











HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Our EYFS and KS1 classes put on delightful Toy Story Nativity performances on Thursday and Friday. It never ceases to amaze me how confident, engaging and eloquent our pupils are at such a young age. Very well done to all in Year 2 Puma Class for taking the lead roles in their stride and to all the beautiful and rhythmic dancing by the Leopards, Cheetahs and Tigers. You were mesmerising!</p> <p>Then to round off the week we had a Music Assembly this morning where our HP Singers, instrumentalists and Rock Bands performed for their peers. It was unfortunate that the staff band did not quite come up to their standard but we tried our best by performing 'Johnny B. Goode' and other catchy numbers!</p> <p>We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Courtney at the end of this term. Mrs Courtney has been teaching Year 3 Jaguars alongside Mrs Kelly since September but has decided it is time to retire. We wish her all the very best for this new season and we say a big THANK YOU for all of her hard work with Jaguar Class – we are going to miss her smile and lovely sense of humour!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Monday 18 Dec</p> <p>Flu Immunisations Years 2,3,4</p>	<p>Tuesday 19 Dec</p> <p>KS2 Church Service</p>	<p>Wednesday 20 Dec</p> <p><i>Party Day</i> Menu Change: Fish Fingers, Chips & Beans <i>End of Term</i></p>	<p>Thursday 21 Dec</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Friday 22 Dec</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
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	<p>CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY!: On Wednesday, 20 December we will hold our Christmas parties. Your child does not need to wear their uniform but can come to school in their party clothes! EYFS & KS1 will have their party/disco in the morning and KS2 will have their party/disco in the afternoon. The PTFA will also be providing a Tuck Shop where bags of penny sweets and other treats can be bought. They will also be selling Glow Sticks. You are welcome to send your child in with no more than £1 to spend in a small named purse or wallet.</p>				
	<p>We will not be serving a roast dinner on Wednesday. It will be replaced with Fish Fingers, Chips and Beans.</p>				
	<p>All dinner accounts must be settled before the end of term to ensure provision is continued in the New Year.</p>				
	<p>Parents who would like to accompany KS2 to the church service on Tuesday morning should arrive at school by 9.15am. Children will leave at 9.30am for a 10.00am start.</p>				
	<p>Recruiting for Family Chicken Crew! If you would like to join our holiday rota we are looking for families to join our 'stalwarts' in letting out, feeding, egg-collecting, cuddling/stroking and tucking our chickens up in bed over the weekends and/or holiday times then please email the office and we can find out your availability and put you on the rota. You get to keep any eggs you collect!</p>				
	<p>Please could all athletics vests borrowed by children during the recent Basketball Festival be returned to school by the end of Term 2. We are currently 8 vests short and have more events coming up in the near future.</p>				
	<p>In January we will be moving to an online uniform provider and will no longer hold stock in school after this time. More details of the order process will follow in due course, however, in the meantime we have the usual uniform for sale including all fleeces and reversible fleeces at a price of £10.00 each.</p>				
	<p>In advance of Chess Club in Term 3 we are looking for donations of chess boards and chess pieces. Any contributions would be gratefully received.</p>				

