



## HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents,

We have reached the final week of an amazing Autumn term. As a school, we have achieved so many brilliant things from record breaking maths scores in the Primary Maths Challenge to outstanding sports performances in various cross-country competitions. The children are very happy and are thriving.

On Monday, we held our highly anticipated Talent Show. The children thoroughly looked forward to taking part in this event where an array of talent was showcased from comedy to juggling, singing and dancing. It was so pleasing to see children stepping up to the stage with complete confidence, knowing that their act would be received with the upmost respect and applause from their peers. How wonderful that children took the time to organise their own acts and plan rehearsal time. We certainly have a number of future stars in our midst. I must say, I achieved a personal goal of my own having had the opportunity to play the recorder to a live audience for the very first time!

This week, we were treated to a hearty Christmas banquet served by the kitchen and wider school staff. It really was a delicious meal which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The dining hall was buzzing with excitement and we all benefited from coming together at this wonderful time of year.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Festive Afternoon which was organised by our PFA. Lots of parents said they left feeling very warm inside, having had the opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy a glass of mulled wine or two. Thank you to the PFA for all their efforts and other volunteers who cooked and baked lots of delicious food for us to eat. Also, a special thank you to Mrs Owen for leading the choir through a range of wonderful performances.

Thank you to the PFA for funding the whole school trip to watch Aladdin at the Theatre Royal in Margate. A great time was had by all on their penultimate day at school.

All children have now completed their end of term assessments and progress reports have been sent home. I have written a covering letter to accompany these reports to provide additional information about the content. We do hope that you find them useful.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We hope all your dreams and aspirations are realised in 2020. We look forward to welcoming you back to Haddon Dene on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January where you will meet our wonderful new secretary, Mrs Crine.

Best wishes

Mrs Parpworth  
Headmistress

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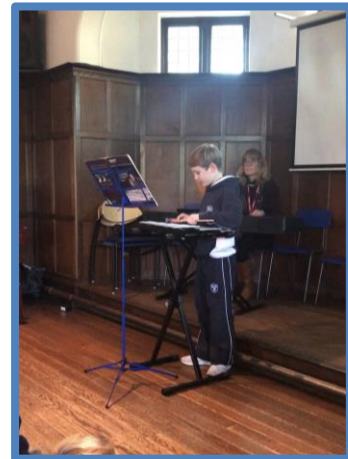
# Haddon Dene News



## Haddon Dene's got talent



What a wonderful selection of talent we saw at our annual show. There was an eclectic mix of acts from poignant drama pieces about homelessness to a range of stand-up comedy, singing, dancing and musical instrument performances. It is the perfect outlet for children to share their precious gifts with others whilst developing their organisational and communication skills, and of course, their confidence. Thank you to Ms Jefferies for compering the show with her enviable banter skills!



## A festive afternoon!

Despite the cold and blustery weather, our Christmas Festive Afternoon was enjoyed by all. It was really lovely to see all of our families and staff spending social time together. Father Christmas arrived on schedule to see all the good boys and girls. Our children performed carols and there were plenty of opportunities to indulge in wonderful treats. It really goes without saying that hugely beneficial events like this would not take place if it wasn't for the hard work of our PFA and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who took the time to help organise and run this event and to those who contributed toward the raffle prizes.

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### A festive feast

Mrs Green treated us to a delectable, banquet style Christmas lunch. We had roast turkey and all of the trimmings followed by profiteroles for pudding. The children were waited on by the teachers, receiving a silver style service. Music played, adding to the merriment, culminating in a very jolly afternoon indeed! The children said it was the best Christmas lunch they had ever had! It was a pleasure to see so many happy and contented faces among the children and the teachers. We would like to say a special thank you to all of the kitchen staff for this delicious and very much enjoyed meal.







### Jolly Jumpers

On Tuesday, the children were invited to wear Christmas jumpers. What a fabulous array of designs and colours we saw. There were jumpers adorned with glitter, tinsel and even flashing lights!



