



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of our penultimate week of the Autumn Term, the children and staff have been working on final preparations for our Christmas Nativity and 'Christmas Wishes' productions. These shows will premiere on Monday 7th December and Friday 11th December respectively. We are all very excited to watch our little stars shine and hope you enjoy what we have in store.

This year, more than ever, we have been thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves. So many people's livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic and we wanted to do something to support those who are struggling. Thank you to Mrs Godden who helped to organise our Food Bank collections. Thank you to everyone who donated too. We gathered over 40 bags of food which were gratefully received at the Margate Food Bank and Gap Project at the Queens Road Baptist Church. Acts of kindness can change someone's entire day or even life. I am so proud that we have been able to make a difference, no matter how small.

If you haven't already, you will receive your child's progress report next week. Mr Good has written a letter to you all via email, explaining the new improved reporting format we will be using. We anticipate that this will be much clearer for you to understand your child's progress against their end of year targets. We will also be providing a set of next steps so that you understand the individualised goals your child will be working towards in the forthcoming term.

We will be issuing the clubs list to you very shortly. You will notice that the provision next term is very limited because I cannot have staff crossing pods. I want to keep all classes and the school operational as fully as possible and we have no guarantees that COVID-19 cases will remain in decline following the Christmas break. Unfortunately, I must plan for the worst case scenario and therefore do everything I can to keep the staff and children safe. We do hope to resume a full and varied extra-curricular offering as soon as possible.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Parpworth
Headmistress



Haddon Dene News



Our Little Skip to be Fit Champions

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our Little Denes Skip to be Fit competition this week. A special mention to Freddy and Edee, Dahla and Delilah and Indigo and Ben for their energetic efforts this week in our skipping competition.



Food Bank donations

According to recent statistics some 13 million people live below the poverty line in the United Kingdom. This has resulted in foodbanks being established across the country. The number of people using a Thanet Food Bank has nearly doubled in five years. Job-losses caused by the pandemic have exacerbated an already stark hunger problem in Britain, where 22% of people and 30% of children live in poverty despite it being the sixth-richest country in the world by GDP. Before the pandemic struck, 10% of children in the U.K. were living in households affected by “severe food insecurity,” which the Food Foundation defines as poverty that results in hunger. Now, the number may be as high as 20% as the pandemic puts strains on family incomes, according to the Food Foundation. We are very pleased we have been able to make a difference to the lives of adults and children in Thanet during the coming weeks.



Importance of Being Happy

Roald Dahl once famously said, ‘If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.’ We couldn’t agree more.

From time to time, there may be reasons why your child is not happy. This may be about a situation, an aspect of learning, friendship worries or something at home.

Please do remember that our doors are always open for you despite the continuing distance we must have. We are committed to providing a happy and nurturing environment for your children so please do continue to share any information with us which will help us to do so.



Primary Maths Challenge Champions

Congratulations to all our children in Year 5 and 6 who took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a nationwide competition involving 25 challenging mathematical reasoning questions. The test requires pupils to think outside the box and stretch their brains. We are delighted to announce that some of our children achieved bronze, silver and gold awards. We will await to hear whether any of our children reached the Bonus Round which will take place in February.

Gold – Vikas, Finn and Finlay



Silver – Dillon, Henry, Jack, Giovanna, Edward and Leo

Bronze – Andrew and Lottie



Congratulations to George, Melody, Harrison, Om, Ffion, Sadiq and Naga for taking part.



Weekly Awards

Excellence Awards		
Week 1	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Huxley Burden	Izac Francis
Year One	Georgie Crompton	Lyndon Smith
Year Two	Fraser Manning	Beatrice Siddons
Year Three	Sydney Turnbull	Felix Agnew
Year Four		Thara Aravindakshan & Mabel Dunbar-Brunton
Year Five	Dillon Lawson	Henry Goodgame
Year Six	Eva Maher	Finn Ilvonen

House Points Autumn Term 2020		
Week: 4	MANNERS	VERNON
	63	84
Total:	745	796

PFA Update

Dear everyone,



As we are unable to provide our children with festive entertainment this year, we have organised 2 online pantomimes for them to watch.

Little Denes and Reception will have the Gruffalo on stage. However, if they want, they still have access to the pantomime the other classes are watching. We just provided an alternative option.

https://tallstories.ticketco.events/uk/en/m/e/gruffalo_stream_schools

All the other classes will watch the following :

<https://www.londontheatre1.com/theatre-news/blue-peter-legend-peter-duncan-launches-panto-online/>

I have finally sent off the artwork for tea towels and bags and as soon as they are here, we will let everyone know and they can be purchased.

Hope you have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Adrienn Godden

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2020

Week 12: Monday 30 th November	
Saturday December 5 th	LAMDA Examination Day
Week 13: Monday 7 th December	
Monday 7 th December	Premiere of Little Denes and Reception Nativity
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December 12.00 Noon	Premiere of 'Christmas Wishes from Haddon Dene.' End of Term
14 th – 18 th December (9.00am – 3.00pm)	Christmas Holiday Club

Spring Term

Wednesday 6 th January 2021	First Day of Term
Monday 8 th February 2021	
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 9 th February	Wingham Wildlife Park – Year 6 (tbc)
Thursday 11 th February 2021	QRBC Church - Prep Show half day dress rehearsal (tbc)
Friday 12 th February 2021	QRBC Church – Prep Show x 2 performances (tbc)
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	Museum of Kent Life (Stone Age) – Year 6 (tbc)
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	Bollywood Dance Day – Whole School Activity (tbc)
Friday 14 th May 2021	Howletts – Year 6 (tbc)
Friday 11 th June 2021 (9.00am – 3.30pm)	Mental Health Awareness - Fantastic Fred Experience (tbc)
Friday 18 th June 2021	France – Covid Permitting – Year 6
Week Commencing: Monday 21 st June 2021	Junior Show – Rehearsals (tbc)
Friday 25 th June 2021	Junior Show Performance at Theatre (tbc)
Thursday 28 th September 2021	Science Virtual Reality Workshop Years 3 – 6 (tbc)

MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 07.12.20

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

Cheese and Tomato Bake/Broccoli

Bread Rolls/Various Fillings/Salad

Vanilla Ice Cream

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Chicken/Veggie Korma/Rice

Bread Rolls/Various Fillings/Salad

Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch

Profiteroles/Cream/Chocolate Cake

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER

Fish/Chips/Peas

Yoghurt/Fruit