

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>Congratulations to all of the children who have participated in the Cross Country racing over the last few weeks. We are very proud of your efforts and how well you have represented us as a school.</p> <p>It was lovely to see the Cheetah and Leopard classes in their first Celebration Assembly today. You continue to settle into the routines of school life beautifully and bring such enthusiasm and joy to everything you do!</p> <p>Next week we are holding our Open Afternoon on Friday. We are really excited about showcasing our school with lots of activities happening across the site. Instead of running a coffee morning we are running our café in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. We will be asking for donations of cakes if people would like to support this</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Monday 2 Oct</p>	<p>Tuesday 3 Oct</p>	<p>Wednesday 4 Oct</p>	<p>Thursday 5 Oct</p>	<p>Friday 6 Oct</p>
				<p>Autumn Feast Menu at lunchtime</p>	<p>NO Celebration Assembly 1.30pm OPEN DAY</p>
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	<p>Our <b>Open Afternoon</b> will be this Friday from 1.30 to 3.30pm. 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. <b>Our café will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer</b> and if you are able to offer your support we would be delighted to received <b>donations of cakes</b> which can be brought to the playground at drop off on Friday morning.</p>				
	<p>The Flu Immunisation for Years R to 4 will be on Tuesday, 10 October. If you haven't already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible.</p>				
	<p>Thursday 5 October is school Census day and we will be providing an <b>Autumn Feast</b> at lunchtime (please see orange menu in book bags today). All KS1 (Yrs R, 1 and 2) will automatically be added to the school meal list on this day unless you notify the office otherwise. Did you know? Every time your child eats a free meal in KS1, the school receives funding for books, toys and other resources.</p>				
	<p><b>E-safety...</b></p> <p>Hopefully every family from Years 1 to 6 received their free copy of Digital Parenting this week which came home in children's book bags. Please take the time to browse through this insightful magazine and keep up to speed with some of the hot topics pertaining to life as a digital parent.</p> <p>Our digital leaders will be taking assembly for KS2 pupils on Tuesday, where they will be talking about issues facing the children in the 3-6 year groups. We hope that hearing from, and talking to, their peers about e-safety will have a positive effect on their existing online habits.</p>				
	<p>Friday 17th November, 2017 from 10.15 - 11.40am.</p> <p>An <b>ADHD Workshop</b> is being held at Bower Grove School - it will include a talk about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and give strategies that may help.</p>				
<p><b>Sports Update</b></p>	<p>We were very busy this week with two events taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Football on Tuesday took place at Marden Hockey Club, we played 4 matches in total which resulted in 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses. This was a really good tournament in which to blow away the cobwebs of the long Summer, and also a great way to start forming our squad for the coming season ahead.</p> <p>Wednesday saw us take part in the third and final of our three cross country races for September. Our pupils again showed consistency in their individual events with most saving their best performance for the final race. When all the times and finishes are collated, we will publish the results for all the children who have taken part in these races in a future newsletter.</p>				

<p><b>Dates for your diary</b></p>	<p>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><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>Could all items of uniform be clearly labelled with your child's name, including their shoes. As the children are now getting into the routine of putting their welly boots on when they go outside to play, they are finding it difficult to recognise and find their own shoes. (It is similar to the story of Cinderella when it comes to putting their shoes back on!!!!)</p> <p>Please continue to check book bags every afternoon after school, for letters and important messages. We are beginning to send home letter and number formation activities which will really help your child's learning if they can practise their learning at home. These activities can be kept at home.</p> <p>PE will be held on Tuesdays for Leopard Class and on Wednesdays for Cheetah Class. Please ensure that all earrings have been removed on these days for safety reasons and easy to change items of clothing are worn, to make it a little easier for your child to change independently into their PE kit.</p> <p>We have very kindly been donated lots of Barbie dolls but unfortunately they are a little cold at the moment as they haven't got any clothes! If you have any spare Barbie clothes that you would be willing to donate to Early Years, they would be greatly received.</p> <p>As the Early Years collection area is rather small, could we ask all parents to stand next to the small wooden fence and move along the path as much as possible. When you have collected your child you can exit down the other side of the path to avoid congestion. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</b></p> 	<p>Thank you for sending in a pair of wellington boots and some waterproofs for your child. These are invaluable not only during our Welly Wednesday sessions, but also during child-initiated times for those who like to engage in activities such as gardening, digging or water play. We will also be trying to keep active by walking our Daily Mile on the school field throughout the year and the children will need their boots for this. Please could all PE kits be in school.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>Another amazing week of hard work from the lovely Pumas. In Science we have been looking at how we change when we grow. The children wanted to find out whether the older we are, the fitter we are. So we devised some PE activities that we timed each other doing and then the Year 5's joined us so we could test them too. Conclusions to follow next week. We have also boarded our plane to Kenya with our stewards checking our tickets and passports, and seeing us to our seats. They gave some brilliant announcements during the flight and luckily we were in the capable hands of our pilot Brenchley and Co-Pilot Parkin.</p> <p>On Thursday we also took part in National Poetry day and enjoyed writing some Autumn poems.</p> <p>Please remember book changes are on a Monday and Thursday and please do check our Blog regularly for updates.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>Jaguars loved creating their own Seawigs based on our book, 'Oliver and the Seawigs' - thank you for all of the imaginative donations which came in from home. In maths we have been working hard exploring place value and numbers up to 1000 and will be moving on to develop our addition skills next week. The children enjoyed imagining they were Scrapyard Sorters by using magnets to discover which objects were magnetic or not. We are very excited to share our Egyptian song with everybody at Celebration Assembly on Friday. Just a reminder that times tables are tested on Mondays and spellings will be tested on Fridays.</p>

<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>Year 4 had a great time at Kench Hill and will be sharing their experience with parents and pupils in an assembly. The children have been producing some excellent homework and we have enjoyed reading their 100 word stories. Trying to write a story using only 100 words is challenging as it focuses on the vocabulary used and tests editing skills. Next weeks homework will involve potatoes and book characters...</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Please take a look at the class blog, where you will find the term's home learning, lots of pictures showing what we have been up to and a link to the 'Hour of Code'. The latter will really help with computer skills.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>It's been another fantastic week for the Lions. We have produced some spectacular pieces of writing and look forward to learning more about WW1 and many other fascinating topics in the coming weeks. Please note, we will now begin afternoon workshops on Mondays on a range of topical social issues and hope to present an assembly with our work once this finishes. We will keep you posted!</p>
<p><b>PTFA</b></p> 	<p>Quiz Night hosted by PTFA at Headcorn School 30/9/17 – tables still available, please contact Karen 07730353912  Halloween Disco Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, KS1 6pm – 7pm, KS2 7.30pm – 8.30pm – Halloween fancy dress optional, Headcorn school pupils only may attend.  Cake Sale Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – all donations of cakes will be greatly appreciated  Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November will be Firework Night (information on tickets to follow)  Christmas Bazaar this year will be on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – 4pm - more details to follow</p>
<p><b>Contract Dining Company</b></p> 	<p>Thursday 5 October is school Census day and we will be providing an <b>Autumn Feast</b> at lunchtime (please see orange menu in book bags today). All KS1 (Yrs R, 1 and 2) will automatically be added to the school meal list on this day unless you notify the office otherwise. Did you know? Every time your child eats a free meal in KS1, the school receives funding for books, toys and other resources.</p>