



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had another very successful week at Haddon Dene. We have welcomed several new families to our school community, and I have many tours with prospective families booked in for the forthcoming week. Thank you to everyone for your positive messages and kind feedback. Taking the time to share your positive thoughts with us and the outside community really does mean a great deal to us. We have our Open Day on the 7th December between 1-3pm. It is set to be a magical afternoon which I am sure all our children will enjoy.

I am pleased to announce that we are now part of the Independent Schools Association in line with other schools in the Alpha Schools Group. Being part of the ISA will bring many benefits to our school such as the ability to network with other preparatory schools. We will have access to a wider choice of sporting events and creative opportunities as a result.

Work is nearly completed on our new library. Rob has been painstakingly painting the walls and woodwork to give the room a fresh feel. We are very lucky that Toby's and Izac's grandad has kindly offered to do some sign writing for us to provide a personal touch. Mrs Webb, our kitchen assistant has been helping us to decorate the walls with motivational quotes. We will hopefully be able to show you some photos next week.

I have some very positive news to share with you regarding the team. I have appointed Mr Good as our new Deputy Head. He has made such a difference to curriculum development at our school and he continues to be a source of wonderful ideas to drive our school forward. Having been Assistant Head at his previous school, Mr Good has excellent leadership experience. He is currently embarking on the National Pathway for Senior Leadership qualification. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating him on his new post.

Mrs Cook is also working towards a new qualification on the National Pathway for Middle Leadership. She is such an asset to our school having helped to overhaul the way we teach English. This new approach has already started to pay dividends, with children making marked progress in their writing. In addition, Mrs Diamond has just been awarded her Level 3 Diploma Qualification in Counselling. This is a recognised course by the National Counselling Society. She provides an excellent service for our children, meeting their wellbeing needs whilst removing any barriers to learning which may exist. She is such a passionate and experienced member of staff and we are so fortunate to be able to draw from her expertise in mental health.

I am pleased to announce that we have found our new school secretary and are in the process of completing all the necessary checks. She is a highly experienced and professional secretary who is very much looking forward to meeting and working with our children, families and staff. I should be in a position to update you with more details before the end of this term. It is Mrs Barber's last week next week, so please do pop in and say your goodbyes. There will be a period of two weeks where we will be covering the office before our new secretary starts on the 16th December. We will be very grateful of your patience and understanding during

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this time and we will do our utmost to keep to 'business as usual' in the office with the support of the wider team.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our charity appeal for Broadstairs College. We have donated a number of warm clothes and coats for this worthwhile cause. We will continue to collect next week so please give generously.

We wish all our children the very best of luck this weekend as they take part in the Brands Hatch Cross Country competition. We are so proud of everyone who is due to take part and we thank Mrs Crompton and Mrs Dyer for their dedication and time. I am opening the school on Saturday for a prospective family, so in my absence, I send my best wishes to the team.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we received news this week that Oliver Warner passed away, following his long battle with Neuroblastoma. Oliver was the cousin of Edward, Ellie and Billy Galloway, who were previous pupils at our school. We had the privilege of meeting Oliver and his family following a fundraising event we held to raise money for his treatment. He was such a brave and beautiful boy who experienced so many challenges in his short life. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family at this heart-breaking time.

Enjoy the weekend and make the most of this precious family time.

Best wishes



Mrs Parpworth
Headmistress



Haddon Dene News



Sporting success

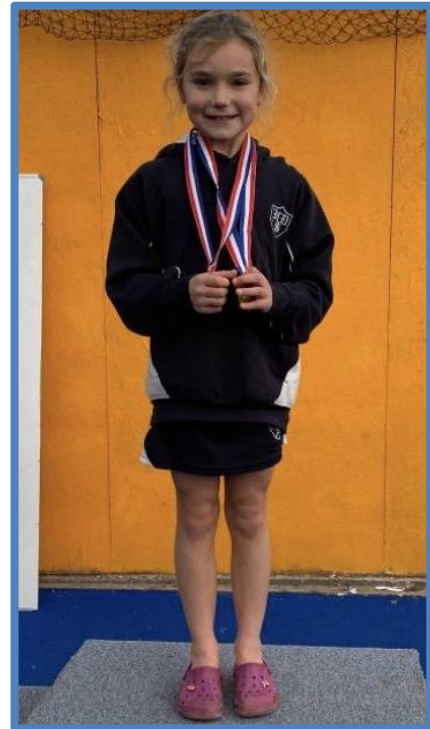
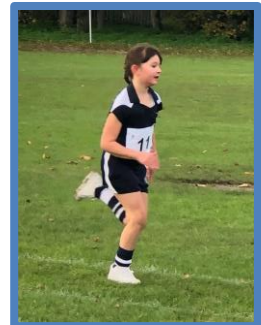
Congratulations to everyone who took part in the biathlon last Sunday. We were so pleased to see every child enjoy the experience and grow in confidence as a result. Overall, we achieved some pretty impressive positions across the age groups. It was lovely to see younger siblings and non-competing friends on the side-lines supporting everyone. A special well done to Ava and Reuben for achieving first place, their performances were truly breath-taking. Thank you to Mrs Smith for the stunning photographs.



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Trials and Tribulations of King Charles I



On Tuesday morning, Year 1 treated us to a wonderful assembly all about the life of controversial King Charles I. There was a wealth of fun information for the whole school to digest and we learnt some intriguing facts about the monarch including his wars with Parliament and his gruesome end! The children then shared with us their visions of what life would be like if they were made King or Queen of the country ranging from providing hot food in winter and being kind to each other to making everyone do their homework!

