






HEADCORN HEADLINES

Edition: 61

Week Beginning: 16/10/2017

URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Thank you to everyone who supported our Open Afternoon last Friday. We had a great afternoon with over 145 families represented. We also made a fantastic £152.61 for Macmillan Cancer Support, £34.85 of which was raised by Lily Middleton and her friends by selling her beautiful Hama bead creations. Well done Lily. Year 6 enjoyed their visit to Maidstone County Hall which ended in a lively debate about mobile phones, class pets and school dinners! This week we had an assembly with an Ashford-based charity we are partnering with called '1000 hours'. They are leading a Kindness Revolution and encouraging us all to 'colour our world with kindness'. This links beautifully with our '15 minute Revolution' where we are encouraging our school community to take at least 15 minutes off each week to do an unexpected kindness for someone else. More information on this partnership project will be coming out soon!</p>				
The week ahead	Monday 16 Oct	Tuesday 17 Oct	Wednesday 18 Oct	Thursday 19 Oct	Friday 20 Oct
	KS2 Historical Dress Up Day	Girls Football at The Lenham School			Celebration Assembly – Y5 Sharing <i>PTFA Halloween Disco</i> Cake Sale
URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
	<p>We are reviewing our security procedures and have taken the decision to no longer receive or hold any cash in school. From Monday, 30 October all purchases for dinners, trips and uniform must be made via our online payments system. If you need any help setting up an online account, please speak to Tracey Jefferson in the school office.</p>				
	<p>Have you followed us on Twitter? Search for Headcorn Primary School to see what the children have been up to recently!</p>				
	<p>To try to ensure that the Friday Celebration Assemblies aren't too long and we give quality time to sharing all the fantastic success of our pupils we are going to limit our 'class sharing' to one class per week. This Friday (20th October) will be Year 5 only.</p>				
	<p>Monday 16th October is KS2 "History Day" and children can come dressed in a costume related to their history topic. During the day children will learn more about different periods of history from each of the class teachers. Year 3 are currently studying the Egyptians, Year 4 the Romans, Year 5 Ancients Greeks and Year 6 World War 1. We hope the day will be enjoyable for the children and develop their knowledge and understanding of history.</p>				
	<p>Does anyone have any wellingtons or waterproofs suitable for Year 1s that they are no longer in need of? Any donations would be greatly appreciated.</p>				
	<p>Friday 17th November, 2017 from 10.15 - 11.40am. ADHD Workshop at Bower Grove School - it will include a talk about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and give strategies that may help.</p>				
Dates for your diary	<p>Friday 20th October: Celebration Assembly: Year 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>SPORT</p>	<p>Maidstone Schools 7-a-Side Football Tournament Well done to all the children who took part in the football tournament on Tuesday this week at the New Line Learning Academy. This was a tough event for us with some very large schools taking part. Out of the 10 matches that we played we drew 6 and lost 4, unfortunately finding that elusive win hard to come by. We left the tournament with plenty to think about and will be working hard at football club to keep on improving as a team. There is a full report on the school website and photos on the school twitter account for those wanting to find out more. Once again a massive thank you to parents for their continued support with transport and cheering on the team.</p> <p>Football Kit Please make sure that any kit borrowed from the school is returned promptly after use so that we can prepare our other teams as the sporting events come thick and fast. Kit should be either handed in at the office or given directly to Mr Peters.</p> <p>Upcoming Events Next week our girls team will be taking part in their own football tournament at New Line Learning, we wish them the best of luck. We also have two sports hall athletic events at Mote Park Leisure Centre at the very start of Term 2. We will be selecting representatives from Years 3,4,5 and 6 shortly and letters will be sent home for those interested.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Thank you to all the Parents who were able to attend our Phonic evening. You were all brilliant at pronouncing your letter sounds and your support is truly appreciated. We gave out Learning Journey books for you to keep a log of your child's/children's learning at home, their experiences, trips, celebrations etc. Photos are a great way to capture their experiences and are a quick and easy way to fill your books! The evidence from learning at home is a crucial part of Early Years and will be needed at the end of the year to contribute to your child's/children's final assessments. If you weren't able to attend the Phonic evening and haven't been given your child's Learning Journey book, please could you let Mrs Day and Miss Man know, so that a book can be put in your child's book bag. Please continue to help your child/children to practise their letter sounds (a, m, s, d and t), letter formation and their numbers. It makes such a difference to their learning and enables them to feel happy and confident to continue to make super progress!</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>This week we have been using conkers, acorns, leaves and twigs to make natural pieces of artwork. We are continuing our work on poetry in English and the children are reciting our own class poem. The children are making good progress in their phonics lessons, thank you for continuing to read at home.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>This week we have been busy on our Safari to Kenya. We have used the iPads to research the Big Five - if you're not sure what they are, please ask us. In Science we have been thinking about our pets and created a Pictogram of the class's pets as well as designing a home for a pet. Please can all the children make sure that they have their reading books in school EVERY day as we love the opportunity to read with the children spontaneously during the week. We are also hoping to make 3D safari animals next week so would love to take off your hands any junk modelling bits and bobs.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>There has been lots of Autumnal art taking place in Jaguar class ready for Harvest Festival assembly today. In history this week, the children have enjoyed imagining they were Howard Carter as he discovered Tutankhamun's tomb, through drama and diary writing. In maths the children have been stretching their addition skills by applying their knowledge to solve worded problems. We caught up in Athletics by handing out lots of Bronze certificates and Mrs Randall awarded somebody in Jaguar class a Gold certificate - our first one in year 3 so far! Remember Monday is KS2 history day so the children can come in dressed up in an Ancient Egyptian theme Any donations of shoe boxes and cereal boxes for upcoming projects would be gratefully received.</p>

<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Just a reminder that Monday is "History Day" and children have the option to dress as a Roman. They can come to school in their costume or get changed at school if it is more practical. If your child doesn't want to dress up then they need to wear their school uniform.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Don't forget to wear your Greek costumes for Monday. Please can you bring them in again on Friday morning so that we can wear them for our fabulous dance in Celebration Assembly.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>We had a great trip to County Hall in Maidstone on Monday. The children really enjoyed debating about class pets, mobile phones and school dinners! We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their World War I costumes this Monday.</p>
<p>PTFA</p> 	<p>Firework Display: Sunday 5th November – tickets will be on sale from next week at Oldfields (cash) or from the school (online payment only).</p> <p>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday, 20 October: Halloween Disco: Halloween fancy dress optional. Only Headcorn school pupils may attend. KS1 6.00pm - 7.00pm KS2 7.30pm - 8.30pm After School Halloween Cake Sale: all donations of cakes will be greatly appreciated and should be brought to the playground at morning drop off.</p> <p>Sunday, 5 November: Firework Display Saturday, 9 December: Christmas Bazaar 1.00pm - 4.00pm - more details to follow</p> <p>We are once again teaming up with Weald of Kent Rotary to sell mulled wine at the Headcorn Christmas Fair on 25th November. If you could spare an hour on this day to sell the wine and raffle tickets please let your class rep know.</p>