



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

In an attempt to try and keep some sort of normality and to keep us all connected we thought that we would try to, whenever possible, produce a weekly newsletter, of sorts. So here goes...

Well done and thank you to the small group of children who have been coming into school this week for being so keen and enthusiastic about absolutely everything! They have all quickly settled into their new surroundings and have adapted well to the new routines that we have established. It really has been a pleasure spending quality time with each of them every day! Huge special thanks to the fabulous team of staff who have been in school this week doing a sterling job for our children and families in such unprecedented circumstances.

Another heartfelt thank you from me this week to everyone in the Slade community who once again have been in touch to offer support, provide positive feedback and generally have just been kind to those that they have been in communication with. It's been lovely to hear from you and what you have been up to. Thank you so much too to those who have responded to our request for ICT equipment to share with others in the Slade family; on behalf of everyone who has received a donated piece of hardware this week... thank you.

Thank you so very much too for your patience and understanding with some of the challenges that we have faced this week during our transition into a 'virtual school', especially to those of you who still may not have as yet accessed our online learning platform. We were just as disappointed and frustrated as you were by this delay which as of this morning has been resolved. A special mention and thanks to Brian Clark our network manager who has been working tirelessly to get this issue resolved. Thank you Mr Clarke! For any technical queries moving forward please email Brian at support@slade.kent.sch.uk

A plea from me please now our portal is fully operational and all families have access, that we all remain mindful of our teachers who are working remotely to maintain and manage the sites. They, like many of you, are adjusting to working from home, juggling the demands of family life whilst managing the considerations of their own health and that of their families. For many of you working from home and using the associated technologies is the norm; however, for us it is not. Therefore I would ask that you are patient with us as we adjust to teaching in the virtual world in these most extraordinary of circumstances. Thank you.

Looking forward, we are planning to open during the Easter holiday period for those children of critical workers and any vulnerable pupils, more details of which will follow at the start of next week. As always, we will 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.

Take care, stay indoors and be kind x

Karen Slade.

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Around School

The New Normal

Usually, the newsletter is a way of showing off all that has been happening and is about to happen at school, normally, the children know most of it already, because it is about them!

This week is different, in so many ways - and we would like to reach out to all of you, parents, friends, relatives - and especially all of our children, who we have all missed every day - just to say a big hello from everyone here and all of us also working at home, even the newsletter has moved out!



We have no idea how long this period of suspension will last and we know how difficult this will be for many families, but we want to assure everyone in our school and local community that we remain here for you, currently for our key and critical workers at school as well as every family on email and on Twitter.

Please do keep in touch by letting us know what you've been up to at home by posting up on Twitter or providing detail for a future issue of the newsletter.

Home Learning Update

We are incredibly grateful to all of our families for showing patience and understanding this week, during which we have been unable to fully launch the home learning portal, which has been designed and populated by the staff and IT Hero Brian Clark to enable you to share your child's learning whilst school is closed.

The fault, which you will now know affected not just our school, but others in the local and wider area, was that of host provider EiS, who have been working throughout the week to complete the necessary maintenance.

We were delighted to be able to share with you earlier today that this has now been completely fixed and you can all login and start the varied and fun tasks that are hiding away on there. If you have any problems accessing or using the portal, please email support@slade.kent.sch.uk for assistance.

Thankyou to all of the teachers for responding to this issue by providing a menu of learning ideas that were emailed out at the beginning of the week.

Please remember that learning is not restricted to that set by the teachers or school - this may be the ideal chance to show the children how to take part and help out with any number of household jobs as well as letting them create, make and enjoy using resources you have at home.

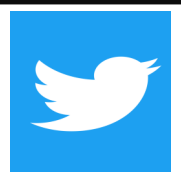
We will continue to encourage reading for pleasure, it's not just a hashtag! Read to and with your child at home, whatever their age and let them become part of their own story. Reading is not restricted to books either - recipes, game instructions, comics, magazines - they all help with their appreciation of varied vocabulary.

And once you've read, don't forget our fantastic online library catalogue, managed by school librarian Caroline Mawson, who tells us:

'The children can access the system directly on <https://u005421.microlibrarian.net> or they can download a free app called 'iMLS'. The app is available from any app store.

There is an option to write reviews on books that the children have borrowed previously. I am able to check and approve them, and then they will be available for other children to read. They will need their username and password to do this; many children have these details already but I can provide them if they email me. I will also update the book of the week, each week as an idea for new books to read.'

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Free School Meals

A message from Kent County Council

We have been made aware that some parents in the County have been approached via text and/or e-mail in relation to Free School Meal arrangements in light of Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

We understand parents have been asked to provide their bank details and personal information about children who are eligible, including names and dates of birth, with a promise that money will be sent to them directly.

This information is not accurate.

Further information will be available from government later in the week which will confirm it is the school who will be managing the voucher system in consultation with a government's identified provider. Therefore, please do not respond to any messages you receive unless they come directly from the school.

