



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 16th March

Dear Parents,

“Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up.” *Stephen Hawking, award winning physicist*

Award winning physicist Stephen Hawking died early Wednesday morning, aged 76. Stephen who wrote several influential books including "A Brief History of Time," was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 1962 and never allowed his disability to stop him achieving what he felt were his goals. He was and still is an inspiration to many of us and the legacy of Stephen Hawking will live on. He demonstrated unwavering perseverance and resilience (two of our school values) throughout his life. This is proof that despite difficult circumstances, we can achieve anything we put our minds to! We should never give up and always aim for the stars. The children at Haddon Dene show us this daily through their enthusiasm to persevere and never giving up through their curiosity of wanting to learn more.

Protect our Planet – Recycle, Reduce, Re-use!

Year 3 gave a very informative assembly about making our world a better place through recycling, reducing and re-using. They have been looking at the effects of landfill sites on the environment, and how recycling can preserve natural resources. The amount of rubbish thrown away by homes in the UK every day is enough to fill 190 Olympic sized swimming pools and weighs as much as 12,000 elephants. On average, every person in the UK throws away their own body weight in rubbish every 7 weeks. That's a lot of rubbish! We are increasingly aware of the damage that plastic and other rubbish is doing to our oceans and environment. Year 3 have really helped to highlight this important issue so that we can act now and save our planet.



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Walk like an Egyptian!

The year 3&4 trip to Kent Life Museum was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. They learnt about mummification and the journey to the afterlife, Ancient Egyptian clothing, farming, magical medicine, rope making and pyramid building. They also created a dance and music performance for the Pharaoh. They were all very interested in the fact that only rich Ancient Egyptians wore clothes while poor people and slaves didn't wear any!



Medieval Masters

On Thursday Years 1 and 2 visited Dover Castle despite the threat of heavy rain! The activities throughout the day included climbing The Great Tower and looking through what life was like at that time inside a medieval castle. The children viewed an exhibition about Henry II and his reign. They also learnt facts about when the castle was built, The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment Museum and trying on many different medieval clothes.

The children had enormous fun and learnt a lot on this trip. All were exceptionally well-behaved and staff at Dover Castle remarked how impressed they were with our school children.



National Primary Mathematics Award

The Primary Maths Challenge is an exciting national mathematical challenge aimed at pupils in year 5 and 6, which encourages pupils to think outside the box in solving problems. The first stage of the challenge took place in November 2017, where our children competed alongside 68,000 children across the country. Successfully answering a variety of multiple choice mathematics problems, Olivia joined the 3,255 highest scorers who were invited to take part in the PMC Bonus Round last month. Olivia rose to the challenge and was one of the remaining 1857 pupils to win an award in the Bonus Round. We are delighted to announce that she achieved a Bronze Award certificate. The prestigious honour demonstrates her achievement as one of the best young mathematicians in the UK, placing her in the top 2.5% of the national population.



Year Six Swim The Channel!



We are incredibly proud of Betty, Franklin, Isabella, Millie and Olivia for swimming a combined total of 21 miles (the length of The English Channel) in aid of Sports Relief. This staggering sporting achievement took place at Hartsdown Leisure Centre, where they swam for a total of 4 hours and 34 minutes. Our children are well on their way to raise £1000 for Sports Relief. The rest of the school will take part in a sponsored run next Friday 23rd March.

Netball Team Triumph

Well done to our amazing netball team who won two matches, drew one and lost one at the Primary Schools Netball Tournament held at Dane Court after school on Tuesday. Our girls showed true grit and determination and never gave up even in the face of adversity. The girls represented our school, demonstrating the right sporting values and etiquette.



Science Club



This week in science club, the group made butter from double cream. They thoroughly enjoyed this activity particularly being able to taste the product of their hard work. We spoke about how the cream turned thicker the more we shook the container. During this process the fat changes out of its normal position allowing it to clump together leaving behind a clear liquid called 'whey'. The group were fascinated by this and could clearly see the transition from cream to butter.

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Really, No Sugar?

One child has shown great resilience during the month of February and that is Maddie, in Year Six. Throughout the month she has persevered and has not been tempted to have any sugar in her diet! She managed to resist sweet treats in favour of health snacks. This demonstration of willpower is very admirable. Well done!



'Ello, 'ello



Little Denes had a very exciting visit from PCSO Daniel and PCSO Debbie on Wednesday as part of our topic on People Who Help Us. The children learnt about keeping safe and that it is very important that all children learn their parents' names and their home address. Learning their postcode and house number can be vital. The children could try on various pieces of uniform and sit in the police car with the lights flashing. What a great morning they had!

Seasonal Investigation

In Geography this term, Year One are studying seasonal changes. The children have compared autumn and winter and are now looking at the differences between spring and summer. We have investigated temperature changes and day length. Over the last few weeks we have also seen how the weather affects animals and the changes we must make in our own lives.

This week the children had to paint a seasonal picture. They had the choice of 2 prepared paint palettes; one containing greys, blacks and browns, and another containing blues, yellows, pinks and greens.



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World Book Day Winners!

Congratulations to all the children who entered the 'World Book Day' competition. The winners were:

LD/Reception class: Annabelle Fritch (LD)

Years 1 and 2: Toby Christian- Chapman (Yr.1)

Years 3,4 ,5 and 6: Vikas Vishwanathan (Yr.3)

Current Parent Open Afternoon

Parents and relatives are invited to the Open afternoon to see their childs learning and watch any sport they maybe taking part in. Please join us from 1.30-3.15pm on Friday 23rd March. We hope you to see you wearing red to support Sport Relief.

