



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all well and safe in these increasingly challenging and turbulent times. I am aware that there are some parents who are growing increasingly concerned about the escalating numbers of confirmed cases in the local area. I wholeheartedly believe that where possible, the school environment is still the best place for a child's educational development and wellbeing. For some of our children, we have needed to take steps to revert to home learning to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our school. I applaud those children who are showing resilience in these difficult times, continuing to adapt to new ways of learning at such a young age. We will support home learning for those parents who are choosing to keep their children at home but please bear in mind that all our teachers have classes to teach on-site so will be unable to provide immediate responses to uploaded work or questions.

I have tried to communicate as frequently and as transparently as I can about the situation at our school. Our risk assessments are currently proving to be effective in isolating and containing cases. We are working closely with Public Health England and the Department for Education to ensure our measures are robust enough for the ever changing situation. There has been no evidence of outbreaks in the Year 4 pod that has been learning at home for the last two weeks. There is also no evidence that any case so far is as a result of transmission at school. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Satish and our Year 4 family pod back on Monday.

The staff at Haddon Dene are absolutely amazing. They are going above and beyond, working seven days a week, to ensure we continue to provide the very best opportunities for all our learners whether at home or school. Thank you to Mrs Webb, Mrs Green and Mrs Crompton for spreading some much needed festive cheer across the school.

I hope that you have a relaxing and very safe weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mrs Parpworth
Headmistress



Haddon Dene News



Odd sock day



On Monday, we all wore odd socks in support of Anti-bullying week. Throughout the week, the classes have discussed the impact that bullying can have and why it is something we shouldn't ignore. Bullying in any form is not tolerated at Haddon Dene. Sometimes children will make mistakes and be unkind to one another. This is not bullying. It is our job to help guide our youngsters as part of their social development to be kind and respectful towards one another. If children continue to make repeated mistakes of unkindness over time, this is tantamount to bullying. If this were to be the case, it would be taken very seriously, and we would meet with you to discuss the next steps and the support we would put in place. If for any reason you feel your child is unhappy with how they are being treated by their friends, please do communicate this as soon as possible to the class teacher so that appropriate steps can be taken.

Primary Maths Challenge



This week our children in Year 5 & 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge (PMC).

The PMC is not designed to be just another test in the school year. We are of the belief that the PMC encourages enthusiasm, boosts confidence in mathematics and shows the different way questions can be asked. We believe in the importance of Problem Solving as a means of helping pupils develop their reasoning skills.

We look forward to receiving the results of this competition on Monday 23rd November.

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NSPCC



I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe' online programme. This consists of an online class based assembly and supporting classroom based activities. 'Speak out. Stay safe.' is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

The NSPCC have developed an online version of their Speak out. Stay safe. programme to help overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school. In the online assembly, the 'Speak out. Stay safe' messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme you can find more information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or Mr Good (our Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead) would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Uniform Shop Update



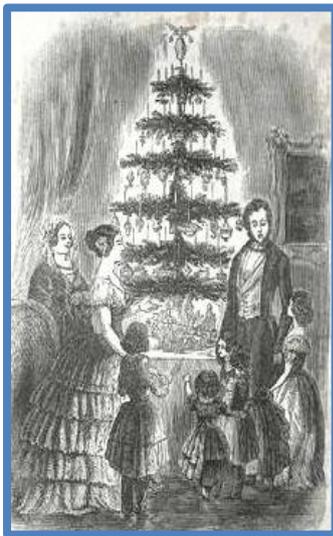
Please note that our uniform shop is now officially closed. All uniform items will now be available through Ambition Sports.

Ambition Sports are in the process of updating their website and they hope that this will be ready to launch in February 2021.

Until then, the process of purchasing uniform will be to book an appointment which can be arranged by phone on 0800 0180262. It is very important that you call first so that they can firstly ensure a COVID safe environment and just as importantly have samples and information available as required. Unlike the summer period there will be no charge for this appointment.

In time, Ambition Sports are hoping to negotiate better prices for our uniform items using their purchasing power meaning that some items may be cheaper in the future.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



We are starting to feel festive and excited for this very important Christian holiday. The children absolutely love the decorations. To see the smiles on their faces has been just brilliant.

