

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Congratulations to all the children who worked so hard on October's 1000 hours project to 'colour our world with kindness'. As a school our total was 465 hours and 40 minutes! This is a FANTASTIC effort and we hope to be in with a chance of being the winning school for Ashford and surrounding areas. November is the month for us to impact our community with kindness. We have already got a few things in our diary for our pupils to go out and to meet with specific groups within our community to say thank you and to extend the hand of friendship. The first one of these is this coming week with Year 5 going to Eldercare to share their work and to talk to the folks there. Watch this space for more activities. If you have any suggestions then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.</p> <p>A big thank you to all those families who looked after our 7 feathered friends over the Half Term holiday. We really appreciate your support and hope that you had fun with the chickens and enjoyed the eggs you were able to collect! I am in the process of putting together the weekend rota for this term and cover for the Christmas holidays. Please let the office know if you're interested, providing them with your availability. It only involves either letting the chickens out in the morning and ensuring they have food and then tucking them up into bed at dusk. Thank you.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing many of your back at school for our PTFA's Firework display on Sunday 5th November from 5pm!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Monday 6 Nov Individual School Photos - Pre-school siblings from 8.30am <i>NO Sensory Circuits</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 7 Nov</p>	<p>Wednesday 8 Nov Y5 to Eldercare</p>	<p>Thursday 9 Nov</p>	<p>Friday 10 Nov Celebration Assembly – Y6 Sharing and announcement of Learning, House and School Captains</p>
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	<p>Please note, there will be NO Sensory Circuits on Monday, 6 November as the hall will be used for school photographs</p>				
	<p>If you have a child born between 1 Sept 2013 and 31 August 2014 you need to apply for a reception place. The application process opens on Monday 6th November and closes on Monday 16th January 2018. For further information please visit www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents should apply online for a reception place at www.kent.gov.uk/ola before the closing date.</p>				
	<p>Thank you to everyone that has signed up to online payments. If you still need help setting up your online account, please speak to Tracey Jefferson in the school office.</p>				
	<p>You should have received the artwork for your child's personalised Christmas Cards in book bags this week. This is an exciting project run by the PTFA where you can buy standard or luxury cards with your child's picture on or wrapping paper & gift tags! The school receives fundraising from every pack ordered. All orders should be made online this year at https://apfsorders.co.uk. Full instructions on how to order can be found on the sticker on the back of the artwork OR on our website below: http://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/christmas-cards-2017/ Please ensure you place your orders online by WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER</p>				
	<p>We are pleased to confirm that Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2018 are INSET days so the children are not required to be in school on these days. We are in discussions with the building site team to arrange a day for us to move into our new build so that we can book our last INSET day to be able to do this. It is looking like it might be Monday 19th February 2018. This is not confirmed yet so I will let you know when this is a firm date for your diaries.</p>				
	<p>Age 5/6 standard fleeces are available to purchase online for a limited time at a price of £10 each. Please note, only this size is available at the offer price.</p>				

	<p>WELLIES WANTED! The school are purchasing welly racks, one per class, as part of our development of our outdoor learning and so we can continue to make use of our school field, especially as our playgrounds are reduced with the site build going on. We would appreciate your child bringing in their own wellies or an old pair of trainers to keep in school. If anyone has unwanted wellies of any size (adult and/or child) we would very much appreciate them. Please drop them off at the school office and we will make use of them for you!</p>
	<p>NEWSPAPER WANTED! We are in need of newspaper to be able to provide a cosy home for our chickens. Please can you bring in to school unwanted newspapers once you have finished with them! Thanks.</p>
	<p>Does anybody have a bicycle that they no longer need to help with one of our interventions. It needs to be suitable for a child of 9-11 years old. Your help is very much appreciated.</p>
	<p>Year 1 are looking for a toy Pirate Ship to keep in the classroom. Any donations would be gratefully received.</p>
	<p>We would really like to start having more guest speakers to our assemblies. Our new build has introduced the children to the range of jobs in the building industry including surveyors, different trades, for example. From this an idea formed! I would really like to see parents and carers, plus other members of our wider community coming in to speak to the children about their jobs. It's not as scary as it sounds as we can show some photos or props and we could interview you rather than you feel you have to speak for 15mins solo. I would like to introduce our pupils to the range of exciting things that our school community is involved in. If you are willing to be part of this new venture, please contact me via the school office or on admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk</p>
	<p>Headcorn village has it's Remembrance Sunday event on 12th November in the High Street from approximately 10:30am. We will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school if you would like to join us.</p>
	<p>Friday 17th November, 2017 from 10.15 - 11.40am. An ADHD Workshop at Bower Grove School will include a talk about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and give strategies that may help.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PTFA</p> 	<p>Firework Display: Sunday 5th November – tickets are on sale from Oldfields Newsagents. Gates open at 5pm and tickets will be available on the gate.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to sell mulled wine and raffle tickets at the Headcorn Christmas Fair, 25th November 12pm – 6pm, contact your class rep if you can spare an hour to help. Please see attachment with this edition of Headlines for the programme.</p> <p>Christmas Bazaar – Sunday, 9 December 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Once again we will be having a present room where the children can buy presents and have them wrapped. Please could we have donations of any unused items, such as toiletries, toys etc.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who brought cakes at the end of term cake sale, we took £64.</p> <p>The Halloween disco was a great success making a profit of more than £300</p>
<p>Dates for your diary</p>	<p>Monday 6th November: Individual School Photos Wednesday 20th December: End of Term 2 Monday, 8 January: Start of Term 3</p>