<p style="text-align: center;">SPORT</p>	<p>We are looking to build a partnership with Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Club with a view to us competing in the Maidstone Cricket Festival in June on a more equal footing. The club are looking for enthusiastic cricketers to join their junior sides ready for the summer season and the club will be opening their winter nets and additional coaching programs in February. For those interested please keep checking back with Headcorn Headlines for further information. Alternatively Chris Davis, the new Youth Development Lead, can be contacted directly through the clubs official channels.</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">PTFA</p> 	<p>Big thank you and well done to everyone who helped at the firework display, we made a profit of £1060 Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help at the Christmas Bazaar, we made a profit of £1644</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">CONTRACT DINING COMPANY</p>	<p>Shaan Walker who has been our chef for over a year will be moving on to a different school in the new year. We wish her all the very best for this new venture. Please can we remind all parents that dinner accounts must be settled before the end of this term.</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">Dates for your diary</p>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Tuesday, 19 December</td> <td>10am KS2 Christmas Service (open to KS2 only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday, 20 December</td> <td>Party Day / End of Term 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, 4 January</td> <td>INSET Day – no school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday, 5 January</td> <td>INSET Day – no school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday, 8 January</td> <td>Start of Term 3</td> </tr> </table>	Tuesday, 19 December	10am KS2 Christmas Service (open to KS2 only)	Wednesday, 20 December	Party Day / End of Term 2	Thursday, 4 January	INSET Day – no school	Friday, 5 January	INSET Day – no school	Monday, 8 January	Start of Term 3
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<p style="text-align: center;">EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Please could all ‘Learning Journey’ books be sent into school next term, no later than Monday, 22 January 2018. These books provide a wealth of information of the experiences your child receives out of school, new learning that has been demonstrated at home and a lovely journey of your child’s development across their first year in school. These books greatly contribute to your child / children’s assessments across the seven areas of learning. Please remember that these books need to show a variety of learning and experiences not just writing and numbers and should primarily be produced by parents not the children themselves. Some ideas of what could be included would be your child riding their bike, digging, planting, cooking, trips out, using tools, family gatherings, art and craft, building models, cultural events, investigating and exploring magnetic materials, floating and sinking, sorting fruits and vegetables, exploring freezing and melting, Christmas fun etc. The possibilities are endless! Any problems please speak to Mrs Day or Miss Man. If you need another book, just let one of us know.</p> <p>Whilst resting over the Christmas period, please could we ask you to capture a WINTER SCENE with a photograph or magazine picture. We will be learning more about the seasons after Christmas and comparing Autumn to Winter. The Winter scene could be frost in the garden, ice on car windows in the morning, snow (if we are lucky) on the trees, snowmen, temperature on a thermometer or simply someone dressed ready for the cold weather...lets be creative! The photos will be used to aid discussion and then displayed on our Winter board.</p> <p>Please note that story books have now been collected in but your child’s reading book will remain with you over the Christmas period. After Christmas, we will not be sending out story books as every child will have a reading book to read at home. Please feel free to make good use of the library situated next door to the school.</p> <p>We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and an excellent 2018!</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>We hope that you enjoyed the children’s dance performances in the Nativity. We are sure that you share our pride in the children and the way they approached performing in front of a large audience with such confidence. Thank you for providing the wonderful costumes. The Year 1 team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to some great learning in 2018.</p>										

<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Wow! I could not be prouder of Puma class and their amazing performances in our Nativity play. They spoke clearly, sung with confidence, looked wonderful in their costumes and more importantly worked as a team. Thank you to all parents for helping provide costumes and practise lines with their children.</p> <p>Well done also, to all the children who are quickly filling up their reading bookmarks. We cannot wait to share their success in assembly.</p> <p>The children have come home with a 'homework' sheet which I'm sure you'll enjoy. It includes activities such as watch a Christmas movie, eat food that you love and play a board game. The important message being, to have a wonderful happy Christmas.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Christmas preparations are underway in year 3 as we begin to prepare for the KS2 Church Service next Tuesday. The children are looking forward to our Christmas Party day on Wednesday where they can wear their own clothes.</p> <p>Jaguar class have worked incredibly hard this term and we are looking forward to an exciting and productive 2018!</p> <p>We'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable festive break!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>The class have produced a great selection of maths games for their Homework and will be testing their mathematical knowledge on Friday with a morning of maths games. The children will be having a homework free Christmas holiday and hopefully they will be rested and ready to spring into action for the new term. Could you also make sure they have a fully stocked pencil case for the new year.</p> <p>It has been a pleasure teaching the class during the last two terms and seeing the progress they have made. We would like to wish the Year 4 families a happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>What a fantastic term we have had - albeit a rather chilly one! I hope everyone has a wonderful and joyous Christmas and I can't wait to get started again in 2018!!</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 have been busy with assessments this past week but have worked diligently throughout and can be rightly proud of their efforts. We are now looking forward to the Christmas service next week and would love to see lots of family there. In other news, I have been in touch with Yew Tree House and they are now deciding how to spend the money raised from our concert. Once a final decision has been reached, you will be the first to hear about it!</p>