Shoebox Appeal

We received a total of 67 shoeboxes which have been delivered to the church. This particular church had over 300 shoeboxes and are looking forward to our support next year! The boxes will be collected and taken to a sorting centre then sent onto precious children in need. The church will find out where they were all sent sometime in January. Thank you all for your time, kindness and generosity. Every box will make such a difference.



The benefits of being in a family school



We are so lucky to be part of a special community like Haddon Dene. There is such a strong feeling of connectivity amongst us. Our Friday assemblies are just wonderful and at times, emotional. Thank you to all our wonderful parents and PFA who go over and above to support our school. This week, Mrs Adeyemi came in to teach Reception and Year 1 about life in Nigeria. The children gained a real insight into African culture through music, dance and food. It was a wonderful experience enjoyed by all. Mr & Mrs Kelly arranged for a Volkswagen Campervan to visit the children from Reception, giving Remus the opportunity to take 'Show and Tell' to the next level! There are so many wonderful examples of parents supporting our school and children. We wanted to say thank you very much to each and every one of you.



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Weekly Awards

Excellence Awards		
Week 1	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Remus Kelly	Isabella Perks
Year One	Aisha Adeyemi	Emmy Dobbs
Year Two	Olivia Ross	Felix Agnew & Thomas Owen
Year Three	Ava Harris	Toby Christian-Chapman
Year Four		Ewan Turnball
Year Five	Melody Sagir	Xavier Goodall
Year Six	Isaac Cotterill	Grace James

House Points Autumn Term 2019		
Week: 7	MANNERS	VERNON
	71	83
Total:	648	644

Raksiga Rajakumar was awarded the School Values Award for her exemplary and outstanding conduct this week.

PFA Update

Dear Parents and Friends,



The next PFA meeting is Friday, 29th November after the morning drop off. This is the EGM to pass the constitution for charity status. Please come along if you are free, we'd love to see you there. Also on the 29th November, the PFA are throwing the non-school uniform day for hamper donations. We are looking for helpers to kindly volunteer for this year's Christmas festive afternoon. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to a member of the PFA or your class rep. Have a fantastic weekend!

Upcoming PFA Events

Christmas Ball: Saturday, 30th November

Christmas Festive Afternoon: Wednesday, 11th December

Pantomime Trip: Thursday, 12th December

Warm regards,
The Friends of Haddon Dene

Messages from the office....

Letters sent home this week:

- PFA Pantomime

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.
The Office



Forthcoming dates: Autumn – 2019

Sat. 23 rd November	Kent Junior Schools' Cross-Country Championships – Brands Hatch LAMDA
26 th November	Elocution Cup – 9:00am – 12:00 noon. PFA – Little Denes visit to the Reindeer Centre
27 th November	Year 1 – Horse Riding
29 th November	Non-Uniform – in return for Christmas fair hamper items (PFA) Assembly – Mrs Parpworth – All welcome
Sat. 30 th November	LAMDA PFA - Christmas Party for the Parents – Pegwell Bay Hotel
2 nd December	Year 6 – Visit to The British Museum
3 rd December	Little Denes and Reception – Nativity – Dress Rehearsal am
4 th December	Nativity 2pm – Little Denes and Reception Year 1 – Horse Riding (Last Lesson)
5 th December	Christmas Service – Holy Trinity Church Rehearsal am – Service 2:15pm - NO CLUBS THIS DAY
6 th December	Nativity 9:30am – Little Denes and Reception Choir – Singing at Gresham House am
Sat. 7 th December	Open Afternoon – 'Winter Wonderland' 1:00 – 3:00pm
9 th December	Talent show pm
10 th December	Christmas Lunch/Christmas jumpers can be worn
11 th December	Coffee and mince pies to be served in the Dining Hall from 9:00am – all parents very welcome PFA – 'Christmas Festive Afternoon'

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12 th December	PFA – Visit to the Pantomime
13 th December	Christmas Assembly – Samuel Hearle and Mrs Parpworth Term Ends at 12 noon
Mon. 16 th December	Holiday Club 'Cooking' 8:45 – 12:45pm
Tues. 17 th December	Holiday Club 'Slime workshop and Craft' 8:45 – 12:45pm
Wed. 18 th December	Holiday Club 'Father Christmas Visit' 8:45 – 12:45pm
Tues. 7 th January 2020	Inset Day – Staff Training
Wed. 8 th January	TERM BEGINS
15 th January	Bollywood Dance Day 9:30 – 3:00pm Juniors + Year 1 & 2 (times tbc)
3 rd February	Big Read Week
11 th February	'Safer Internet Day'
14 th February	Prep School Show – Sarah Thorne Theatre Last day of Term
Mon. 17 th February	HALF TERM – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
Mon. 24 th February	TERM BEGINS Year 3 & 4 Swimming at Upton Jnr School
Mon 2 nd March	Year 6 GL Assessments this week

Menu

Week commencing: 25.11.2019

Monday

Beef and vegetarian Lasagne and salad

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

Lemon drizzle/fresh fruit/yoghurt

Tuesday

Fruity chicken/vegetarian curry and rice

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

Chocolate doughnuts/fresh fruit/yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Pork/vegetable stir fry, roast potatoes, stuffing
Green cabbage, peas and gravy

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

Strawberry jam sponge/fresh fruit/yoghurt

Thursday

Cottage/Quorn mince pie and green beans

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

Fresh fruit/yoghurt

Friday

Jacket potato with a variety of toppings

Bread rolls, choice of filling and salad bar

Pear Crumble and custard/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.