



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gosh! What a week it's been; unlike any other before and hopefully any week to come.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the Slade community for all the support, kindness and overwhelming thoughtfulness that you have demonstrated this week. You really have no idea how much that has meant to me and my team! A particular thank you to those who have gone above and beyond with your offers of help and generosity to others in our school community. I will eventually get around to responding to each of your emails I promise!

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank and acknowledge the amazing team here at Slade and how blessed I am to have each and every one of them on my staff. All have gone above and beyond this week for your children and will continue to do so in the coming weeks. A special mention to my wonderful Senior Leadership Team for the support, wisdom and encouragement that they have given both to me and to their teams this week; they really are a dream team!

Finally, to the children. I would just like to say how proud I am of each and every one of you and the way that you are dealing with everything currently going on in the world and the changes that are happening for you. Whilst some of us adults have struggled to make sense of it all you have continued with 'business as usual' which has enabled us all to do the same. For that I want to thank you J

We will of course continue to update you on all developments and changes as and when we have them through our usual channels of communication during the coming weeks.

I so look forward to welcoming you all back to Slade Primary School in the not too distant future. Until then...

Take care, keep safe and be kind x

Karen Slade.

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Around School

Thankyou to you all

We have families with connections to Slade that go back generations and lots who joined us for the first time in September, our newest family started just a week ago.

The greatest thing to have come from the uncertain times we have experienced recently has been the togetherness of all of the school community, inside the building and wider.

We are truly grateful and humbled by your many messages of support which have been sent in by email, by telephone and when we have met around school. Thankyou everyone!

Our primary thoughts are, as always, with the safety and good health of our children and their families and we would like to wish you all both of these in the weeks or months ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Slade when the time is appropriate.



Top Job Year 6

The school office has been especially pleased to have been working with 14 of our Year 6 team over the last two weeks.

The children in Griffin and Hydra Classes were all invited to apply for assistant and support jobs that they could fulfil during their lunchtimes. This group then had to sit an interview with Mrs Slade before being offered the job.

You may remember that Mrs Slade said in one of her previous newsletter columns that the standard of the applications was incredibly high, as were the interviews. The 14 therefore shared the role, working 30 minute shifts during the week. They assisted us with admin tasks such as making sure letters were sent to parents as well as answering the front gate intercom and welcoming and directing our many and varied visitors.

It is with regret that these roles had a premature end, but we are really grateful to the following children, who were not only very good at the different tasks, but wanted to continue to learn more and dealt with all of the different visitors incredibly maturely and professionally.

Well done and thankyou to: Aoife, Livi, William, Daniel, Faith, Anna, Jing Wen, Zofia, Olivia, Bobbi, Emily, Olivia, Yoyo and Olive. You were all brilliant!

PTA Events - Your Bookings

All monies that have been sent in for their EYFS and KS1 Film Night and for the Easter Egg Hunt are safe here at the school. It goes without saying that these events are suspended at present, but the PTA plan to reschedule them in due course. We look forward to sharing the rearranged dates with you as soon as the future plan for schools is known.

The PTA continue to support the school and its future with the holding of all of their events. Please do keep an eye on their Facebook page for details of all of the fundraising events and ideas they have run for the benefit of the children here at Slade and as and for a forum to share new ideas as we start to plan post Covid-19 closures.

A massive thankyou to both Kerry and Jo for their tireless help and assistance as chairs of the PTA and for their support over the last couple of weeks especially.

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Around School

500 Words with Sofia

You will remember, that during Book Week, we told you about Sofia from Pegasus Class in Year 3, who has written a 500 word story which she submitted to the annual 500 word challenge competition.

We are delighted to be able to share with you today, Sofia's story;

Pegasus and the Atrocious Troll

Once there was a Pegasus who lost his bravery and wanted it back. Pegasus checked his pockets, his mane and tail, but his bravery was nowhere to be seen. So he went for an adventure to look for it.



Pegasus was 10 years old with elegant wings and snow-white fur. He flew over a forest without realising he had entered the dreaded Forest of Fear.

In the Forest of Fear lived an Atrocious Troll who collected everybody's worst fears in his terrifying hut. The Atrocious Troll kept everybody's fears in dark-tinted glass jars and took great delight in growing fears until they were strong enough to be planted on the forest ground.

As fears grew into small trees the Atrocious Troll carefully cared for the trees and eventually they grew into powerful trees that bloomed into weird flowers with invisible fear dust that could spread all sorts of fears over anyone that walked under the trees.

