



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very warm welcome back after the festive break. Having spoken to many of you, I am so pleased to hear that you enjoyed quality family time together. We are looking forward to a positive and enjoyable year ahead as our school community continues to grow and evolve.

Mrs Crine has enjoyed meeting you all and is quickly getting to grips with her new role. She is already very much part of our school community and she cannot speak highly enough of the children, parents and staff. She would like to thank you all for your kindness and patience as she settles in.

The New Year has brought several new children to our school. Welcome to Juelle and Nancy in Year 1, Naga in Year 4 and Arabella, Rupert, Benjamin, Huxley and Delilah in Little Denes. They have already made lots of friends and are settling in well to life at Haddon Dene.

I myself have had cause for celebration. Over the holiday, I received news that I had passed my Headship qualification (NPQH) with flying colours. It was a great relief to hear this after what has been 18 months of very hard work.

At the end of last term, we issued your child's progress reports. The aim of these reports was to provide more detail around your child's progress as we are often asked how parents can focus their support at home. I know some parents found the detail of these reports quite difficult to interpret whilst others found them very useful. Ultimately, we want to ensure that as parents you are fully informed and understand the next steps for your child. I would be grateful for any feedback (by email) you may have regarding the report format as we are reviewing how we will report to you at the end of this term.

I am delighted to announce that in response to parent requests, we have extended our after-school provision until 6:15pm. We will be implementing a booking service for this extended provision whereby a light supper will be provided from 5:15pm onwards. If you are interested in using this extended provision or would like further information regarding the fees, please email the office.

Finally, I am sure I speak for us all when I say how enjoyable our Bollywood Dance day was. It was so special to see us all come together and enjoy this cultural and very uplifting experience. We hope you like the photographs and videos.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Parpworth
Headmistress



Haddon Dene News



Bollywood comes to Haddon Dene

We had a truly uplifting day on Wednesday as Bollywood came to Haddon Dene. Kalpesh, our dance instructor, taught Years 1 to Year 6 a range of moves traditionally associated with Indian dance. Throughout the dance workshops, he punctuated his choreography lessons with tales of India so that the children gained a real appreciation of the culture and religion of this part of the world.

Kalpesh brought such a positive vibe to the school. He meditates on a daily basis and is a firm believer that you can train your brain to be positive. The positive impact the day had on everyone's wellbeing was visible to see. I think we could all do with a bit more 'Bollywood' in our lives. As a result, you will be pleased to know that Kalpesh will be making a return to Haddon Dene in the summer where we hope to take our dance moves to the next level!



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Reception rewards!

On Tuesday morning Reception Class accepted the challenge to shop for treats for their 'Movie Afternoon' (a reward for filling their marble reward jar). Everyone in the class independently wrote down one item they wanted to buy, and they then discussed the healthier options as well as which things they preferred for special treats. They finally agreed on five items to buy: cookies, fruit sweets, popcorn, sugar-free squash and apples. Each pair of children was responsible for finding and choosing one of these items. They had lots of compliments from other shoppers on the children's uniform and behaviour.

In the afternoon, Year 1 joined them for the main event (as they have also filled their reward jar). Everyone voted and it was agreed that they would watch 'Ratatouille'. Overall, this reward resulted in learning about democracy, healthy eating, making lists, shopping, technology and money!



The Mayor of Ramsgate visits Haddon Dene



We were very lucky to receive a visit from the Mayor of Ramsgate today who came to talk about her role in the community. The children learned a valuable lesson in democracy and how the Mayor listens the views of everybody in her constituency. She wore her traditional robes and gold chains and spoke of the importance of community work. She was very impressed by the work we are completing in the community to help the elderly, the vulnerable and the environment.

Social media usage

As a school we take safeguarding very seriously. The wellbeing and safety of our children is our top priority. We wanted to make you aware that a number of children in KS2 have mentioned that they use Tik Tok on their personal devices. Tik Tok is rated 12+ on the Apple app store and “teen maturity” on Google Play. However, there is no system in place to verify a user's age, so anyone can download it. Due to the access to inappropriate content, and the use of popular music that may contain explicit language, this is App is not appropriate for young children. The parent section of our website contains a section about online safety which you may find useful to peruse. Mr Knights is also on hand to help with any support you may need regarding setting up safety restrictions on devices. There are many benefits of using social media, however, many of the platforms designed to be appealing for children are in fact not appropriate and need strong parental supervision and guidance.



Pamper evening

With so many new families joining our school community, wouldn't it be a great opportunity to socialise in a more informal setting? Mrs Russell has organised a 'Body Shop' pamper evening on Thursday 6th February at 7pm. Entry to the event is £3 which will include a glass of fizz and nibbles. Mrs Russell has also organised an enticing raffle with all proceeds going to the Australian bushfire crisis. Please RSVP to Mrs Russell or email secretary@haddondene.co.uk to book a place. It is set to be a wonderful night.



Charity Quiz night

On Friday 28th February at 7pm, we have organised a quiz night in aid of The Miscarriage Association. Mrs Kelly, who is Remus' mum in Reception, is running the London Marathon to raise money for this very worthwhile cause in April. Let's come together as a school community to support this charity whilst having a fun night together. Mr Arundell, Grace's grandad in Year 6, has kindly offered to plan and run the quiz. It will be held in the hall with tables of teams of 6. Entry to the event will cost £10 which will include either:

- Fish & chips
- Sausage & chips (battered or plain)
- Veggie burger & chips



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You are welcome to bring your own beverages or soft drinks. To book a place, please email secretary@haddondene.co.uk, confirming your choice of food and whether you are part of a team. If you would like to support Mrs Kelly in her London Marathon run the donation link is <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/nicolakelly30>

School Fees & School Money

Thank you to all parents who paid promptly for their Spring term fees. There are still a number of club's payments outstanding on School Money and we would be very grateful if you wouldn't mind checking your account. Children can only commence their clubs once payment has been received. In addition, if you use either Early Birds or After School Club, please can you check for any outstanding payments. Use of this service will be reviewed if payments continue to be left unpaid. Thank you very much for your understanding with this matter.