Can we also take this time to remind you to be aware of anyone who contacts you either directly or via social media offering services for your family in these difficult times. Unless you can trust them, you should not be sharing personal information related to you or your family as it may not be used in the manner you would have hoped.

Families who are eligible for Free School Meals have already been contacted by us directly via ParentMail, which is where we will post all of our messages and requests for



Email addresses

It has been a pleasure assisting with your questions and comments this week, please keep them coming via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.



If you have a question that relates directly to your child's learning at home, don't hesitate to contact the class teacher directly through the email addresses set up for each class. Please find them listed below for ease of reference:

EYFS: [Elmer Class <Elmer@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Elmer@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

[Gruffalo class <Gruffalo@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Gruffalo@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

Year 1: [Pixie Class <Pixie@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Pixie@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

[Elf Class <Elf@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Elf@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

Year 2: [Gnome Class <Gnome@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Gnome@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

[Sprite Class <Sprite@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Sprite@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

Year 3: [Pegasus Class <Pegasus@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Pegasus@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

[Hippogriff Class <Hippogriff@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Hippogriff@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

Year 4: [Phoenix Class <phoenix@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:phoenix@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

[Sphinx Class <Sphinx@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Sphinx@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

Year 5: [Wyvern Class <Wyvern@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Wyvern@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

[Dragon Class <Dragon@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Dragon@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

Year 6: [Griffin Class <Griffin@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Griffin@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

[Hydra Class <Hydra@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:Hydra@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

Support with the Sharepoint Online Parent Portal:

support@slade.kent.sch.uk

Admissions questions: (New Entrants September 2020 and in year transfer queries):

[Admissions <admissions@Slade.kent.sch.uk>](mailto:admissions@Slade.kent.sch.uk)

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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

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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

PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

0 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 23 March	Home Learning Portal	All School ParentMail
Monday 23 March	Drop off and Collection Arrangements	Selected Children Parentmail
Monday 23 March	Free School Meals	Selected Children ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Home Learning Ideas	EYFS ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Home Learning Ideas	Year 1 ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Home Learning Ideas	Year 2 ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Home Learning Ideas	Year 3 ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Home Learning Ideas	Year 4 ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Home Learning Ideas	Year 5 ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Home Learning Ideas	Year 6 ParentMail
Tuesday 24 March	Popcorn Maths	
Tuesday 24 March	The Body Coach	
Tuesday 24 March	Outside Maths	
Tuesday 24 March	Toilet Roll Challenge	
Tuesday 24 March	Bouncy Bouncy!	
Tuesday 24 March	Year 6 Login Details	Year 6 ParentMail
Wednesday 25 March	Spare Computer Equipment	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 25 March	Supporting Your Child	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 25 March	Email Scam Warning - KCC	
Wednesday 25 March	Rainbow Magic	
Thursday 26 March	Music Station - Online lessons and trial sessions	
Thursday 26 March	Mrs Smith's Rainbow Lego	
Thursday 26 March	Easter Holiday Critical Workers	Selected Children ParentMail
Thursday 26 March	School Dinners	Selected Children ParentMail
Thursday 26 March	Thank You our NHS People	
Friday 27 March	Home Learning Portal - Now Live	All School ParentMail

