



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parents,

What a busy and productive week we have had! Our week started with a very productive PFA meeting. The PFA plays a pivotal part in our school community, enhancing the educational experience our children receive. The parents who volunteer, work tirelessly and I would like to thank everyone for their time and expertise. I would like to give my particular thanks to Mr Kime, who has decided to step down in his role as Treasurer, for his professionalism and rigor. In order to take our current PFA forward, we would like you to read the constitution document attached to this newsletter. Another meeting will be held on Monday 9th March to agree on this constitution, the outcome of which will decide the future of the PFA. I do understand that many of our parents have work commitments, however, please may I ask that you attend this meeting so that your views may be heard.

Next week, we will be raising funds for the Australian bush fire crisis. It is absolutely devastating to hear about the human and animal lives lost in this catastrophe. The sheer scale of this horrendous disaster is symptomatic of a wider problem we face worldwide: global warming. I am sure many of you have seen images of the animals burned to death by the ravaging fires. As a school we are determined to educate our children about the importance of taking environmental action in the long term. However, in the immediate short term, we want to raise as much money as we can to help support the poor animals who are suffering at this current time. More details are covered in this newsletter but please help us to support this worthwhile cause.

I have had some parents contact me with regards to our healthy eating policy. I have attached it to this week's newsletter for your perusal. Please may I remind all parents that children should be packing a healthy snack for their child's break. This may consist of fruit, vegetables, a small sandwich, plain rice cakes or crackers. Children should not bring in crisps, chocolates or cakes. It is very difficult for parents to reinforce these expectations when friends at school are seen to bring in unhealthy alternatives. There are plenty of opportunities for treats at Haddon Dene, however on an everyday basis we aim to eat healthy snacks. Please help us to keep your children healthy.

Thank you to Mrs Russell and her team for holding a very beneficial pamper evening on Thursday. It was a great opportunity to socialise with each other in a relaxed atmosphere. We are looking forward to holding many more events like these in the coming months.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Parpworth
Headmistress



Haddon Dene News



Year 5 impress at the theatre

This term, Year 5 have been studying Shakespeare's works. In class the children have studied some of his Sonnets. The children could not believe how complex sonnet writing really is. The children wrote some fantastic poems which are on display in the classroom. Safa's poem about a storm is at the end of this newsletter. The first story the children read was a Midsummer's Night Dream. The children were engrossed in the story and during our DEAR (drop everything and read time) the children acted out parts of the play. The children were desperate to find out how the story would end: who would Hermia marry? The class brought the story to life in their class assembly. There were several outstanding acting performances most notably Leopold, Lottie and Safa. The next text the class studied was The Taming of the Shrew. Although quite complex due to the number of suitors for Katherina's sister Bianca, the children once again followed the story well and had an excellent grasp of the plot. To bring all the pupils' learning together, the children went to the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury to watch the production of The Taming of the Shrew. The children's behaviour was impeccable with several members of the public commenting on how well the children sat through the performance. This is what some of the children in the class had to say about the show:

"I enjoyed the fact that it was very funny and that women played the roles of men and the men played the roles of the women." (This took us all by surprise!) (Leo)

"I like the atmosphere that was created within the scenes." (Finn)

"The costumes were outstanding!" (Andrew)

"There was very good music and the acting was impressive." (Xavier)

"I like how there was a message; treat your wife like she's a queen." (Giovanna)

"I liked the gender swap e.g. Katherina was a boy when it should have been a girl." (Vikas)



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Year 6 Beaney Museum trip



Year 6 visited the Beaney Institute of Art and Knowledge today. They attended a workshop on prehistoric people to consolidate their classwork on the Stone Age. They looked at artefacts that were used in the era and identified what they may have been used for. This led to a great discussion! They then became hunter gatherers and had to find items of food hidden within the exhibitions in the museum. The experience continued with charades and the children used their drama skills to produce 'buildings' from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They then had the opportunity to create cave paintings using charcoal. A thoroughly enjoyable day for all.

