

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>We have had a fantastic week welcoming the first eggs from our lovely chickens, getting to know our new Reception class, taking part in a cross country event and learning all about our new focus this year: 15 minute Revolution! This is based upon the film 'Pay it forward' in which we are encouraging our school community to sacrifice 15 minutes at some point each week to support, help and encourage someone else. We are gradually unpacking this idea with the children through assemblies and class discussion. Please chat to your child about this concept to see how they could take part either at home or at school.</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Monday 11 Sept Author visiting 6.00pm Music for Schools Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 12 Sept</p>	<p>Wednesday 13 Sept</p>	<p>Thursday 14 Sept Cheetahs and Leopards start full time (drop off at the EYFS gate)</p>	<p>Friday 15 Sept Celebration Assembly Y1&amp;4 sharing Jeans for Genes Day</p>
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	<p>On Monday 18th September we will be welcoming the <b>world-class author and illustrator David Lucas</b> to our school. David will be working with the children during the day and there will be an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his books for the reduced cost of £6 each. This would be a special memento of the day and really encourage the children to read. If you would like more information about him and his titles, you might like to look on his website <a href="http://www.davidlucas.org.uk">www.davidlucas.org.uk</a></p>				
	<p><b>Music for Schools</b> is a non-profit organisation who arrange for instrumental lessons to be more financially accessible for parents, carers and pupils. The children enjoyed an introductory assembly on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September and they will be holding an information evening for all interested Year 3 - 6 parents, carers and pupils on <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> in the school hall at <b>6pm</b>. For more information please check out their website: <a href="https://www.mfsf.org.uk/">https://www.mfsf.org.uk/</a></p>				
	<p><b>Jeans for Genes Day is on Friday 22nd September</b> and we are raising money for children with life-altering genetic disorders and so are inviting the children to wear jeans or jean skirts to along with their school uniform tops and jumpers/cardigans. (Please note that short skirts or jeans shorts must be worn with tights or leggings).</p>				
	<p>Attached to the email is an <b>e-safety refresher</b> from Mr Peters for our new school term.</p>				
	<p><b>Open Afternoon with Cafe supporting Macmillan:</b> On Friday 6th October we are holding our annual open afternoon inviting current and prospective parents and carers in to school to enjoy a taster of the things that we are so proud of as a school. We will have all sorts of activities on display across the campus and the older children will be offering guided tours. The choir and musicians will also be entertaining in the school hall as we serve tea, coffee and cake in support of Macmillan. We hope you will be able to join us at some point in the afternoon between 1:30pm and 3pm.</p>				
	<p><b>Chicken Champions:</b> So the chickens are back from their holidays and they've kicked off the term by starting to lay their first eggs! We would like to encourage the children to take part in their care or have the opportunity to handle or stroke them. We have procedures in place to ensure the children's health and safety. There are different levels of participation and if your child is interested in taking part in some form or joining the Chicken Champions, please complete the permission form that will be coming home in book bags.</p>				
<p><b>Sports Update</b></p>	<p>On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6 took part in a cross country competition against schools from around the Maidstone area, which was held at Mote Park. In spite of the sideways rain and the strong winds, children put in very respectable performances. Out of the 130 children taking part in each year group the majority of our pupils finished inside the first 60 runners. These results give us something positive to build on in the following weeks as we return to Mote Park on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. A big well done to all those who took part and a special thank you to all those parents who stayed to support the school.</p>				

<p><b>Dates for your diary</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Year 6 visit to the Houses of Parliament          Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Reception Class photo for the Kent Messenger          Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September: Year 4 visit to Kench Hill Activity Centre          Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Celebration Assembly: Years 3 &amp; 6 sharing (Reception Class joining us)          Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: NO Celebration Assembly / Open Afternoon from 1:30pm          Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Celebration Assembly: HARVEST FESTIVAL: All sharing          Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Celebration Assembly: Years 2 &amp; 5 sharing          Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Halloween Cake Sale after school / Halloween Discos  <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term Holiday</b>          Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: Term 2 starts          Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Individual School Photos          Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: End of Term 2  <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Christmas Holidays</b></p>
<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p> 	<p>We are really looking forward to doing some of our learning outdoors and the school has lots of wet weather gear but we need each pupil to have a pair of wellies or waterproof boots in a carrier bag in school if possible.</p> <p>We are also collecting empty shampoo and conditioner bottles. Please ensure that these have been washed out before sending them in with your child. Thank you!</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you at our new drop off and collection point – the Early Years Gate.</p>
<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>We are really looking forward to doing some of our learning outdoors and the school has lots of wet weather gear but we need each pupil to have a pair of wellies or waterproof boots in a carrier bag in school if possible.</p> <p>We are also collecting empty shampoo and conditioner bottles. Please ensure that these have been washed out before sending them in with your child. Thank you!</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you at our new drop off and collection point – the Early Years Gate.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</b></p> 	<p>Thank you to last year's Tiger Class families for the generosity and kindness in giving us the end of term presents and cards - they were greatly appreciated.</p> <p>In Year 1 we enjoy getting outdoors to do our learning, especially on our "Welly Wednesday" afternoons. If possible, please could children have a named pair of wellingtons and some waterproof clothing that they can keep in school, so that we can go out whatever the weather. In the past children have found it easier to put on a separate waterproof jacket and trousers, as the "all-in-ones" with a diagonal zip can prove a little tricky for them.</p> <p>We try to record the children's experiences on the class blog so that we can share these with you. The children love it when families post a comment and looking at the blog together encourages the children to talk about their learning. The blog address is: <a href="http://www.headcorny1.primaryblogger.co.uk">www.headcorny1.primaryblogger.co.uk</a>.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>Wow! What an incredible start to our first full week in Year 2. The children have really demonstrated a love of reading and made some fantastic contributions to our first book, 'Halibut Jackson.' We cannot wait to meet the author, David Lucas on Monday! We have also been exercising hard, by joining in with Joe Wicks' fitness for schools week and have joined the millions of other school children participating in a 30 minute live feed workout.</p> <p>Please note that PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. Book changing days will be Monday and Thursday and homework spellings will be sent home Friday and tested the following Friday. The topic homework will be a termly based project and can also be found on our Puma's Blog. Please visit it and add any comments.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>Great work this week in Jaguars class! We revealed our new adventure story, Oliver and the Seawigs and got physical following the live Body Coach workouts.</p> <p>We are looking forward to meeting the author, David Lucas, next week and our Home Learning grid will be sent out at the end of this week.</p>

<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>It has been a pleasure getting to know the class over the last week and the children are starting to get back into the routine of school life, as are the teachers. Homework will be sent out this week and will consist of spellings, learning multiplication tables and an activity based upon an area of the children's learning from that week. Homework needs to be handed in the following Friday. PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Well done for your fabulous Yom Kippur cards that showed with style in celebration assembly today. Don't forget that PE is Tuesday and Thursday.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Lions have had a great start to the new school year and we are looking forward to our trip to the Houses of Parliament next week. Please remember to return your slip by Wednesday, 20 September.</p>