## Showtime

The children had so much fun at the pantomime yesterday, courtesy of the PFA. Emmie and Mrs Green were picked to take part in proceedings and Olivia, in year 3, received a round of 'Happy Birthday' from the audience. Thank you to the PFA for this very kind Christmas treat.



## Weekly Awards

<b>Excellence Awards</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Excellence in Conduct</b>	<b>Excellence in Learning</b>
<b>Reception</b>	J-J Godden	Lucio Corbani
<b>Year One</b>	Ellie Uden	Stanley Kime
<b>Year Two</b>	Dougie Taylor	Nicholas Chhabra
<b>Year Three</b>	Alex Tran	Bonnie Basford
<b>Year Four</b>	Ethan Collier	Archie-Roy Hogben
<b>Year Five</b>	Jack Perks	Leopold Hessler
<b>Year Six</b>	Ethan P-J	Chloe Keel

<b>House Points Autumn Term 2019</b>		
<b>Week: 8</b>	<b>MANNERS</b>	<b>VERNON</b>
	<b>104</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>822</b>

Jasmine Campbell and Chloe Adams-Romaya were awarded the School Values Award for their exemplary and outstanding conduct this week.

## PFA Update



Dear Parents and Friends,

What a lovely week it has been for the children enjoying lots of Christmas activities. On Wednesday we had our Festive afternoon. It was lovely to see families coming together over a warm drink and mince pie while the children had fun with the various games. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this afternoon a success. Special thanks to the Keel and Godden families for donating prizes. To Mrs Keel and Mrs Piper for cooking delicious food. Thanks to Morgan Brown for producing such lovely snowmen for the snowball alley, and to Henry and Jean Hodge for drawing colourful signs for our stalls. Lastly thanks to Father Christmas for making a trip to our school at what must be a busy time for him!

Yesterday the children enjoyed a traditional PFA treat with a trip to the pantomime. The children had a lovely afternoon at Aladdin with some guest appearances on stage!

The PFA would like to wish all of the families at Haddon Dene a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warm regards,  
The Friends of Haddon Dene

### **Messages from the office:**

All Spring Term invoices have now been issued to parents. In order to claim the Spring term fees early payment discount, funds need to be received on or before the final day of this term. Thank you.

Please note that progress reports have been sent home to parents in large white envelopes. Please look out for these in your child's bookbag.



Please note that payment reminders have been sent for any outstanding balances due on School Money. We would be very grateful if you could clear these amounts at your earliest convenience, if applicable. Password and login resets can be arranged by sending a Dojo message to Mrs Parpworth.

**Forthcoming dates:**  
**Autumn – 2019**

Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Holiday Club 'Cooking' 8:45 – 12:45pm
Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Holiday Club 'Slime workshop and Craft' 8:45 – 12:45pm
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Holiday Club 'Father Christmas Visit' 8:45 – 12:45pm
Tues. 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	<b>Inset Day – Staff Training</b>
Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>TERM BEGINS</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Vernon Non-School Uniform
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Bollywood Dance Day 9:30 – 3:00pm Juniors + Year 1 & 2 (times tbc)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Big Read Week
11 <sup>th</sup> February	'Safer Internet Day'
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Prep School Show – Sarah Thorne Theatre <b>Last day of Term</b>
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>TERM BEGINS</b> Year 3 & 4 Swimming at Upton Jnr School
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3 & 4 to visit Ramsgate Tunnels
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 GL Assessments this week

# Menu

*Week commencing: 06.01.2020*

## **Wednesday**

Turkey meatballs & pasta

Jacket Potatoes/Bread rolls, choice of fillings/salad bar

Apple sponge & custard/fresh fruit/yoghurt

## **Thursday**

Chicken & ham pie, new potatoes and peas

Jacket potatoes/Bread rolls, choice of fillings/salad bar

Fresh fruit/yoghurt

## **Friday**

Pollack fillets, chips and beans

Jacket potatoes/Bread rolls, choice of filling and salad bar

Vanilla Ice-cream/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.*