Australian bush fire crisis

Next week we aim to raise money for the World Wildlife Foundation who are supporting work to save the poor creatures involved in the Australian bush fires. Their work includes lifesaving treatments for the animals as well as restoring natural habitats through the replanting of trees. Just £25 could help save a koala, providing the treatment it needs to be fit for release back into the wild. In this picture, a koala is being treated for severe burns to its paws and dehydration. Luckily for this koala, named Jeremy after its rescuer, he made a full recovery.



On Monday, Little Denes through to Year 2 are doing a sponsored hop with Mrs Crompton and the other PE teachers. On Friday Years 3 to 6 will be doing the same. We gratefully ask you to sponsor your child a minimum of £3 towards their efforts, which should be brought in on the day of their hops. Please feel free to donate more if you feel you can. On Friday, Mrs Hodge will be selling Lamingtons, a cake native to Australia, at break time. These will be sold for 50p in replacement of tuck shop. Throughout both days, Mrs Hodge will be reading Australian stories to the children and Mr Pullman will be keeping children fit in the playground as they jump around to 'The Wiggles'. Mr Redwood will also be playing a range of Australian songs, accompanied by the children over the coming weeks in assembly and music lessons. Please help us to make a difference.

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Sharing a passion for reading

This week we have held our 'Big Read' which gives children the opportunity to read with other children in different classes. Inspiring a passion for reading is one of our school's priorities. You can see the sheer delight and concentration on the children's faces showing how much they enjoyed reading and talking about their favourite books. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all involved.



Community spirit



Well done to Year 3 for giving up their time to volunteer and clean the beaches of Broadstairs. They found endless amounts of litter such as plastic bottles, crisp packs, cigarette butts and cans. It is reassuring to know that this small community gesture will have benefitted countless species of wildlife in our local area. Broadstairs is a beautiful place and with the help of these youngsters, we are helping to keep it this way.

A pamper night to remember

Thank you very much to Mrs Russell and her team for organising such a luxurious pamper evening for us. It was so enjoyable to relax and be treated as well as having access to some fantastic products to buy. We thoroughly enjoyed the drinks and nibbles too. We will be holding another pamper evening in the coming months. Give yourself some 'time out' and join us next time.



Infant agility

Well done to our Infant Agility Team who represented us at the competition held at Ursuline School. They had to take part in a range of sporting activities from throwing, side jumping, long jumping and running. We were particularly proud of them for cheering on other teams demonstrating real sporting etiquette. Well done to all those involved.



Biathlon success

Congratulations to these children for qualified for the Modern British Schools Biathlon to be held at Bath University in March. A biathlon is a sport which involves a combination of running and swimming. To excel at both is exceptional. Well done to these children and we wish them the best of luck in their future sporting endeavours.



Welcome to Miss E Clements



Welcome to Miss E. Clements who joins our PE team delivering swimming lessons. She is a level 2 ASA swimming teacher and RNLI lifeguard. She gained a swimming scholarship at Michigan University USA and is also a national champion for 200m butterfly.

As always, we aim to provide our children with the very finest teaching in all subjects and swimming is no exception. It is no wonder that we are currently Thanet Primary School Champions for our swimming!

Don't Forget - Charity Quiz night – Friday 28th February at 7pm

To book a place, please email secretary@haddondene.co.uk, confirming your choice of food and whether you are part of a team.



PFA Update

Happy belated New Year to all of our families at Haddon Dene. Monday 3rd February saw our first PFA meeting of the year. This meeting was held to discuss the way forward for the PFA and I thank those who were able to attend. Unfortunately, Steve Kime is having to step down as Treasurer due to work and family commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work over the last few months.



Last term, the PFA voted to take on charity status. The benefits of this are many but include a variety of tax reliefs, gift aid on donations and it enables us to apply for grants. We are also looking to change our status to a PTFA to gain perspective from teaching staff from within the classroom. We now need to vote on a constitution that we can use going forward. To do this an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) will be held on Monday 9th March. The constitution that we would like to use has been attached to this email so that people can read the document before the next meeting.