PFA meeting

Please note that we are holding a very important PFA meeting at 9:00am on Monday 20th January. This meeting is to review the future direction of the PFA and update you all on the current committee member's intentions. We would be very grateful if you could attend this meeting.



Weekly Awards

Excellence Awards		
Week 1	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Julia Godden Florence Smith	
Year One	Juelle Simpson	Jake Bingham
Year Two	Chloe Adams-Rumaya	Conrad Elderton-Baybars
Year Three	Zachary Nicholas	Rupert Russell
Year Four	Harrison Green	Henry Goodgame
Year Five	Safa Syed	Xavier Goodall
Year Six	George Richards	Matthew Johnson

House Points Spring Term 2020		
Week: 2	MANNERS	VERNON
	87	84
Total:	907	906

Ethan P-J, Melody Sagir, Florence Smith and Darcey Page have achieved School Values Award this week for resilience and excellent behaviour.

Messages from the office:

Please note that the minibus is not available to bring children home from School on Friday, 7th February. Can parents please make alternative arrangements on this day.

Please note that payment reminders have been sent for any outstanding balances due on School Money. We would be very grateful if you could clear these amounts at your earliest convenience, if applicable. Password and login resets can be arranged by sending a Dojo message to Mrs Parpworth.



**Forthcoming dates:
Spring Term 2020**

Saturday 18 th January	Kent Schools Football Final 7 – a – side. Thamesmead Arrival 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Finish at 1.30pm
20 th January	Handwriting Competition – Whole School Baby Gym Winter Wonderland Theme
21 st January	Year 6 Assembly Little Denes Library Visit Beach Clean – Year 4 & Year 5
24 th January	Mrs Parpworth Assembly
28 th January	Year 5 Assembly
31 st January	Mrs Nicholass Assembly
3 rd February	Learning Walks start this week
4 th February	Beach Clean – Year 3
6 th February	Year 5 – Trip to Marlowe Theatre – Taming of the Shrew 1.30pm – 5.15/5.45pm Athletics Taster @ Dane Court – Year 2 Pamper Night - 7.00pm
7 th February	Mrs Parpworth Assembly Year 6 – Trip to the Beaney Museum, Canterbury Minibus not available today PM to take children home after school. Alternative arrangements to be made by parents.
10 th February	Stay & Play Little Gym – Mindfulness 11.00am
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
14 th February	Prep School Show 9.30am Last day of Term
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Saturday 22 nd February	Ski Trip – Flying from Gatwick to Turin
24 th February	TERM BEGINS
25 th February	Shrove Tuesday Kent Life Trip – Years 1 & 2 – leave school 8.30am and return at 3.30pm
26 th February	Ramsgate Tunnels Trip Years 3 & 4 - 10.00am – 12.00pm Cricket Club starting - Isaac Dilkes, Level 2 Cricket Coach 3.30pm – 4.30pm – Years 4, 5 & 6
28 th February	Mrs Parpworth Assembly School Quiz Night – 7.00pm
Saturday 29 th February	Ski Trip arriving back at Gatwick from Turin
2 nd March	National Offer Day National Engineers Week
3 rd March	Year 3 Assembly
5 th March	World Book Day - non-school uniform day, dress as your favorite book character

6 th March	Mrs Murray Assembly Rugby Festival Years 5 & 6
Saturday 7 th March	Cross Country (Quex Park) at 10.00am - Years 3 - 6
9 th March	British Science Week
10 th March	Net Competition at Dane Court – Years 5 & 6
13 th March	Sports Relief – Non-uniform - £2.00 donation Mrs Parpworth Assembly Rugby Festival Years 5 & 6
Saturday 14 th March	Kent Schools Swimming Gala
16 th March	Scholastic Book Fair 16 th – 20 th
17 th March	Year 4 Assembly Tri-Golf KSG Qualifier – Ursuline College – Years 3 & 4
18 th March	Hi 5 Netball KSG Qualifier – Dane Court – Years 5 & 6
20 th March	Mr Good Assembly World Down Syndrome Day
23 rd March	Baby Gym – Easter Tea Party Theme – 11.00am – 12.00pm
24 th March	Festival of Song
25 th March	Parent Consultation Evening – Little Denes – Year 6 – 3.30pm – 7.00pm
27 th March	Howletts Trip – Year 6 – 9.30am – 3.00pm approx. Mrs Parpworth & Samuel Hearle Assembly
31 st March	Easter Competition Easter Service at Holy Trinity - 2.00pm
	END OF TERM

Menu

Week commencing: 20.01.2020

Monday

Pesto and spinach pasta bake

Carrot cake and cream

Tuesday

Beef/veggie Chilli con carne
Rice

Lemon drizzle cake

Wednesday

Roast turkey/Roast potatoes/Green cabbage & Carrots

Syrup Flapjack

Thursday

Pork/veggie sausages/Mash potatoes/Baked beans

Fresh fruit/yoghurt

Friday

Fish fingers/Chips/Peas

Apple Crumble and custard

Please speak to a member of the school catering team or class teacher if your child has intolerance to any of the 14 allergens in food.