



HADDON DENE SCHOOL

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Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents,

It has been three weeks since I took up post as your new Headmistress. Many parents have offered words of support, which has been gratefully received. Equally, and just as important, parents have asked questions and posed challenges in terms of my vision for the future.

Ultimately, my goal is to ensure that the education we provide is nothing less than outstanding. I truly and passionately believe we will get there as we have a body of committed staff who are open to feedback and who strive towards continuous improvement. This will require an ongoing, detailed analysis of the curriculum to ensure we continue to provide the very best learning opportunities. Work in this area has already begun and indeed will continue. We have recently piloted the use of 'Talk for Writing' across the school as an approach to the teaching of English. Essentially, we start a unit of work with a cold task which provides a baseline for objective setting. Through the use of model texts, we develop text maps and toolkits which enable children to internalise particular styles of writing and 'magpie' good ideas. We finish the unit with a 'hot task' which will enable the children to apply their newly acquired knowledge and will demonstrate progress against their 'cold tasks'. We will review the impact and success of this pilot as a staff collective with a view to rolling this out fully in September. For more information, please visit: <https://www.talk4writing.co.uk/about/>.

I have the highest expectations for behaviour. Our children deserve to feel safe and able to express their individual identities. Refining pupil conduct is something my staff and I will be focusing on in the coming months. We are a Preparatory School and we expect exemplary manners and behaviour at all times. We will be reviewing how we communicate the behaviour policy to our children, ensuring that they clearly understand the rewards and sanctions and how this links to our school values.

Our school uniform is something to be proud of. It is a symbol of our heritage and is often referenced by members of the wider community. As children of a Preparatory School, it is something that should be worn with pride. Currently, a number of our children do not wear the correct uniform. I will be the first to admit that this is an area that needs to change immediately. Caps and boaters are often not worn to school, incorrect PE kit is worn, ties are not done up correctly, and top buttons are left undone. After the Easter holiday, parents will be contacted via the school office or by Dojo for uniform infringements. My expectations are clear, the correct uniform must be worn. All uniform must be name-labelled correctly. For your information, Mrs Crompton, Mrs Walton and I are currently working on a new sports kit which will be launched in the summer term, ready for September. More details and images of this will follow shortly. A uniform guide has been attached alongside this newsletter for greater clarity on what we expect.

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We want Haddon Dene to be a school community where parents come together for the greater good of our school. I very much enjoyed this aspect as a parent and it was important for my family to feel part of something special. Our team will be working hard to host whole school events which provide us with the opportunity to come together, socialise and enjoy each other's company. A great example of this is our summer garden party to celebrate our 90th birthday on the 12th June. We look forward to coming together to mark this special occasion.

My staff and I want to listen, and we want to respond. We have already begun the process of gathering feedback from parent representatives. A parent survey will follow in the summer where we want to hear about your thoughts, views, ideas and any potential concerns you may have. We know that strong and open communication between parents and our school is essential, moving forward.

As a head, I want to be a visible presence in our school community who provides stability and continuity over these coming years. Our staff are working hard to reaffirm our traditional values and ensure that Haddon Dene rebuilds a sense of community once more. I hope that all our families have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24th April.

Best wishes



Mrs Parpworth
Headmistress



Haddon Dene News



On Tuesday, Year six visited Howlett's Zoo with the aim of learning more about habitats and animal adaptations. Their day started with a lecture on animal adaptations from one of the zoo keepers. They learned a lot of interesting facts through this lecture. The children answered questions confidently and were very keen to learn more about the zoo's conservation project. Later on, the children made food parcels for the macaque monkeys.



It was shocking to learn that an elephant is poached every twenty minutes for their tusks. The poachers usually target the larger elephants with the biggest tusks. Unfortunately, these elephants do not survive long enough to pass on their genes to the next generation. As a result, elephants are being born with smaller tusks and in some cases with no tusks at all.



It was refreshing to know that Howlett's is committed to conservation, breeding and the reintroduction of rare and endangered animals back to the wild. In fact, they have successfully released 8 rhinos thereby increasing the rhino population.

After a delightful picnic lunch, they strolled through the woodland park, discovering a world lost in time. Children marvelled at the life size prehistoric creatures taking over the woodland. They also spotted other animals like the gorillas, anteaters, elephants, tigers, lions and lemurs.

Year 1 & 2 step into the forest

On Thursday, Year 1 and 2 visited Manor House Forest School in Quex Park. The children had a wonderful time learning outdoors as they took part in activities including roasting marshmallows, looking at and petting the farm animals, going on a zip wire, gathering wood to make a nest and even had time for an egg fact hunt! The Forest School Leaders praised our children for their behaviour, kindness and respect shown on the trip. We were delighted to see such good teamwork and conversations between the children throughout the day.