<p>SPORT</p>	<p>Wow, what a busy start to the new term!</p> <p>Headcorn have been involved in no less than two Sports Hall Athletics events this week. Travelling to Mote Park Leisure Centre, Year 3&4 children competed against other schools from the Maidstone area in a variety of track and field events and finished in a respectable 3rd place overall. On Tuesday it was the turn of our Year 5&6 pupils, who battled courageously against 10 other schools in relay, obstacle and sprint races. While also testing their metal in long jump, javelin, triple jump and speed bounce. Our athletes finished in 8th position overall setting some fast times on the track. Well done to all the children who took part and to the fantastic support from parents in the spectator gallery. We have lots more sport taking place this term with Cross Country and Basketball coming up in the next few weeks.</p> <p>We will endeavour to keep our outdoor after school clubs running for at least a few more weeks and will make a decision shortly about when we will be stopping for our Winter break, before restarting again around the middle of Term 3. This is due to the darker evenings and the ongoing building work on the school site, so please look out for further updates.</p> <p>Sadly, not all of our brand new Premier League, Primary Stars kit has been returned since the tournaments at the beginning of October. In fact we struggled to equip our girl's team because kit had not been returned by the previous users. Please have a look at home and return any kit as soon as possible, making sure that it is handed to a member of staff or the school office.</p> <p>Please return reply slips for any sporting event promptly, whether this is accepting or declining participation. This allows us to quickly allocate transport, confirm our participation with competition organisers and also find additional competitors from the school body should your child be unable to attend. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this and always endeavour to take full teams to any competition we enter.</p> <p>Please be aware that there will be no Year 5/6 football club on Tuesday 7th November due to Cross Country at Cranbrook Rugby Club.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you all had a good rest over the Half Term holiday. This term both Cheetah Class and Leopard Class will continue to learn their letter sounds (ck, u, b, f and e) and how to form their letters correctly. We will be doing a lot more blending so that we can read lots of new words. We will also be practising our writing every day and will be able to show you how we write lots of new words at our Termly Learning Conferences.</p> <p>Thank you for your on-going support with your child's learning, it is very much appreciated.</p> <p>Correction to the letter regarding our Nativity costumes – the dates for costumes in school is Monday, 4 December.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>We hope you had a lovely holiday. This term we will be thinking about making maps. It would support the children's learning if they could draw a simple map at home, perhaps showing a familiar journey such as around the village or on their way to school, or a map of the park. We look forward to displaying their creations. Please could all PE kits be returned to school and all shoes and clothing be named so that we can re-unite any abandoned items with their owners!</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>It's been a busy week of adding and subtracting using the Base 10 equipment to help us. We have also jumped into our Superhero topic with gusto! Please could the children bring any superhero toy/action man/dolly for Wednesday next week, ready to talk and write descriptively about.</p> <p>Please could food diaries that were sent home on Monday, be back in school on Monday 6th November.</p> <p>Correction to the letter regarding our Nativity costumes – the dates for costumes in</p>

	<p>school is Monday, 4 December. Have a safe and enjoyable bonfire night.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>A busy start to term 2 in Year 3, diving straight into our topic of subtraction in maths and writing our messages in a bottle in English this week. The Jaguars are looking forward to starting their new topic called Extreme Earth; the home learning grid will be sent home at the end of the week. There has been some great progress with our times tables so far this year, please remember to use Mathletics to help to boost the children's maths skills too. We need a big push to reach the high scores in KS2 in order to bring the maths mammoth into Jaguar class!</p> <p>If anybody has any sets of juggling balls that we could borrow for our DT project we would be very grateful if you could bring them into class for next week.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>We have had a productive week and have been working on our new book "The Wolf's Footprint", which has helped us with our creative writing. In Maths we are looking at perimeter of shapes and this weeks' Homework will be about measurement and perimeter. We will be sending home the children's potato characters which they made last term. The children will have the option of whether to keep them or not as some are starting to smell a little bit!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>As part of the school's focus to get out and help others, we are going to visit Eldercare in the village on Wednesday morning to spend some time there. We will be taking some of our school work and hope that having a lovely chat will bring joy to others. Please remember to bring a coat on that day as the weather may be inclement.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Please spend some time at the weekend checking and restocking your pencil cases. Next week we will be involved with the Remembrance Assembly and we hope to see you all there.</p>