



## HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

The children have been focusing very hard on completing assessments this week, including Year 6 who have finished their SATs exams. Tests provide schools with data upon which to plan for progression in terms of support and challenge. However, it is very important to remind our children that there are many skills that tests cannot assess, such as the ability to communicate or work as part of a team. Our children will leave Haddon Dene as rounded individuals, equipped with the right skills, attributes and values to be successful in the competitive world that lies in wait for them.

On that note, I recently read an article in The Guardian which outlined that state schools across the UK are cutting break times in order to cram in more curriculum time. Just 15% of children aged seven to 11 and just over half of five to seven-year-olds now have an afternoon break. This saddens me as break times are essential to our children's wellbeing and overall social development. This time provides valuable opportunities to make friends, exercise and explore self-chosen activities. A good education is about developing the child as a whole and providing ample opportunities for this to happen. I know the children are feeling far more productive and happier since the reintroduction of afternoon break. It seems that at Haddon Dene, we are bucking the trend!

Last weekend, we had a very busy time devoted to sport. Our children represented our school with pride in both netball and swimming at regional level. I would like to personally thank Mrs Crompton and Mrs Dyer for devoting their Saturday morning, afternoon and evening so that our children were able to participate in various sporting competitions. This weekend we are competing at the Thanet Primary School Swimming Gala. We wish our team the best of luck.

The whole staff and I would like to remind you that you are very welcome to attend our Friday celebration assemblies. There is such a wonderful atmosphere during these assemblies and I would be delighted to share this special time with more families. We have a wonderful piano recital on the 24<sup>th</sup> May which is really worth watching. Our talented children are a joy to listen to.

At the time of publishing this newsletter, Years 3 and 4 will be making their way back from France. We will share news of this adventure with you all next week.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the sunshine; long may it last!

Best wishes

Mrs Parpworth  
Headmistress



# Haddon Dene News



A truly magnificent weekend of sport!



We had a truly wonderful weekend of sport. In netball, our team won 6 out of 8 games, putting them through to the A finals. They game 6<sup>th</sup> out of 27 teams. Scarlett from Year 6 was crowned star player of the tournament.

Our swim team, Noah, Rebecca, William and Lewis swam at the South East Regional Finals at Gillingham. They took three seconds off their entry time and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.



We are extremely proud of the children and thankful to their families for devoting their weekend to sport in the name of Haddon Dene. Despite times, goals or medals, the children learned a great deal about working as a team and coming back from defeat. Medals will always come and go but grit and resilience stay with a person for life.

## Team building at Forest School

Year 3 had a marvellous time at forest school this week where they played in the mud kitchen, scaled the climbing frame and enjoyed team building exercise in the free space. The plan is to plant strawberries, tomatoes and sunflowers. The children will use this opportunity to learn about the science of food production from seed to plate.



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## Story Time with Mrs Parpworth



Years 1 & 2 enjoyed story time with Mrs Parpworth this week, where she read 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. When reading with children, it is really important that time is taken to discuss the vocabulary and meaning within a text. Pay attention to words that perhaps are unfamiliar and need further discussion. Ask the children to justify what they think will happen next in the text. Explore why a character is feeling a certain way. Taking the time to build comprehension skills through this type of questioning will pay dividends. It will also help to develop mathematical reasoning skills by enabling the child to decipher and decode word problems. Well done to Nicholas for explaining what a 'larder' is. Well done to Jake who was able to explain what a 'jig' is. This was then demonstrated so aptly by Felix and then Stanley as seen in the picture.

## Year 5 experience life on the farm

On Tuesday the sun was shining for the Year 5 trip to Kent College Farm. This is a working livestock and dairy farm bordering Blean Woods in Canterbury. On arrival we were shown to the conservation area, an important aspect of sustainable farming. We then went to see the small dairy herd and some of the farm's horse population. On returning to the farmyard, the pupils were able to handle some newly-hatched chicks. Also, there were a pen of goats that the children could enter and stroke, and two new born goats that have now been thoroughly cuddled! We interacted too with ponies, chickens, ducks and pigs, all very friendly and used to human contact.



