



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 1st February

Dear Parents,

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.” Princess Diana

Kindness is such a powerful offering to give to another person. It is free to give and yet it has a profound effect on a person’s overall confidence. It is the easiest thing in the world to execute and with minimal effort can transform a person’s day, week or even life. Kindness is one of our school values and Mrs Parpworth stressed the importance of this during her assembly this week. As a small school community, we want to encourage our children to be thoughtful towards one another and to think about their actions and the impact these have on other’s self-esteem. Haddon Dene is very much a family-centred school. Our children thrive because we place their needs and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do. We receive lots of visits and messages from past Haddon Dene students where they are eager to tell us how much they miss attending our school. One of the key themes that run through these messages is that they miss our caring environment, surrounded by kind staff and thoughtful friends. This is the very essence of our school and our children play a pivotal role in maintaining this.

A journey to The Wild West



Year 5 gave a highly entertaining and informative assembly about a period in American history known as The Wild West. Between 1840 and 1920, Native Americans were stripped of their lands by settlers who arrived in what is now California. Many violent battles took place with the Native Americans often being portrayed as savages. Sadly, towards the end of this era, the remaining natives were forced into reservations and the new era of modern America began. The children spoke with confidence and poise and clearly made a great deal of effort with their costumes and props. It left us with a poignant message to reflect on: greed and unkindness can do untold damage to the environment and its inhabitants.

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A religious and cultural experience for Year 6.

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited a Gurdwara in Gravesend. A Gurdwara is a Sikh temple and place of worship. It was an enlightening experience for the children and they were awe inspired by the architecture of the building and intricate artwork displayed inside. This particular Gurdwara is the largest in Europe and cost £15 million to create. It is truly a breath-taking sight to behold. Once inside, the children were able to observe and take part in meditation rituals and they listened to some prayers. They saw first hand the elaborate canopy which contained the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book). They were welcomed into the Langar (community kitchen) where they sampled delicious vegetarian curries and breads. Experiences like this enable the children to reflect on how wonderfully rich and diverse our country is and the importance of British Values.



The Sikh symbol is known as Khanda. Central to this symbol is a double-edged sword. It reminds people that unkind actions lead to consequences and these consequences must be faced. All Sikhs wear five items on their person known as the 5K's. One of these items is a small sword known as Kirpan which reminds people that they possess the strength to do the right thing, even when it may mean going against the majority.

A superhero treat for Little Denes

Little Denes had so much fun at the library this week where they listened to stories about their favourite superheroes. They are learning about superheroes as one of their topics this term so this trip was an excellent way to reinforce the curriculum.



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Nationals in sight for our sports superstars



We are absolutely delighted to announce that Finley and Henry have qualified for the British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships. This event is being held at Crystal Palace in London on the 17th March. To compete, the boys will complete a run on the sports track and a swim in the 50m pool. They will meet the very finest athletes from schools across the country. We are so proud that they are representing our small school and wish them the very best of luck.

Year 4 investigate

This term year 4 have been learning about the different states of matter: solid, liquids and gases. They have investigated the processes of evaporation, condensation and melting. They melted chocolate at different temperatures. They placed clingfilm over a bowl of warm water to show the collection of evaporated gas and then placed ice on top of the clingfilm. They observed the process of condensation whereby the water vapour turned back into liquid on the clingfilm. The children added salt to ice to see what would happen to the ice. They found that the salt increased the speed of which the salt melted and also increased the temperature of the ice.



Architects in the making

In Geography, Year 2 have been studying China and comparing it to our own country. This week they looked at Beijing in comparison with London, along with different landmarks they had heard of and seen. They designed and made a junk model of the Great Wall of China aiming for the longest they could, as the real wall is 21,196km.



A warm welcome

You may have noticed a few new faces amongst the teaching staff. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Glew in Year 2, Miss Mellor in Year 3 and Miss Little in Year 5. They are currently working with the class teachers to observe their outstanding practice in order to gain educational experience.



Heads up with K & W

We hope the Year 6 children who are going on the skiing trip have a fabulous time! Look after Mrs Crompton and we look forward to seeing all the pictures on your return.

Next week our class are going on a beach clean at Viking Bay. Years 1 and 2 are visiting Kent life Rural Centre to support the learning they are doing in the classrooms.

We are very impressed with the Eco Team who are working hard to promote our school community as a 'Green School'.