Did you know... The first Christmas Tree in the UK might well have been set-up by Queen Charlotte, the German wife of King George III. In 1800 she had a tree set-up at the Queen's Lodge in Windsor for a children's party for rich and noble families. Soon having a tree had become popular amongst some rich families. Christmas trees became very popular throughout the country from the mid-1840s, when reports of 'the Royal tree' were printed in newspapers. In 1848, a drawing of "The Queen's Christmas tree at Windsor Castle" was published in the Illustrated London News. It showed Queen Victoria, her German Husband Prince Albert and their young children around a tree which was set-up on a table.



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Atom Learning

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Year 3 - 6 are in the process of using a new program called Atom learning. Atom Learning is an adaptive online teaching and learning platform which enables children to consolidate Key Stage 2 knowledge and prepare for senior school entry assessments. Year 5 started using the program last week in school and for homework. The children have already completed an amazing 4,300 questions. Each question provides feedback to the child with an explanation. You will have access to your children's work and scores in the analysis area.

Both teachers and parents can see how they child is performing in areas of the curriculum: Maths, English, Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning. It also highlights strengths and weaknesses of individuals as well as the whole class. Teachers will then set classwork or additional homework in these areas. So far, I have been very impressed with the program and the children are thoroughly enjoying it too.

All parents in Year 3-6 should have received they parental log in via Dojo messages. If you have not, please send me a message on Dojo and I will send it to you. Year 5 and 6 children have been given their passwords and are already completing homework on the program. By the end of next week Year 3 and 4 children will have been given their log ins and will be asked to complete homework using the program.

I am sure it is going to be a great tool to raise standards even higher at Haddon Dene as well as allowing you to be closely informed about your child's learning. If anyone has any questions or problems gaining access, please message your class teacher or myself.

Mr Good

PFA Update



Dear All,

As you all know one of Thanet's food banks had its bank account hacked and all their money taken away. Luckily the bank reimbursed them, however we thought this year it would be great to give donations to a food bank instead of doing the Christmas hampers.

So, from Monday 23rd November, Adrienn Godden will be collecting donations on behalf of the PFA for the food bank.

We are going to be taking photographs of the raffle prizes, toys for the raffle and toy catalogue; so if anyone could donate a service or an item, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

The PFA

Weekly Awards

Excellence Awards		
Week 1	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Harrison Gulliver	Frank Lillis
Year One	Remus Kelly	Isabella Perks
Year Two	Pearl Dunbar Brunton	Jakes Bingham & Nancy Coates
Year Three	Theo Eberlin	Yaseen Mekawy
Year Four		Ava Harris & Alexander Tran
Year Five	Edward Owen	Harry Green, Macie Mansfield, Reuben Smith
Year Six	Finlay Smith	Luka Ilvonen

House Points Autumn Term 2020		
Week: 4	MANNERS	VERNON
	59	75
Total:	615	646

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2020

Week 10: Monday 16 th November	
Saturday 21 st November	LAMDA
Week 11: Monday 23 rd November	
Thursday 26 th November	Kent Test Results
Thursday 26 th November	Year 6 Zoom Parents Evening
Saturday 28 th November	LAMDA
Week 12: Monday 30 th November	
Friday 4 th December	Year 6 Trip to Beaney Institute (tbc)
Saturday December 5 th	LAMDA Examination Day
Week 13: Monday 7 th December	
Monday 7 th December	Premiere of Little Denes and Reception Nativity
Tuesday 7 th December	Talent Show for family pods
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 23.11.20

MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Beef/Quorn Bolognese/Pasta
Bread Rolls/Various Fillings/Salad
Jam Doughnuts

TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Sweet and Sour Chicken/Quorn/Rice
Bread Rolls/Various Fillings/Salad
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Jacket Potatoes/Choose of Toppings
Bread Rolls/Various Fillings/Salad
Vanilla sponge

THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Pork/Veggie Sausages/Mashed Potatoes/Green Beans
Bread Rolls/Various Fillings/Salad
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Fish Fingers/Chips/Beans
Bread Rolls/Various Fillings/Salad
Strawberry Jelly