrings should be out on the days when the children have PE or are due to take part in another sporting activity, this includes swimming lessons.

Welcome Matilda and Finnegan

This week we have been delighted to welcome Matilda and Finnegan to our growing numbers here at Slade.

The twins join us in Year 2 with Matilda with Miss Taylor and Mrs McFerran in Gnome Class, whilst Finnegan has settled in to life with Miss Redden in Sprite Class.

We are really happy to have Matilda and Finnegan with us and pass on our best wishes for a long, successful and fun time at Slade for the children and their family.

Sport this afternoon

Thankyou to all of the children, parents and sponsors who have made this afternoon's Sport Relief walk a roaring success. As the newsletter lands in your inbox this afternoon, the last of the classes are returning from the track at Tonbridge School having raised funds for Sport Relief.

As well as the running and walking for charity, our Year 5 and 6 football team are out at the annual Longmead Football Tournament, this year being held at Hugh Christie School, who have kindly stood in as the rain and flooding in the Longmead area continues to play havoc. The 3G All Weather Surface has come to the tournament's rescue!

Best of luck to our squad and their coach, Mr Watts, for a successful afternoon. Updates and results will be over on our Twitter feed, please do check it out - your comments, likes and retweets are always welcome!

Music Events Cancelled

Not so lucky though, are our KS2 choir, whose annual competition held at the Baptist Church has been postponed by the Lions Club. The event, due to be held on 26 March may be rearranged, but we have no details of this at present. In addition, just this morning, Tonbridge School have postponed the concerts being held on Thursday and Friday of next week. Many thanks to all of the children, to Mrs Stephens and to parent Mrs Goldthorp for preparing so hard for the competition and concerts - you all sound so good!

We will keep you updated of new dates or information in due course.

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Around School

Term Times 2020/21

Over an academic year, school will be open for 190 days, which equates to 380 sessions.

The children are registered in the morning (at 08:50) and afternoon (at 13:15 - KS1 and 13:30 - KS2).

The dates listed below are all inclusive.

At time of going to press we await details of one further Teacher Training Day (INSET).

1

Monday 7 September 2020 - Friday 23 October 2020

October break will run from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

2

Monday 2 November 2020 - Friday 18 December 2020

Christmas break will run from Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January

3

Monday 4 January 2021 - Friday 12 February 2021

February break will run from Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

4

Monday 22 February 2021 - Thursday 1 April 2021

Easter break will run from Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April

5

Monday 19 April 2021 - Friday 28 May 2021

National Holiday - Monday 3 May

June break will run from Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

6

Monday 7 June 2021 - Wednesday 21 July 2021

The Summer Holiday starts on Thursday 22 July





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

94.9%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

96.4%

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

6 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.

