



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 11th May

Dear Parents,

Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savoured. (Earl Nightingale, Author and radio speaker)

We hope all our families enjoyed unwinding over the May Bank Holiday weekend. There were plenty of tanned faces walking through the gates on Tuesday morning and lots of chatter could be heard regarding family BBQ and visits to the beach. We know weekends are special to our families and that many of our children participate in a variety of clubs and new activities developing skills that compliment those learnt at Haddon Dene. Weekends are a time to unwind and relax, see friends and spend time with family. These are important aspects of childhood and allow our children to gain valuable social skills, rest and understand the importance of balancing hard work with selfcare.

A Regal performance from Reception

On Tuesday Reception class performed their assembly. We thoroughly enjoyed your talk regarding our monarchy through the ages. It was wonderful to see the outcome of all of your research. For example, we didn't know that King Henry the Third had a pet polar bear! Or that King Henry the Eighth once had a wrestling match with the King of France and lost! It was a highly entertaining assembly, full of fun facts. We particularly liked finding out what each of our reception children would do if they were ever a King or Queen. We can't help but agree with Nicholas, that if he were to be made a King, he would buy a WHOLE toy shop and get lots of sweets...actually, he would buy the sweet shop as well!



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A Trip Back in Time for Reception



Following on from their fabulous assembly, Reception class enjoyed a fantastic day out at Deal Castle. As well as exploring some of the features they have discussed during their 'castles' topic, the children were very excited to find that there were also some new interactive exhibits to investigate. They particularly enjoyed working as a team to re-build a model of the castle using large wooden puzzle bricks. Some of the class were especially keen to create their own 'graffiti' to add to a special wall, allowing them to become part of history. After lunch, they carried their own muskets around the castle tunnels, looking out for enemies trying to invade through the moat! As they were very lucky with the weather, they also managed to find time for ice lollies on the beach. Finally, the children decided to go on a hunt for treasure. They returned to school with pockets full of 'special' stones and shells!



A Balancing Act for our Little Detectives

Little Denes are really enjoying the new balancing scales in their playground, weighing all sorts of objects to see which is the heaviest. Thank you to Mr Addington (Elodie's Dad) for making our lovely scales. Equipment like this is fantastic as it develops the skills of independent learning and investigation. If you feel you have the skills or ideas to create practical, wooden equipment for our playground, please contact Mrs Youe or Mrs McBride.



Taking advantage of the wonderful weather we've had this week, Little Denes capitalised on some outdoor learning. They became 'shape detectives', hunting around the school grounds for different shapes. They were quick to spot different shapes hidden in our walls, floors, play equipment and buildings. Well done children, great detective work.

Good News and Bad News

On a very serious note, I have been contacted yet again by a neighbour who has had a parent park across their drive. The parent was asked not to do this but continued to ignore the neighbour and take their child into school. On their return to the convertible, there was an unpleasant exchange. I feel extremely embarrassed and let down that a parent from our school could be so rude and thoughtless. I have replied to the distressed neighbour, reassuring him that the majority of parents are thoughtful drivers and respect the highway rules. I would like the local community to not only think we have wonderful and well behaved children attending Haddon Dene but parents who believe in the school values of respect.

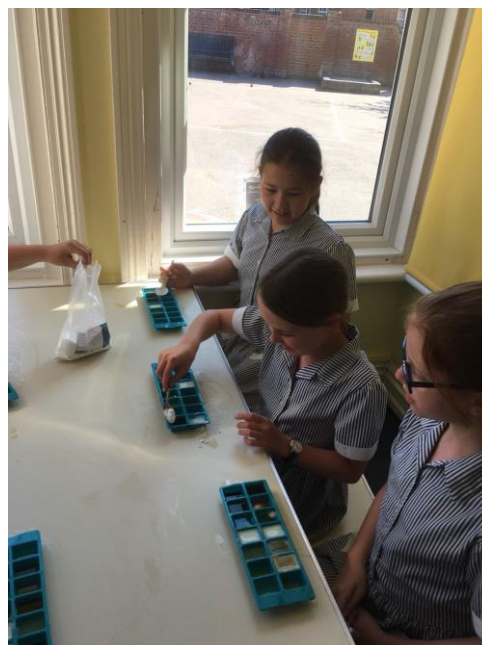
On a happier note, congratulations to the ladies in our school kitchen! After an unannounced Health and Hygiene inspection, we are happy to say that Janet and her team were graded 5 stars, which is the highest score you can achieve! Well done ladies and thanks to Rob for painting the kitchen ceiling too!

