



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 15th June

Dear Parents,

“Children learn best when they like their teacher and they think their teacher likes them”

Gordon Neufeld (developmental psychologist)

Welcome back to all Haddon Dene families! We hope you have had a chilled and fun May break. We wish to also welcome three new families who have joined us. We hope you will enjoy being part of our school. It only seems yesterday that we were preparing for the start of the school year. Where has the time flown? – it is hard to believe that we are reaching the final weeks of this academic year! Time certainly flies when you are having fun. At Haddon Dene the element of fun and ensuring our children are learning their best is dear to our hearts. All Haddon Dene staff are passionate and expectations are that they motivate and nurture your children to the best of their abilities.

This half term is set to be a busy one as we finish off the year with annual events such as our Prize Giving, Prep Show, Sports Day and Summer Fair, as well as school trips.

Swim Safe

It's the time of year when families will be visiting the local beaches so this week we had the RNLI visit our school. They shared important facts regarding staying safe when at the beach. Children learnt how this important organisation keeps us safe and the ways in which the lifeboats and lifeguards help save lives when people are in danger. For more information about the Royal National Lifeboat Institution please check out: www.rnli.org



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The lifeguards talked to the children about the different flags and the rules of the beach to keep them safe.



We are very excited as Mrs Crompton has been asked to coordinate the Swim Safe Programme which is being rolled out across the UK. The programme was launched in 2013 in Cornwall. This year it's being rolled out across 23 locations.

Haddon Dene School has signed up to take Years 3-6 children to Margate beach in July. They will take part in a session to learn about water safety in the open air. A letter will be coming home soon. Please visit the swim safe website for more information: www.swimsafe.org.uk

In Reception class the children love going swimming once a week. Just look how confident Sophia is in the water!

Our swimming team are participating in the National Primary Swimming Championships in Sheffield this weekend. We are very proud to be the only school in Thanet to have got through. We wish the team the very best.

Explorers at Wingham

Year 5 spent Tuesday at Wingham Wildlife Park. Although the weather was overcast, it was a fun and interesting day.

They started by looking around at some of the enclosures, including the reptiles, the Tropical House and the new chimpanzee enclosure. They enjoyed reading the interesting facts about the various animals they could see. The children participated in an animal handling session, where the class got the opportunity to touch a corn snake and an iguana, though not everyone was very keen. After lunch there was time to explore the playground before returning to school in time for High 5!



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Parent Reminder

Parent Consultation progress reviews take place on Wednesday 4th July at 3.30pm-7pm for LD & Nursery/Yr. 1-5) and Wednesday 11th July at 3.30pm-7pm for Yr. 6. The class teachers look forward to sharing with you the progress your child has made across the year. Please ensure you look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. There are lots of events to remember but we will update you via ClassDojo and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/haddondeneprepschool) and our twitter account (@HaddonDene) as much as possible.

Baby Dance in Little Denes

Little Denes had a fabulous time this afternoon in their first Baby Dance Class. This was led by Mrs Ashton a specialist dance teacher. The class moved around the room slowly making themselves big and tall, clapping to a rhythm and catching pretend bubbles and footballs.

The children were so excited and asked if they can do this activity every week. Mrs McBride, Mrs Youe and Miss Smith were so pleased to inform them that they were!
Can you see the children trying to be as small as an ant? We can also see them blowing and catching bubbles. What a fun session it was!



Our nursery children explored different ways to dance through body and rhythm expression

Spectacular Musical



40 children from the Junior school were lucky enough to see Disney's Aladdin in the West End on Thursday this week.

After a brief stop off in Greenwich Park for a picnic, we arrived at the Prince Edward theatre in time for the matinee performance to a packed house.

The show was a whirlwind of vibrant colour, larger than life characters and all our favourite songs from the movie. The Genie was a real hit with the children, and Princesses Jasmine looked stunning in her sparkling costumes.

The children left the theatre full of excitement about their own show which takes place in two weeks' time. A fun time had by all, the question is - what to see next year?



Waiting in anticipation for the show to commence

Dustpan and Brush Award for the Tidiest Classroom

This week's winners are Reception class and Year Five 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 Friends and Parents,

Unfortunately, this year's Wine Tasting Evening has been cancelled due to low ticket sales. We will however, be organising another Wine Tasting next year and hope that you will join us on this fun, social event.