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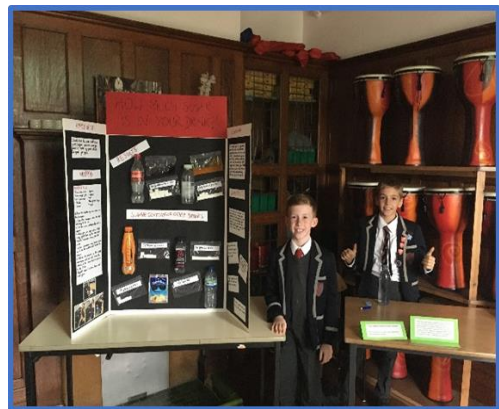


An electric atmosphere at the science fair

This week, we hosted our very first science fair which was incredibly exciting. We were blown away by the number of entries. The amount of effort the children had devoted to their research and design of their science projects was incredible. The overall atmosphere at the fair was electric and very awe-inspiring. We had entries from across all the three domains of science: physics, biology and chemistry. It was very hard for the judges to decide on the top three projects, however the deserving winners are:

- 1st place - Jack Perks
- 2nd Place - Isobel Clark
- 3rd place - William Smith

This is something we would like to continue and run on a yearly basis during science week. We truly hope that this has inspired even more children to participate next year.



Teachers never stop learning



Congratulations to Mrs Crompton who has been awarded her Level 2 certificate in netball coaching. Mrs Crompton is looking to establish her own netball club which Haddon Dene children will benefit greatly from.

School Values Award – Xavier Goodall

Congratulations to Xavier for showing great resilience in his learning. He never gives up, even when faced with tricky challenges. He is always determined to try his absolute best. As a result, he is making excellent progress.



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 7	Excellence in Conduct	Excellence in Learning
Reception	Darcey Page	Pearl Dunbar-Brunton
Year One	Felix Agnew	Olivia Ross
Year Two	Thara Aravindakshan/ Bonnie Basford	Rupert Russell
Year Three	George Kemp	Harrison Green
Year Four	Vikas Vishwanathan	Om Patel
Year Five	Seren Reynolds	Morgan Brown
Year Six	Hassan Khusro	Ella Harding McCormack

House Points Winners

Haddon Dene House Point chart		
Week : 24	Manners	Vernon
	94	83
Running total:	857	849

PFA Update



Dear friends and family,

Thank you to everybody who has recently volunteered at and attended PFA events. The children had a great time at the movie night sing along and the event made £111! We would also like to show our appreciation to all those who took part in the Mother's Day gift wrap.

The forest school is going ahead on 1st April. This is currently being funded by the PFA with help from Mr and Mrs Godden (Parents from Little Denes). To help the project go ahead, they are very kindly fundraising by selling raffle tickets. These are being sold at the gate.

Forthcoming events:

Friday, 26th April - PFA meeting

Friday, 3rd May – Book sale – before and after school

Wednesday, 12th June - Father's Day gift wrap and 90th birthday picnic

Friday, 21st June - Summer Fayre

Have a fantastic weekend,
The Friends of Haddon Dene

Messages from the office....

Letters sent home this week:

- 'Horrible Histories' – Open Morning, Saturday 27th April 2019
- Club List for the Summer Term. **All forms to be returned by Wednesday 27th March.** Payment to be made via **'School Money' from 1st April 2019.** Thank you.
- Festival of Song - programmes on sale in the office for the children in the 'Choir'. £5.00 per ticket.
- Slips sent home this week to the children who are on the theatre trip to see 'Wicked'
1st payment - Friday 22nd March - £24.00 – via 'school money'
2nd payment – Friday 17th May - £24.00 - via 'school money'
If you have already paid, please ignore.
- Trip to Elmwood Farm for Reception and Year 1.