We are looking for good behaviour at break and lunchtime and we want to see children displaying our school values and being kind to one another.

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Excellence in LAMDA

We are delighted to announce that the following children have passed their recent LAMDA exams with a Distinction:

Ava Harris

Mabel Dunbar-Brunton

Angus MacPherson

Ethan Collier

Henry Hodge

Giovanna Piper

Ruby White.

Congratulations to all our children who took part. Your hard work and endeavour paid off and we are very proud of you all.

Excellence Awards

These children have been nominated for an Excellence in Conduct or Excellence in Learning Award and have received a red tie and a certificate. Well done to all these children.

Week 3	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Darcey Page	Auben Shaddick
Year One	Conrad Elderton-Baybars	Magnus Dilkes
Year Two	Olivia Dilkes	Rupert Russell
Year Three	George Kemp	Henry Hodge
Year Four	Safa Syed	Leopold Dreyer
Year Five	Isobel Clark	Jasmine Campbell
Year Six	Maxwell Speller	William Smith

House Points Winners

Haddon Dene House Point chart		
Week : 18	Manners	Vernon
	90	89
Running total:	1239	1222

Dustpan and Brush Award for the Tidiest Classroom

This week's winners are Year One and Year Six! Congratulations!

Our cleaners, Mr Pullman and Mrs Sagir were very impressed with how you have kept the classrooms. The sparkly dustpan and brush will be displayed in your clean classrooms



Green Tie Award

This has been awarded to Ruby A (Yr 5) and Luca (Yr 2) for their contribution to our school environment.

PFA Update



Hello friends and family,

We are also aiming to plan a PFA meeting in the evening to accommodate those parents and family who cannot make meetings during the day. Many fathers have expressed how they would love to have an input and we would love to have them on-board! This is scheduled for Thursday, 28th February at 7pm at the school.

Movie night is taking place on Friday 22nd February. 'The Greatest Showman', singalong!! Tickets are £3.00 per child, available from the office. Please have the correct money or a cheque, payable to Haddon Dene School – PFA.

Best wishes,

The PFA

Upcoming events:

- Evening PFA meeting: Thursday, 28th February.
- Movie night: Friday, 22nd February straight from school.
- Mother's Day gift wrap: Wednesday, 20th March
- Father's Day gift wrap: Wednesday, 12th June
- Summer Fayre: Friday, 21st June

Messages from the office....

- **Please be advised that there will be no Mini Bus Service on Friday 8th February**
- **If you wish your child to be collected/taken home from school on the mini bus, we do ask parents to contact the office in the first instance, we can then arrange with Rob. Thanking you in advance.**

Wishing all our families a safe and happy weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Hatch". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Miss Alison Hatch
Headmistress

**Forthcoming dates:
Spring/Summer -2019**

2 nd February-9 th	Ski trip for Year 6- depart school at 9.00 am
2 nd February	LAMDA
4 th March	'Sign up' sheets for Parent Evening on the 20th March will be available.
5 th February	Year 6 – beach clean Stone/Viking Bay Year 1&2 – Kent Life Rural Centre – depart 9am return 3.30 approx.
6 th February	Horse riding – Year 4/5
8 th February	Assembly – Miss Hatch – all welcome Little Denes – Dress up as a 'Super Hero' day NO MINI BUS SERVICE Last day of Term
9 th February	Skiers return – arrive back to school approx. 20.45-21.00 hrs LAMDA
16 th February	LAMDA
18 th February	Term starts
20 th February	Horse riding – year 4/5
21 st February	Reception – Bear Hunt – Northdown Park
22 nd February	Assembly – Miss Hatch – all welcome PFA – Movie night in hall from 3.30pm-5.30pm - £3.00 per ticket
23 rd February	LAMDA Year 2 workshops 9.30-12 noon.
26 th February	Year 3 Assembly Year 5 – Quex museum
27 th February	Thanet Speech & Drama Festival – 27 th – 3 rd March Little Denes to farm at Quex Park in the morning Horse riding – Year 4/5
28 th February	Year 6 beach clean – Palm Bay PFA meeting – 7.00 pm Pre-prep building
1 st March	Assembly – Mrs Nicholass – all welcome Secondary School – Offer Day Year 5&6 to Discovery Park, Sandwich.
2 nd March	Cross Country – Quex Park – Year 3-6
3 rd March	Open Morning – Pre-preps – 9.30-12 Noon
4 th March	Book Fair – 4 th -7 th (Book Week) Parent consultation sign-up sheets available in Prep entrance hall.
5 th March	Year 4 Assembly
6 th March	World Maths Day
7 th March	Year 1 Beach clean – Botany Bay Polly Dunbar – Illustrator/author in school all day
8 th March	Assembly – Miss Hatch – all welcome Dress up Day – dress up as favourite book character Science Week – 8-15 th incl.

