

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>Congratulations to all of our new Cheetah and Leopard pupils for their first two full days with us in school. You are already impressing us with your boundless energy, eagerness for learning and enthusiasm for creativity and fun. Well done!</p>				
The week ahead	Monday 25 Sept	Tuesday 26 Sept	Wednesday 27 Sept	Thursday 28 Sept	Friday 29 Sept
		8.00pm PTFA Mtg – White Horse Inn	YR KM Photo	Y4 visit to Kench Hill	Celebration Assembly Y3&Y6 sharing
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	<p>This week, another e-safety update from Mr Peters is attached – Creating a Strong Password</p>				
	<p>Open Afternoon with Cafe supporting Macmillan: 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>The preferred method of payment for school dinners is via our online payments system, however, we do accept cash only payments via the office. From the beginning of next term, the minimum cash payment to the office for dinners will be £11.00. This can be paid on a Monday for the meals to be taken that week and beyond. Any credit will remain on your account and balances can be checked online.</p>				
	<p>We would like to involve pupils as much as possible with the care of our chickens and would like begin this term by recruiting Chicken Champions from Years 5 and 6. If your child is interested please collect a letter and permission slip from the office. Following this trial we will roll the scheme out to Years 3 and 4 from Term 2.</p>				
Sports Update	<p>Cross Country Race 2 of 3, at Mote Park saw Headcorn compete again against schools from the Maidstone area. The weather was much better this week so all the competitors were much more settled at the beginning of the race. Almost everybody who took part managed to better their finish from the week before which is excellent work. Well done to all the children involved and a special mention to Isabelle Ross and Jake White for their consistently high finishes. Next week sees the final race at Mote Park, if you would like to have a go and represent the school then please speak to Mr Peters or Mrs Collins.</p> <p>Premier League, Primary Stars The school has been fortunate to receive a small grant from the Premier League, Primary Stars organisation in the form of a new football kit. The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills. Delivered by the Football Foundation, the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme gives teachers a range of equipment that can be used across different curriculum areas to get children active.</p> <p>Girls Football Club If you are interested in signing up to the Girls Football Club, please sign up as soon as possible. When we have enough players enrolled we hope to enter tournaments and leagues.</p>				

<p>Dates for your diary</p>	<p>Wednesday 27th September: Reception Class photo for the Kent Messenger Thursday 28th September: Year 4 visit to Kench Hill Activity Centre Friday 29th September: Celebration Assembly: Years 3 & 6 sharing (Reception Class joining us) Friday 6th October: NO Celebration Assembly / Open Afternoon from 1:30pm Friday 13th October: Celebration Assembly: HARVEST FESTIVAL: All sharing Friday 20th October: Celebration Assembly: Years 2 & 5 sharing Friday 20th October: Halloween Cake Sale after school / Halloween Discos Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October: Half Term Holiday Monday 30th October: Term 2 starts Monday 6th November: Individual School Photos Wednesday 20th December: End of Term 2 Thursday 21st – Wednesday 3rd January: Christmas Holidays</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Cheetah and Leopard class children are settling in very well! Mrs Day would like to thank all the parents for their support in this process. Everyone is very happy at school and the children are all making lots of new friends. Please ensure that you check your child's book bag every afternoon after school for any important letters or messages. Story books will be changed twice a week on a Monday and on a Wednesday. Please feel free to comment in the reading record book to indicate if a new book is needed. Could all wellington boots be sent in as soon as possible please, as our outdoor play area is now beginning to get a little wet and muddy. Children will need to wear their boots if they would like to play outside. Could we also have all PE kits sent into school as we will be starting PE lessons shortly. Please ensure that your child brings their coat and water bottle to school every day. Please feel free to view our Early Years Blog. You will be able to see lots of pictures from when 'David Lucas', the author, visited our school to share 'Grendel' one his fabulous books with the children. The experience was enjoyed by all! Please feel free to comment on the pictures, we enjoy reading them and sharing them with your children.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>Tiger Class children enjoyed their workshop with David Lucas and loved his story about Grendel, whom they are now able to draw. The children were very imaginative in developing a character of their own too. We have been outside enjoying the autumn weather and trying to tell maths stories using acorns, conkers and leaves. Thank you for bringing in waterproofs and wellies so that the children can keep dry and warm. Thank you also for continuing to read with your children as this really boosts their reading confidence and stamina. Please could all coats and water bottles be named as otherwise it can be confusing for the children.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Another amazing week of hard work from the Perfect Pumas. We've been busy exploring number using a range of manipulatives such as money, place value discs and Dienes apparatus. We are getting more confident in comparing numbers by partitioning the number into tens and ones. In our Sensational Safari topic we have finished making our passports. Our passport photographs are particularly entertaining. Just a reminder that book changes will be on a Monday and Thursday but we will endeavour to change them on other days where possible. Have a 'Purrfect' weekend Pumas.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Jaguars enjoyed their visit from the author and illustrator, David Lucas, this week and they are all fired up to create their own picture book characters. We were very impressed with their amazing artwork, using pastels to create portraits of Egyptian Gods. Thank you for all of the home learning projects which have been coming into class, we are enjoying sharing all of the children's creations! Remember to keep an eye on our class blog to see what we have been up to. Times tables will be checked on a Monday and spellings will be sent out on a Friday from this week.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>It has been a productive week for Year 4 and on Thursday 28th September we will be visiting Kench Hill for the day. Please make sure you have returned the permission form and £1 by Tuesday 26th September.</p>

<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>We would like to involve pupils as much as possible in the care of our chickens and would like begin this term by recruiting Chicken Champions from Years 5 and 6. If your child is interested please collect a letter and permission slip from the office.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed having the author, David Lucas, share his writing and creative processes with us. We shall gladly take up his challenge to create a picture book with a clear problem and solution for homework this week. David has a keen interest in seeing what we can come up with so let's make the most of this opportunity and show him how the Lions work!</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding over our decision to postpone the Houses of Parliament. We will be in touch when we have another date.</p> <p>We would like to involve pupils as much as possible in the care of our chickens and would like begin this term by recruiting Chicken Champions from Years 5 and 6. If your child is interested please collect a letter and permission slip from the office.</p>
<p>PTFA</p> 	<p>The PTFA are hosting a quiz night on 30th September, tickets are £5 a person with teams of up to 8 people.</p> <p>Bring your own drinks and nibbles, the fun starts at 7.30pm.</p> <p>For tickets or more information you can email headcornschoolptfa@yahoo.co.uk or speak with your class rep.</p> <p>We will be having a cake/pudding auction during the quiz so all donations of these would be gratefully received.</p> <p>The next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 26th September at 8.00pm in the White Horse pub.....everyone is welcome.</p>
<p>Contract Dining Company</p> 	<p>The preferred method of payment for school dinners is via our online payments system, however, we do accept cash only payments via the office. From the beginning of next term, the minimum cash payment to the office for dinners will be £11.00. This can be paid on a Monday for the meals taken that week and beyond. Any credit will remain on your account and balances can be checked online.</p>