On a sadder note, discussions were also held at the meeting about whether the PFA should disband. Unfortunately, we are low on numbers for both meetings and volunteers to help with events. In order to not get to this point, we would ask that people try and attend the next meeting so that the meeting is quorate, and we can vote on the constitution. As well we would welcome thoughts from every part of the school community, children, families and teachers about how we spend the money raised by the PFA. This could be trips, experiences, school equipment - we will look at all suggestions. We would also welcome ideas around events that the PFA could host - again this could include events for the whole family or just the adults. Ultimately the PFA looks to provide for the children by hosting fun events through the school year. Any input that people can give, however big or small, is gratefully received. If you want to submit any ideas, or have any questions, then please raise them with us. This can be done by either attending a meeting, speaking to a member of the PFA, contacting your class representative, or by leaving a message in the PFA tray in the office. I'd like to wish you all a lovely weekend. Lisa Collier, PFA Chair.

Weekly Awards

Excellence Awards		
Week 1	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Hugo Pettit	Milo Elderton-Baybars
Year One	Emmy Dobbs	Aisha Adeyemi
Year Two	Stanley Keel	Olivia Ross
Year Three	Thara Aravindakshan	Hudson Redwood
Year Four	Ethan Collier & George Kemp	
Year Five	Safa Syed	Leopold Hessler
Year Six	Ethan P-J	Isaac Cotterill

House Points Spring Term 2020		
Week: 2	MANNERS	VERNON
	77	81
Total:	1066	1143

We were so impressed and delighted with Safa's poetry that we wanted to share it with you:

Storms
by Safa Syed

Banks of dreary clouds covered the sky,
dreadful and sickening, unnaturally high.
Menacing whirls of grey and white,
ominous and threatening, won't go tonight.

Jagged spears of lightning battered against the sea,
shrieked and howled, got you down on one knee.
Thunderous echoes drifted across the sky,
violent winds not one bit shy.

Claps of thunder directly overhead,
these hungry monsters shall never be fed.
Sudden screeches of anger echoes in the air,
eerie and sinister, why would no-one care?

Great flares of lightning, gusts of icy wind,
blanketed the city, as all the lights dimmed.
Ear splitting crashes far out to sea,
as darkness fell, it's as hot as tea.

Trails of lightning, showers of heavy rain,
hideous and blinding, totally insane!

Messages from the office:

Can all parents please let the office know, **in advance** if they are taking their child/children out for an appointment during school hours. This is to ensure that safeguarding can be managed at all times. Can we also ask that children are collected from the office for appointments. This is to ensure that we do not have anyone wandering around the school unregulated. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us.



Can we please request that any outstanding balances due on School Money are settled at your earliest convenience. Please remember that **all trips must be paid in advance**. We would be very grateful if you could clear all sums owing at your earliest convenience. If you have a query in relation to any monies requested, please do contact the office and I will look into this for you. Password and login resets can be arranged by sending a Dojo message to Mrs Parpworth or an email to the office. Kindest regards, Mrs Crine.

Forthcoming dates: Spring Term 2020

10 th February	Australia Bush Fire Sponsored Hop (LD-Yr2) - £3 sponsorship Stay & Play Little Gym – Mindfulness 11.00am
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
14 th February	Australia Bush Fire Sponsored Hop (Yr3-6) - £3 sponsorship (PE kit to be worn all day) Prep School Show 2.15pm Last day of Term
	HALF TERM 17TH – 21ST FEBRUARY 2020
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 (TBC)
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	Netball Competition at Dane Court – Years 5 & 6
12 th March	Evening Concert with Mr Redwood - 6.00pm
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
26 th March	Easter Service Holy Trinity Church – Service @ 2.00pm
27 th March	Howletts Trip – Year 6 – 9.30am – 3.00pm approx. Mrs Parpworth & Samuel Hearle Assembly
31 st March	Easter Bonnet Competition Author Visit - Grant Strong
	END OF TERM

School Menu
Week Commencing 10th February 2020

Monday

Beef/Veggie Bolognese/Pasta

Peach Upside-Down Cake and Cream

Tuesday

Three Bean Curry/Rice

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wednesday

Roast Pork/Roast Potatoes/White Cabbage & Carrots

Eton Mess

Thursday

Cottage Pie/Broccoli & Green Beans

Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Friday

Salmon Fish Cakes/New Potatoes/Peas

Chocolate Vanilla Mousse