**Forthcoming dates:
Spring/Summer -2019**

23 rd March	6 Nations Rugby – Upton Primary 9-12 noon LAMDA
25 th March	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK Trip 3&4 – Kent Life – ‘Viking’ Day Year 2 Football – Margate FC
26 th March	Egg Box Design – competition ‘Easter Cracked’ Year 6 – Baptist Church, St Peter’s Reception/Year 1 trip to Elmwood Farm, Broadstairs Song Festival – the Choir to attend 7pm (Winter Gardens, Margate) (Rehearsal 9.30am-2.15pm – parents to take/collect) Re-schedule of Netball at Dane Court from 12 th March
27 th March	Assembly – Mrs Parpworth Toy sale – 11.45 am End of Term -12 noon
30 th March	LAMDA
15 th April	Holiday Club (15th-17th April incl.)
16 th April	Year 6 revision days 16,17,18th – 9.30-3.30 pm
23 rd April	Staff training day
24 th April	Summer Term starts
25 th April	Year 2 beach clean at Stone Bay
26 th April	PFA meeting – 9am in the dining hall
27 th April	Open Morning 9.30-12 noon LAMDA Rugby – Upton Primary
29 th April	CLUBS TO COMMENCE
30 th April	Year 3&4 trip to Viking Bay Year 3&4 Ruby – Minster Primary
2 nd May	Year 3&4 trip to Monkton Nature Reserve PM Year 2 Infant Agility – Ursuline College PM
3 rd May	PFA book sale – before and after school
4 th May	LAMDA Year 5 1 st revision class with Mr Scott – 9.30 – 12 noon
6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
7 th May	Big Write Week Year 3&4 Football – Margate FC Fencing club to start 4.45-5.45 pm. (6 weeks)
8 th May	Little Denes walk to park for ‘Teddy Bear’ picnic Year 3&4 Football
10 th May	Year 3&4 – Tennis – Margate Tennis Club – tbc
11 th May	LAMDA Netball 7-aside main netball tournament – 9am Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott
13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS

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14 th May	Year 5 trip to Kent College Farm
16 th May	Year 3 beach clean Louisa Bay
17 th May	Year 3&4 trip to France –leave 7.45am prompt – return 5.30pm approx. Year 5&6 Tennis competition – Margate Tennis Club
18 th May	Thanet schools swimming gala Hartsdown LC LAMDA Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott
21 st May	Fire Service visit HD Orienteering Year 3&4
22 nd May	Reception trip to Deal Castle Year 6 – Camping trip to Minster
23 rd May	Year 6 to return – 3pm
24 th May	Last day of Term
25 th May	LAMDA
1 st June	LAMDA
8 th June	LAMDA
10 th June	Term begins
11 th June	Upton Year 4&5 football
12 th June	PFA Father's Day gift wrap Haddon Dene 90 th birthday celebrations - PFA picnic
13 th June	Elocution Cup
14 th June	Quick cricket Year 5&6 – Margate cricket club
15 th June	Waterloo Cross Country cup – Upton Primary LAMDA Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott
17 th June	Year 5 trip to Wildwood Year 6 Bikeability
18 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Year 4 beach clean – Dumpton Gap
19 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Family morning for new Reception Class (September 19) Parent evening for LD – Year 5
20 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Year 3&4 Canterbury Tales visit Parent evening for Year 6
21 st June	PFA Summer Fayre – 2.30pm
22 nd June	Cross country – Upton Primary – Year 3-6 LAMDA Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott
24 th June	Prize Giving – Dane Court School – (Evening – time tbc)
25 th June	Prep trip to Rare Breeds Centre – Ashford
26 th June	Reception 2019 – children morning
27 th June	Junior Show at the Theatre Royal, Margate – 7.00 pm
28 th June	Girls Football passport – Upton – 4.00pm

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29 th June	LAMDA EXAMS Year 5 revision class – Mr Scott
2 nd July	Year 3&4 trip to Stone Bay
3 rd July	London theatre trip to see 'Wicked' – year 3-6 (40 places)
4 th July	Transition Day for whole school
5 th July	Sports Day – Broadstairs Cricket Ground 10.30-2.00pm
6 th July	Year 6 Prom Year 5 revision class with Mr Scott (last one)
8 th July	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK Year 6 leavers lunch with Headmistress
10 th July	Year 5&6 Athletics – Royal Harbour
12 th July	Leavers Assembly 11am Term Ends – 12 Noon
6 th Sept.	Staff training day
Monday 9 th September	New Term Begins
12 th September	Kent Test

Menu

Week commencing: 25.3.19

Monday

Beef/vegetarian lasagne & broccoli

Bread rolls, choice of filling and salad bar

Rice pudding & strawberry jam /fresh fruit/yoghurt

Tuesday

Fruity chicken/veg curry with rice, mango chutney and poppadums

Bread rolls, choice of fillings and salad bar

Fresh fruit / yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast turkey, nut roast, roast potatoes, carrots, peas & gravy

Bread rolls, choice of fillings/salad bar

Sultana sponge and cream /fresh fruit/ yoghurt

Thursday

Cottage/quorn mince pie & green beans

Bread rolls, choice of fillings/ salad bar

Apple crumble and custard /fresh fruit/ yoghurt

Friday

Jacket potato, choice of toppings

Bread rolls, choice of filling and salad bar

Bread and butter pudding with 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.

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