The Summer Fayre is fast approaching. We are delighted to announce that this year, there will be a special performance from the musical theatre club to open the occasion.

We are calling for help to make this day as fun for the children as possible. Therefore, if you could spare some time to help set up or put away, please get in contact with a member of the PFA or leave a message in the office. Your help would be very gratefully received! We are also still calling for sponsors for the stalls.

Friday 6th July is the last PFA meeting this year. Please come along to wrap this year up and more importantly, to enjoy tea and cakes.

Have a fantastic weekend!
Best wishes,
Friends of Haddon Dene

Message from the Office

- Please visit and 'like' our Facebook page and add a review about our school. (www.facebook.com/haddondeneprepschool) for further pictures and videos.
- We now have a Twitter account so please check us out on @HaddonDene
- Don't forget that our latest **Scholastic Book Club is now online** at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/haddon-dene>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 25p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by June 30th, 2018**. With thanks, Donna Nicholass.
- We are all very excited about the Junior Prep show 'Aladdin' which takes place on Thursday 28th June. Please be advised in order to have the show at the Theatre Royal Margate again, there will be a charge of £7.00 per adult and children are free. Tickets are now available via the office.
Please note that tickets are only available from the office until 3.30 pm on the 28th June. No tickets are available on the night. Thank you.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Let's hope the sun shines!

Warmest regards



Miss Alison Hatch
Headmistress

Forthcoming Dates:

Sat 16 th June	National Swimming – Sheffield Little Denes / Reception – Open morning – 10-12Noon – Teddy Bears Picnic LAMDA Booster workshop – Year 5 Waterloo trophy at Upton (Cross country relay)
18 th June	Sheets for signing up to parents evening available
19 th June	Hever castle trip for year 3&4 – leave at 8.30 am Year 6 to visit Keel Toy factory
20 th June	Elocution Cup Little Denes – Swimming class (optional)
21 st June	New ‘Reception’ class – childrens’ morning Maths competition – Christchurch school – Students from Yrs. 5&6 Horse riding – year 6
22 nd June	Junior show – rehearsal
Sat 23 rd June	Upton - cross country LAMDA Booster workshop – year 5
Sunday 24 th	LAMDA – final preparation for exams
25 th June	Junior show – rehearsal ‘Pumpkin’ to visit
26 th June	Junior show – rehearsal Wildwood – Trip for prep school Year 3 to visit Maurice Lodge – tbc Thanet Passport Awards Evening at the Winter Gardens
27 th June	Junior show – rehearsal
28 th June	Junior Show – Theatre Royal 7pm – tickets £7.00 per adult, children free. Tickets available until 3.30pm on the 28 th . NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW.
29 th June	Sports Day and Family picnic – 10.30 am start Broadstairs Cricket Ground (No After school club or Mini bus).
30 th June	LAMDA-Exams Booster workshop – Year 5
2 nd July	Swim Safe – year 3&4 – 5&6
4 th July	Parent Consultation progress reviews 3.30pm-7pm (LD /Yr R-5)
5 th July	Transition day for all the children
6 th July	PFA meeting Leavers Disco
Sat 7 th July	Last Booster workshop – year 5
9 th July	Prize Giving – Sarah Thorne Theatre – 6pm
11 th July	Year 6 trip – Quex Park Parent Consultation progress reviews 3.30pm-7pm Yr 6
12 th July	Last horse riding for year 6

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13 th July	Ballet assembly PFA – Summer Fair – 3.30-5.30pm
16 th July	School farewell picnic for Mrs Vince, Mrs Powell and Mrs Fowler
17 th July	Leavers assembly – 11am Reports to parents Term ends – 12 noon
Wed 29 th August	Revision morning for new Year 6 class 9.30-12 Noon
Thursday 30 th August	Revision morning for new Year 6 class with Mr Scott 9.30-12 Noon
Friday 31 st August	Revision morning for new Year 6 class with Mr Scott 9.30-12 Noon
Monday 3 rd September	New Year 6 class return with Mrs Parpworth (normal school hours tbc)
Tuesday 4 th September	New Year 6 class with Mrs Parpworth (normal school hours tbc)
Wednesday 5 th September	NEW TERM BEGINS FOR WHOLE SCHOOL

MENU

Week Commencing 18.6.18

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Salmon fish cakes, peas & sweetcorn
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 & biscuit / fresh fruit

FRIDAY

Sausages, yorkshire puddings, green beans, 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