A Weekend of Sport

Good luck to our sporting superstars who are representing our school this weekend. There is a big netball tournament taking place at Hartsdown School for Year 5 & 6. Also good luck to Noah, Betty, Isabella and Olivia who are taking part in the Regional Finals of the Kent Primary School Swimming Championships. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.

A Big Reaction in Science Club

This week in science club, Year Six investigated reactions that may occur when you add bicarbonate of soda with household items such as orange juice, oil, soya sauce, vinegar and so on. The group had to decide how much of each ingredient to add to their trays, before adding the bicarbonate of soda. They had to use scientific skills such as measuring, pouring and observing any reactions that occurred. They made predictions at the start, outlining what types of reactions they were expecting and what ingredients they thought would be the most or least reactive. It was a very fun and exciting experiment.



PFA Update



Dear Friends and Parents,

Forthcoming events:

Father's Gift Wrap: Wednesday, 13th June

Wine Tasting Evening: Friday, 15th June

Summer Fair: Friday, 13th July

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

The PFA

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Message from the Office

- All payments for the Aladdin show need to be returned no later than Tuesday 15th May please.
- Please visit and 'like' our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/haddondeneprepschool) for further pictures and videos.
- We now have a Twitter account so please check us out on @HaddonDene
- Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/haddon-dene> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by June 30th, 2018.**
- Could all parents check their child's blazer. Raksiga from year one is missing her's. Thank you.

Next week is exams week at Haddon Dene. I know our Year Six children are fully prepared and ready for their SATS exams. The rest of the school will complete their GL Assessment and NFER tests. Year Two will complete their SATS exams the following week. Have a restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday fully recharged for these important tests.

Warmest regards



Miss Alison Hatch
Headmistress

Forthcoming Dates:

Sat. 12 th May	LAMDA Year 5/6 netball tournament – Hartsdown Regional Kent swimming Booster workshop – Year 5 - CANCELLED
14 th May	‘Pumpkin to visit’
15 th May	Science club – year 6
Sat. 19 th May	LAMDA Thanet Swim Gala – Hartsdown 12 Noon Booster workshop – Year 5 (9.30-12 noon this week only)
21 st May	Bikeability – year 6
22 nd May	Bikeability – year 6 Science club – year 6 – last one!
23 rd May	Bikeability – year 6
24 TH May	Horse riding – year 6
25 th May	Last day of term 2 nd payment for Hindleap to be made.
Sat. 26 th May	LAMDA NO BOOSTER WORKSHOP
Sat. 2 nd June	LAMDA
Sat. 9 th June	LAMDA
11 th June	Term begins ‘Pumpkin to visit’
12 th June	Year 5 trip – Wingham Wildlife Park
13 th June	PFA – Father’s gift wrap
14 th June	New Reception Class – Family morning Trip to London – ‘Aladdin’ (Yrs 3-6)
15 th June	PFA – Wine tasting – 7pm
Sat 16 th June	National Swimming – Sheffield LAMDA Booster workshop – Year 5 Waterloo trophy at Upton (Cross country relay)
19 th June	Hever castle trip for year 3&4
20 TH June	Elocution Cup
Sat 23 rd June	Upton - cross country LAMDA Booster workshop – year 5
28 th June	Junior Show – Theatre Royal 7pm
29 th June	Sports Day – Broadstairs Cricket Ground
4 th July	Parent Consultation progress reviews 3.30pm-7pm
9 th July	Prize Giving – Sarah Thorne Theatre – 6pm
13 th July	PFA – Summer Fair

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MENU

Week Commencing 14.5.18

MONDAY

Tuna pasta bake or macaroni cheese & salad
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Strawberry cheesecake / fresh fruit

TUESDAY

Sweet & sour chicken with vegetables, peas & rice
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Jelly & cream / fresh fruit

WEDNESDAY

Turkey burgers & baked beans
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Apple pies & custard / fresh fruit

THURSDAY

Roast pork, roast potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower medley & gravy
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Chocolate mousse / fresh fruit

FRIDAY

Quiches, cold meats, cheese, salad, coleslaw, new or jacket potatoes
Bread roll, salad bar
Ham, chicken, tuna, cheese
Rice pudding & jam / fresh fruit

Please speak to a member of the school catering team or class teacher if your child has an intolerance to any of the 14 allergens in food.

Cold meats available

Fresh fruit available everyday

Vegetarians catered for