Supporting Sport Relief

On Friday 23rd March our children can wear their sports clothes along with an item that is red. We hope everyone will take part in this and happily donate money for such a good cause. Our children will be participating in a sponsored run so please get sponsoring!

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!

	<i>Excellence in Conduct</i>	<i>Excellence in Learning</i>
Reception	Nicholas Chhabra	Alba Studden
Year One	Connor Reynolds	Harvey White
Year Two	Ethan Collier	Joaquin Munoz-Wood
Year Three	-	Jack Perks / Giovanna Piper
Year Four	Betty Whitefoord	Ethan Patgunarajah-Jayesuria
Year Five	Jacob Websdale / Lacie How	-
Year Six	Jacob Keel	Betty Regelous

We would like to remind children to please return the red ties that they wear with pride, after a week. They need to be returned in good order. Thank you.

House Points Winners

<i>Haddon Dene House Point chart</i>		
<i>Week 8:</i>	<i>Manners</i>	<i>Vernon</i>
	<i>77</i>	<i>74</i>
<i>Running total:</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>578</i>

Dustpan and Brush Award for the Tidiest Classroom

This week's winners are Year Two and Year Three, 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.

PFA Update



Dear Parents and Friends,

Forthcoming Events:

Wine tasting: 15th June

Summer Fair: 13th July

Christmas Ball: 24th November

Thank you for your support, *The Friends of Haddon Dene*

Message from the Office

- Please visit and 'like' our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/haddondeneprepschool) for further pictures and videos.
- Mrs Crompton is running an intensive swim school at the Bluewave Pool Margate 9th to 13th April, 9am or 9.30am. It is £35 for the week. Please contact Mrs Crompton for details.
- Parents of the children in the 'Choir'. Please do not forget you can obtain tickets from the office for the performance at the Winter Gardens on Tuesday 20th March.
- Please be aware a stranger in a car was seen outside the Charles Dickens School this week. As always please be vigilant.

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After such a warm spring like day this Friday, it's sad to think that temperatures will fall and we may have snow this weekend. (I can hear our children cheering!) Please keep safe and wrap up warm. Whatever the weather, we are proud of our children who show the most amazing values and we as a staff continue to strive to nurture happy, confident and charismatic curious young individuals.

Kind regards



Miss Alison Hatch
Headmistress

Forthcoming Dates:

19 th March	Easter Cracked – Year 6 – Queens Road Baptist Church After school Science Club for Year 6
20 th March	Festival of Song concert – Winter Gardens Margate 7pm Performance (Choir rehearsals 9.20 am – 2.30 pm at the Winter Gardens) Year 2 assembly
21 st March	Reception trip to Viking Bay Horse riding – Reception Netball High 5 – Dane Court 4.00-5.45 pm
22 nd March	Tri Golf – Year 3&4 1pm-3.30pm – Ursuline College Hindleap – Year 5 parent meeting 3.30 pm
23 rd March	Assembly – all welcome Sport Relief – sponsored run – PE kit to be worn with item of ‘red’ Current Parent Open afternoon – 1.30-3.30 pm Rugby mini festival – Upton Primary 2 nd payment due for ‘Aladdin’
Sat. 24 th March	Pre-prep open morning – 9.30-12 noon – ‘Spring into Easter’ Kent school swimming – Hartsdown National Primary schools – cross country
25 th March	National Biathlon – boys final – crystal palace
26 th March	NO CLUBS (Football skills only instead of 16.3.18) Easter Service at Baptist Church, Queens Road – Yrs. 1-6 (Children only)
27 th March	Year 1 Assembly Visit to Howletts Wild Animal Park – Yr. 6
28 th March	Cat Protection workshops for whole school Easter Egg hunt. Closing date for all entries for the Pre-Prep colouring competition Closing date for Prep -School decorated eggs competition Horse riding for Reception
29th March	Hot cross buns and drinks invite to all parents 8.50-9.45 am, Dining Hall Easter Bonnet competition-final assembly Term Ends 12 noon
Sat. 21 st April	Rugby Tournament venue tbc
23 rd April	Inset day
24th April	Term begins
25 th April	Horse riding - Reception
30 th April	‘Pumpkin’ to visit
2 nd May	Horse riding – Reception (last one)
4 th May	Quiz night PFA – tbc.
Sat. 5 th May	Rugby Festival – venue tbc. LAMDA
Sat. 12 th May	LAMDA
14 th May	‘Pumpkin to visit’

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16 th May	Deal Castle – trip for Reception class tbc
Sat. 19 th May	LAMDA
21 st May	Bikeability – year 6
22 nd May	Bikeability – year 6
23 rd May	Bikeability – year 6
24 th May	Bikeability – year 6
25 th May	Last day of term 2 nd payment for Hindleap to be made.
Sat. 26 th May	LAMDA
Sat. 2 nd June	LAMDA
Sat. 9 th June	LAMDA
11 th June	Term begins 'Pumpkin to visit'

MENU

Week Commencing 19.3.18

MONDAY

Lasagne & mixed vegetables
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Yoghurts / fresh fruit

TUESDAY

Fish fingers, oven chips & baked beans
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Cherry/apple crumble & custard / fresh fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast turkey, cabbage, carrots, roast potatoes & gravy
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Peaches & cream / fresh fruit

THURSDAY

Pizza, potato wedges & salad
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Butterscotch whip & biscuits / fresh fruit

FRIDAY

Sausages, yorkshire puddings, peas, mashed potato & gravy
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Raspberry ripple & ice cream / fresh fruit

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

Cold meats available

Fresh fruit available everyday

Vegetarians catered for