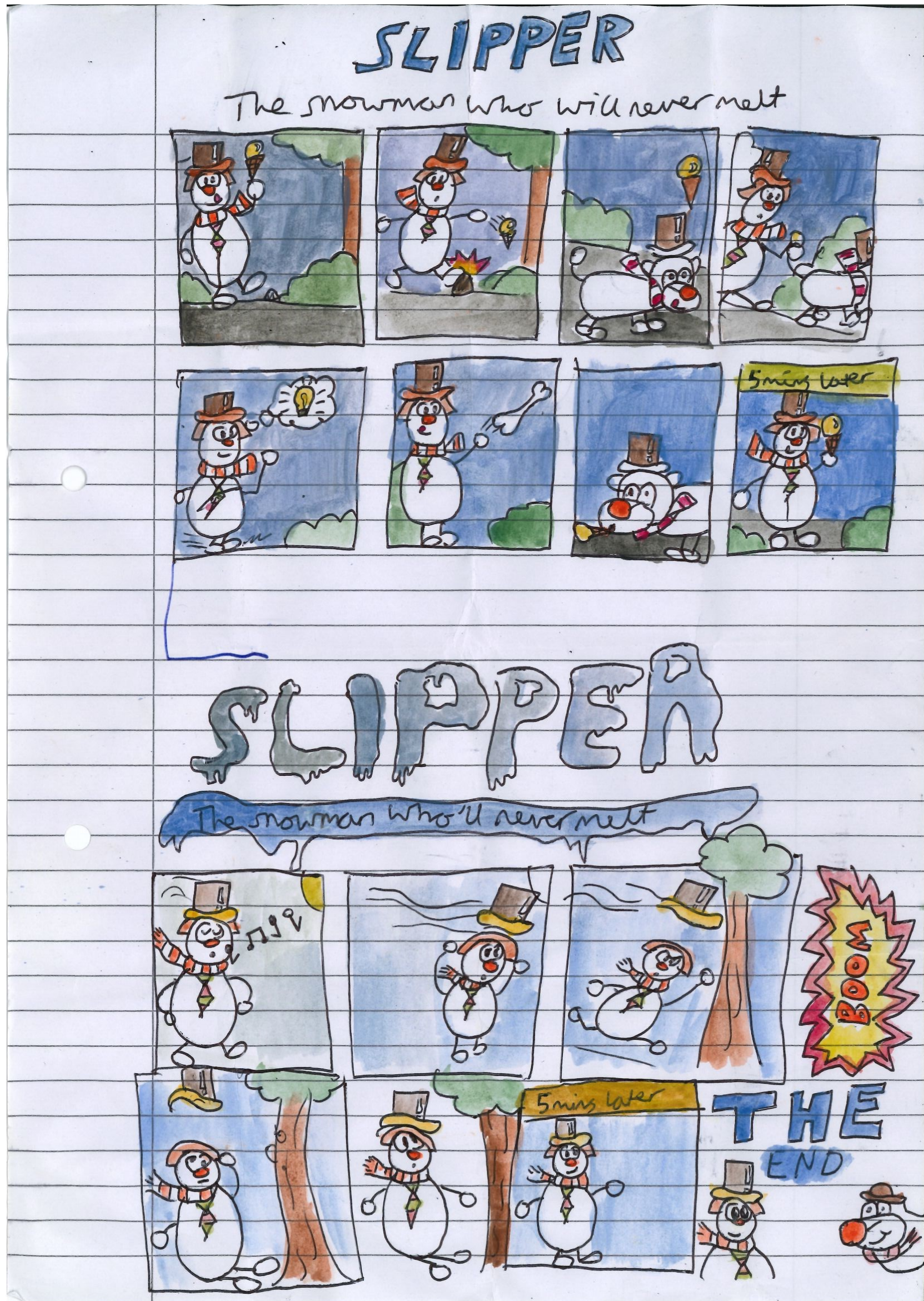
Below is a list of communications sent this week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 9 March	Ukulele Concert	Year 4 ParentMail
Monday 9 March	Longmead Football Tournament	Selected Children Parentmail
Monday 9 March	Castle Street Works	
Tuesday 10 March	Tonbridge School Concert	Selected Children ParentMail
Tuesday 10 March	Parents Evening Booking Reminder	Selected ParentMail
Tuesday 10 March	Castle and Swimming	Year 4 ParentMail
Thursday 12 March	Sports Relief Clothing	All School ParentMail
Friday 13 March	Sports Relief Preview	
Friday 13 March	Longmead Tournament Preview	
Friday 13 March	PTA Meeting Minutes	All School ParentMail
Friday 13 March	Longmead Football Tournament Live	

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In this week's Slipper comic, Daniel has taken us back to the time when he first mooted the idea of Slipper to his parents - These are his very first drawings of the snowman who has taken Slade by storm!





The Fun Spot



SLIPPER'S FACT FILES

Castles were first brought to England in the middle ages to keep out invaders. They were usually used by royalty too. Some of the most famous ones include the likes of The tower of London and Leeds Castle locally. From the seventeenth century to the twentieth castles main use was either a place for rich people to live, Heritage and viewing sites and even a place for people to hide in in wars! Moats and drawbridges were also made to keep people out!

Slipper

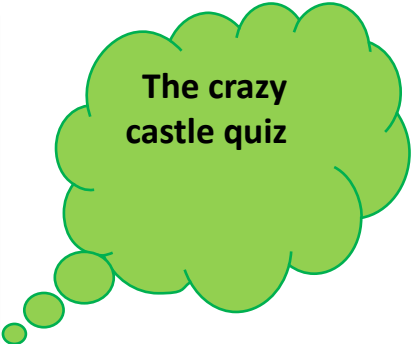
Q- why did you have a fear of bouncy castles?
A- They made me jump!

Q- Why do princesses who have been locked away in a castle become the most creative?
A- They are inspired

Q- in chess what does your opponent say when you lose a castle?
A- what a Rook-y move

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CANNONS
CASTLE
DRAWBRIDGE
MIDDLE-AGES
MOAT
NORMANS
SAFETY
TOWER
TURRET
WEAPONS





Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 16 March	Celebration Assembly Postponed from this afternoon, keep an eye on Twitter for this week's winners
Tuesday 17 March	
Wednesday 18 March	High Hopes Assembly Please inform class teacher if you wish your child to be withdrawn from this event
Thursday 19 March 19:00	Tonbridge School Concert - POSTPONED Parents and children involved will have had information on this event
Friday 20 March	Dragon Class Outreach Hayesbrook School
Friday 20 March 19:00	Tonbridge School Concert - POSTPONED Parents and children involved will have had information on 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

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 - POSTPONED
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
Thursday 16 April	National Primary School Offer Day if you are allocated a place at Slade, please await our letter for further information
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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