After lunch we walked to the nearby woods to explore and let off steam. Year 5 had an entertaining and informative day in an environment that most of us do not get an opportunity to visit. Our thanks to Kent College for hosting us.

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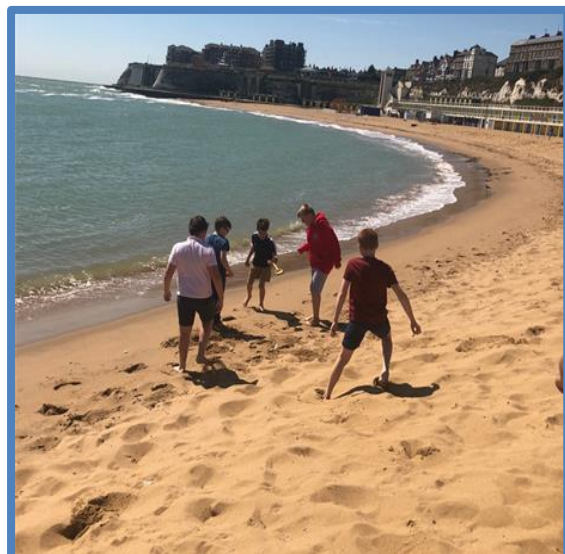
### Manston Riding Centre – half term activity day

Manston Riding Centre are offering a 'Pony Day' during half term on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 9:30am – 4:30pm. Included is a lesson and you will be given a pony to look after for the day. The cost for the day is £50. Please contact the Riding Centre on 01843 823 622.



### Well done to Year 6

Congratulations to our fabulous year 6 class for completing their SATs exams. They approached the exams with confidence and gave their full focus and effort throughout this gruelling week. As a reward, they enjoyed a fish & chip lunch, followed by a trip to the beach and the park. Thank you to Mr Kemp for accompanying us.



## PFA Update



Dear friends and family,

We have attached the Minutes from the PFA meeting held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. If any parents would like to get involved please come along to our next meeting – you would be very welcome.

**Father's Day Gift Wrap: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Letters were sent home today – please fill in the reply slip and send back to the school office, along with the correct monies by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This will ensure that we get enough gifts, ready for when we return to school.

**Haddon Dene 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations: 12<sup>th</sup> June:** We would love to have pictures or stories from any parents who attended our school.

**Summer Fayre: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** The Summer Fayre requires a lot of preparation and organising, so we are kindly asking if anyone would be available to help set up from 12 o'clock on the day – also help with manning the stalls and clearing up would be greatly appreciated.

Our next PFA meeting will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 2:30pm – All are welcome.

Have a fantastic weekend  
The Friends of Haddon Dene

### Excellence Awards

These children have been nominated for an Excellence in Conduct or Excellence in Learning Award and have received a red tie and a certificate. Well done to all these children.

Week 2	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Pearl Dunbar-Brunton/ Emilia Dobbs	-
Year One	Sophia Chubb	Stanley Keel
Year Two	Connor Reynolds	Zachary Nicholas
Year Three	Ethan Collier	Archie-Roy Hogben
Year Four	Leopold Hessler	Vikas Vishwanathan
Year Five	Ruby White/Morgan Brown	-
Year Six	Maxwell Speller	Jacob Websdale

## House Points Winners

<b>Haddon Dene House Point chart</b>		
<b>Week: 25</b>	<b>Manners</b>	<b>Vernon</b>
	<b>94</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Running total:</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1158</b>



### Green Tie Award

This has been awarded to Mabel Dunbar-Brunton for her contribution to our school environment.

### *Messages from the office....*

Just a gentle reminder to parents to ensure that school fees are paid by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Thank you.'