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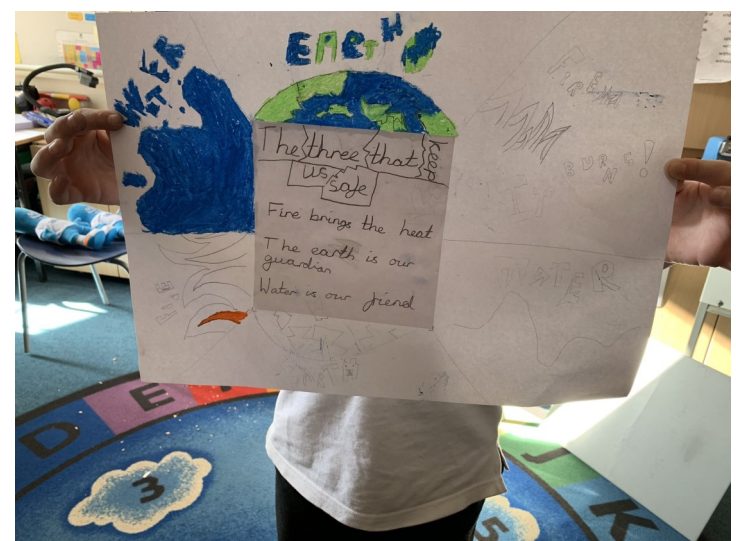
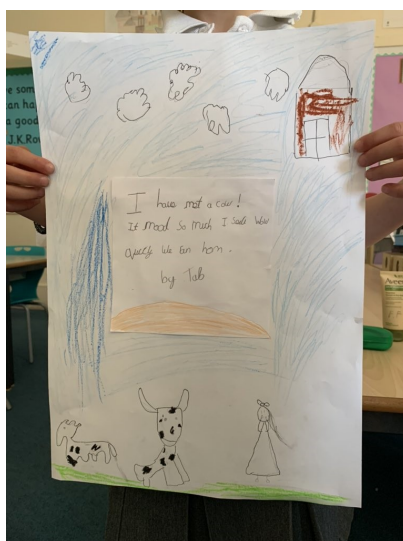
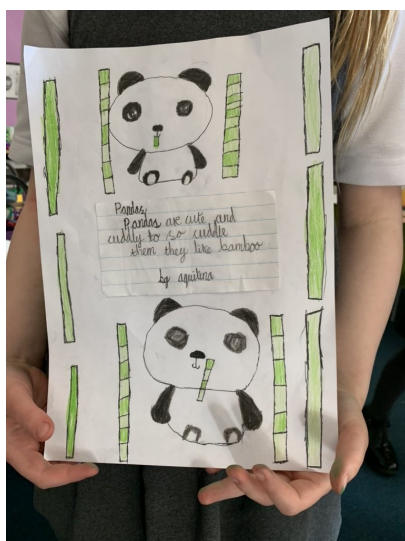
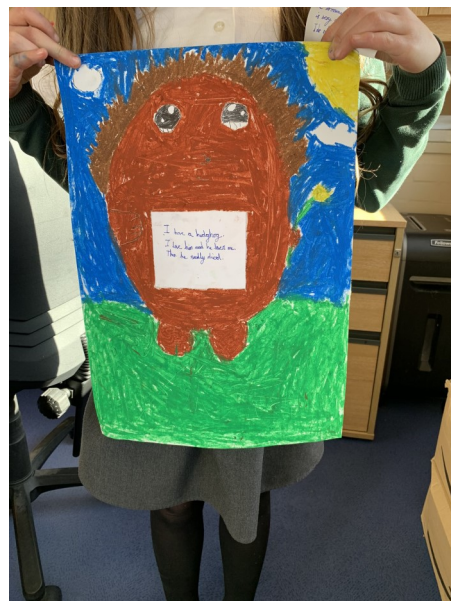
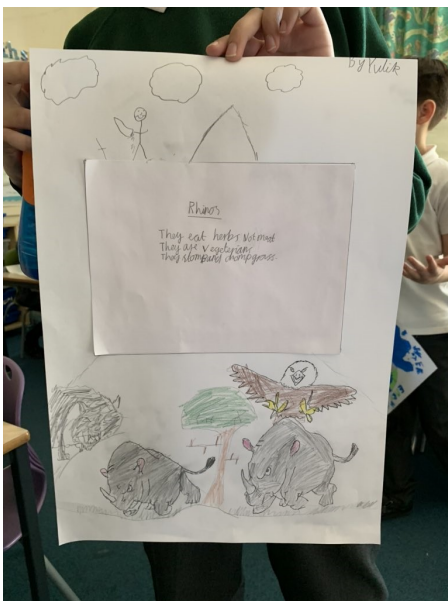
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Meanwhile, in school..

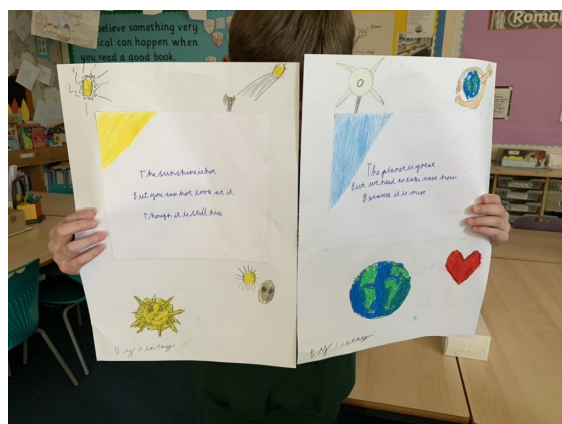
We have had lots of fun this week whilst we've been joined by our children whose parents are key and critical workers.

Hopefully you will have seen our updates on Twitter, but for those who have missed out, here's a gallery of just some of the activities that have been going on.

It is our privilege to stay open for these families and everyone at Slade recognises and thanks those key workers for the roles they are playing during this difficult time.



Around School





Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 30 March	School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Tuesday 31 March	School Term Suspended Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 1 April	School Term Suspended - Last official day of Term 4 Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Thursday 2 April	Easter Holiday Please see separate notices regarding Key and Critical Workers for opening times
Friday 3 April	Easter Holiday Please see separate notices regarding Key and Critical Workers for opening times

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

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

Details of events involving children currently at Slade will be communicated via your ParentMail account.

Please also keep an eye on the school calendar on our website : <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/>

Details of dates and arrangements for National Offer Day and the process of accepting and declining places at Slade as well as the welcoming events will appear in the admissions section of the website. Please check this before attending the school. These arrangements are likely to be subject to delay, cancellation and short notice alterations.

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