When Pegasus walked under the trees the dust paralysed Pegasus' wings and stopped him being able to fly, Pegasus began to feel dizzy, he did not know what to do. Pegasus looked around for help and saw many woodland animals walking aimlessly just as fearful and confused as he was.

A kind little red squirrel was covering her head with a tiny piece of leaf to stop fear dust falling on her, but it was not big enough. She said to him: Pegasus, quick! check your pockets for bravery leaves, If you cover your head with them, will stop the dust coming over you, the squirrel added.

Pegasus looked in his pocket and discovered a tiny weeny piece of bravery leaf. Hey! Pegasus if we join both leaves together we can make an umbrella to protect us all from fear dust cried the squirrel. Pegasus used his whistle to play a no ordinary tune and alert the animals to look within themselves for tiny pieces of bravery leaf they didn't think they had. By working together they created an enormous leaf which could shelter all from fear dust.

Once the animals noticed no one had fear dust on them something amazing happened, all the woodland animals felt brave again and all their brave memories returned.

Also, something wonderful happened to the trees, the umbrella of bravery grew so tall and wide that covered all the treetops. As soon as this happened, all the trees started to bloom new colourful leaves and flowers full of all the good stuff the animals used to have in their day. They realised only an act of kindness had been able to unfreeze everyone's happiness, their dreams and hopes had returned for good.

The Atrocious Troll turned into the Amicable troll and decided to keep a tiny drop of wickedness just to remind him of who he was and to never ever be mean again. Instead, the Amicable Troll began to collect the fruits from the new trees to make...Happiness jam!

Thankyou so much to Sofia and her family for allowing us to reproduce her story for everyone.

We can't wait to find out if you spend this time we have away from school writing your own stories, if you do, why not share them - take a picture and post them on our Twitter feed to keep us all entertained until we are all back together again.

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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 and correct at time of press. Please keep an eye on ParentMail and the main national news for any alterations.

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

96.2%

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

5 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
Tuesday 17 March	Swimming Lessons Cancelled	Year 4 ParentMail
Tuesday 17 March	Tuition Sessions Cancelled	Selected Children Parentmail
Tuesday 17 March	COVID-19 Update - Mrs Slade	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 17 March	Music Station Lessons Suspended	All School ParentMail
Thursday 19 March	Key Workers	All School ParentMail
Thursday 19 March	Online Learning Survey	All School ParentMail
Thursday 19 March	After School Clubs and Activities	All School ParentMail
Thursday 19 March	Narnians Wraparound	All School ParentMail
Thursday 19 March	Home Learning Information	All School ParentMail
Friday 20 March	Key Workers Update	All School ParentMail
Friday 20 March	Home Learning Devices	Selected Children ParentMail

Keep in Touch

We will be keeping in touch with you as much as possible and as is necessary over the period of suspension.

Please remember that we are still here to help if you have any questions or require assistance in any way.

The best method of communication remains [email](#) so these queries can be dealt with remotely if necessary.

New Admissions - September 2020 Intake

Information about new admissions for the September intake will appear on Twitter and on the Admissions section on our website.

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A new character has joined the Slipper crew. Please welcome Doctor Antidote who will be appearing in the next few comics. He is also Slipper's best friend!



The jokes of the week

Q- What do robbers who have been at the hygiene store need to do?

A- come clean

Q- what does the World Health Organization do?

A- WHO knows

Q- Why is having birthdays is good for your health

A- people say the people with the most birthdays live the longest

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The healthy hygiene puzzle

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CLEAN
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HEALTHY
HYGIENE
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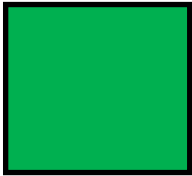


SLIPPER'S FACT FILES

Hygiene is a helpful thing in everybody's life. Even as a snowman I wash my hands after I come home or before food! If you cannot access water, then you can get hand sanitiser which is just as good. In our current situation you need to wash your hands and be careful around everybody all the time! So, if you have a cough or sneeze please wash your hands or face afterwards.

Slipper





Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 23 March	School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Tuesday 24 March	School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 25 March	School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Thursday 26 March	School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Friday 27 March	School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions

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

All clubs are suspended until further notice

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
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 or see our website for further information at the time. Detail likely to change due to school term suspension
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

All events are suspended until further notice

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