9 th March	Thanet Festival – Piano Competition LAMDA Kent Schools swimming Gala – Hartsdown Leisure Centre - relays
10 th March	Kent Schools swimming Gala – Hartsdown Leisure Centre-individuals
12 th March	Netball Festival – Dane Court – Year 5&6
14 th March	Science Museum trip – years 3-6
15 th March	Pre-prep Show at the Queens Road Baptist Church – 2.15 pm
16 th March	Year 2 workshops LAMDA
17 th March	Kent Schools swimming – Hartsdown - relays
18 th March	Big Write Week
19 th March	Year 6 trip to Howletts
20 th March	Parent Consultation Evening Junior Show auditions PFA Mother’s Day gift wrap
21 st March	Year 1&2 Forest School – Quex Park Science Fair (years 3-6)
22 nd March	Assembly – Mrs Parpworth – all welcome Easter Service - children only Last day for Clubs
23 rd March	LAMDA
25 th March	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK Trip 3&4 – Kent Life – ‘Viking’ Day Year 2 Football – Margate FC
26 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade – 2pm Reception/Year 1 trip to Elmwood Farm, Broadstairs Prep Open evening presentation – 3.30pm Song Festival – the Choir to attend 7pm
27 th March	End of Term -12 noon
30 th March	LAMDA
15 th April	Holiday Club (15th-18th April incl.)
23 rd April	Staff training day
24 th April	Summer Term starts
25 th April	Year 2 beach clean at Stone Bay
27 th April	Open Morning 9.30-12 noon LAMDA
4 May	LAMDA
6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
7 th May	Big Write Week
8 th May	Year 3&4 Football tbc
11 th May	LAMDA Netball 7-aside main netball tournament – 9am

13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS
16 th May	Year 3 beach clean Louisa Bay
17 th May	Year 3&4 trip to France tbc
18 th May	Thanet schools swimming gala Hartsdown LC LAMDA
22 nd May	Year 6 – Camping – Minster
23 rd May	Year 5 to join year 6 camping
24 th May	Last day of Term
25 th May	LAMDA
1 st June	LAMDA
8 th June	LAMDA
10 th June	Term begins
12 th June	PFA Father's Day gift wrap
13 th June	Elocution Cup
15 th June	LAMDA
18 th June	Year 4 beach clean – Dumpton Gap
21 st June	PFA Summer Fayre
22 nd June	Open Morning for Pre-preps 9.30-12 Noon LAMDA
24 th June	Prize Giving – Dane Court School – (Evening – time tbc)
27 th June	Junior Show at the Theatre Royal, Margate
29 th June	LAMDA EXAMS
9 th July	Parent Progress meetings – LD-Year 5
11 th July	Parent Progress meeting – Year 6
12 th July	Term Ends – 12 Noon

Menu

Week commencing: 4.2.19

Monday

Beef/veggie Bolognese served with pasta and garlic bread

Bread rolls, choice of filling and salad bar

Rice pudding and strawberry jam /fresh fruit/yoghurt

Tuesday

Chicken /veggie tikka masala served with rice/jacket potato

Bread rolls, choice of fillings and salad bar

Syrup sponge with custard or cream / fresh fruit / yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast beef, stuffed peppers, roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese, carrots,
yorkshire pudding & gravy

Bread rolls, choice of fillings/salad bar

Rhubarb & pear crumble & custard /fresh fruit/ yoghurt

Thursday

Toad in the hole (pork/veggie sausages), mashed potato, cabbage, peas &
gravy

Bread rolls, choice of fillings/ salad bar

Peaches and ice cream /fresh fruit/ yoghurt

Friday

Chicken drumsticks, vegetarian burger, new potatoes and corn on the cob

Bread rolls, choice of filling and salad bar

Apple & sultana flapjack / fresh fruit/ yoghurt

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.

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