#### **Letters sent home this week:**

- Reception visit to Deal Castle
- PFA Father's Day Gift Wrapping

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

The Office

### **Forthcoming dates: Summer – 2019**

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Thanet schools swimming gala – Hartsdown LC LAMDA Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott – 9:30 – 12 noon
20 <sup>th</sup> May	'Baby Gym' session with Mrs Crompton – for registered children yet to start in Little Denes
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Assembly – Reception Peter Pan rehearsal 1:00pm – 3:15pm – selected characters

22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Reception trip to Deal Castle Year 6 camping trip to Minster
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 to return – 3pm
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly – Mrs Parpworth – All welcome Piano Recitals <b>Last day of Term</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> May	LAMDA
8 <sup>th</sup> June	LAMDA
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Write Week <b>Term begins</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Swim safe with Mrs Crompton – Margate beach Year 4 & 5 Football – Upton Junior School
12 <sup>th</sup> June	PFA Father's Day gift wrap Haddon Dene 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations – PFA picnic
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Elocution Cup
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly – Mrs Parpworth – All welcome Pumpkin (pastoral dog) to visit school Quick Cricket Year 5 & 6 – Margate Cricket Club tbc
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Waterloo Cross Country Cup – Upton Junior School LAMDA Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott – 9:30 – 12 noon
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability training starts Year 5 trip to Wildwood tbc
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly – Year 1 Year 6 Bikeability Year 3 & 4 Swim safe with Mrs Crompton – Margate beach
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability Family morning for new reception class (September 2019) Year 3 & 4 visit to Canterbury Tales <b>Parent Evening – L/D – Year 5</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Assembly – Mr Scott – All welcome Pumpkin (pastoral dog) to visit school Year 1 & 2 Agility – Dane Court 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Minibus) PFA Summer Fayre – 2:30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Cross Country at Upton Junior School – Year 3 to 6 Year 5 revision with Mr Scott – 9:30 – 12 noon
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	LAMDA
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Prize Giving – Dane Court School – Evening - time tbc
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-Prep trip to Rare Breeds Centre - Ashford
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 2019 – children morning – 9:30am-10:30am
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Show – Theatre Royal – Margate 7:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly – Mrs Parpworth – All welcome Pumpkin (pastoral dog) to visit school Girls Football Passport – Upton Junior School – 4pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	LAMDA exams Year 5 revision with Mr Scott – 9:30 – 12 noon

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1 <sup>st</sup> July	'Baby Gym' session with Mrs Crompton for registered children yet to start in Little Denes
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Assembly – Year 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	London theatre trip to see 'Wicked' year 3 to 6
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day for whole school
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – Broadstairs Cricket Ground – 10:30am – 2:00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott 9:30 – 12 noon (last one)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</b> (Clubs postponed due to Sports Day will be held during lunchtime) Year 6 leavers lunch with Headmistress
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Invictus competitor – Darren Challis – 9:00am Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Parent Evening – Year 6</b> Year 5 & 6 Athletics – Royal Harbour
12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Leavers Assembly 11am</b> <b>Term Ends – 12 Noon</b> <b>Party Bus to collect Year 6</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Holiday Club – 8:45 – 12:45pm (week 1)
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Holiday Club – 8:45 – 12:45pm (week 1)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Holiday Club – 8:45 – 12:45pm (week 2)
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Holiday Club – 8:45 – 12:45pm (week 2)
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Holiday Club – 8:45 – 12:45pm (week 3)
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Summer Holiday Club – 8:45 – 12:45pm (week 3)
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff training day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>New Term Begins</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Kent Test</b>



# Menu

*Week commencing: 20.05.2019*

## **Monday**

Turkey meatballs in a tomato sauce served with pasta

Bread rolls, choice of fillings and salad bar

Iced sponge/fresh fruit/yoghurt

## **Tuesday**

Tandoori chicken/veggie curry served with rice and poppadoms

Bread rolls, choice of fillings and salad bar

Eton mess/fresh fruit/yoghurt

## **Wednesday**

Roast pork/vegetable frittata, roast potatoes, stuffing,  
white cabbage, peas and gravy

Bread rolls, choice of fillings/salad bar

Banoffee pie/fresh fruit/yoghurt

## **Thursday**

Chicken and leek pie, new potatoes and sweetcorn

Bread rolls, choice of fillings/salad bar

Fresh fruit/yoghurt

## **Friday**

Beef/veggie burgers, sweet potato wedges and baked beans

Bread rolls, choice of filling and salad bar

Strawberry frozen yoghurts/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.*

