

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Welcome back! The school staff would like to thank everyone for their generosity at the end of last year. Your individual and collective gifts were overwhelming but much appreciated!</p> <p>A belated thank you again to the lovely members of our school choir 'The HP Singers'. After four back to back gigs at local elderly residential homes they then performed at their own gig 'Carols by Candlelight' on the penultimate evening of Term 2. The concert was delightful with many solo brave and beautiful performances from our older pupils. Even more money was donated to add to funds raised by the nativity performances, towards improving our equipment for performing arts.</p> <p>Thank you to the many families for their TLC of our chickens over the Christmas holidays. We really appreciate the time you have given to support us (and our lovely ladies) at what was already a busy time of year. We are also grateful to Mr O'Donnell for his generous delivery of a lorry load of bark chippings from 'Special Branch Tree Care' for our chickens and other muddier areas! Our 7 fine-feathered friends are no longer knee-deep in mud but scratching away in their improved run.</p> <p>Thank you to Mr Tassell for donating equipment for our new Y5 Project Salus initiative in which the pupils will be developing an area of our outdoor site. He has also made connections with local businesses who have agreed to provide us with free shrubs and equipment for this project. More details to follow soon.</p> <p>Thank you to the Berkeley-Hill family for their very generous donation of a guitar amplifier for use by the School of Rock Club. It is very much appreciated.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 15th Jan</p> <p>Sensory Circuits starts. <i>Closing Date for Wraparound Care Jobs</i></p>	<p>Tue 16th Jan</p>	<p>Wed 17th Jan</p> <p>Kidz Fit in school (see below for more info)</p>	<p>Thur 18th Jan</p>	<p>Fri 19th Jan</p> <p>First EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Yr2 will be sharing</p>
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	<p>Wraparound Care (Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club) will be starting on Tuesday 20th February (start of Term 4). We are interviewing for the staff members for this new venture on Friday 19th January. We are aware that parents/carers need to know costs, timings and procedures very soon. More detailed information will be issued next week.</p>				
	<p>Coats! Please can ALL pupils have a coat with them in school as the weather is very changeable during the course of the day.</p>				
	<p>Chickens! We are currently putting together the rota for the weekends and Half Term holiday for Chicken Crew cover. If you would like to get involved (and receive your own fresh eggs!) then please email the office with your availability on admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk</p>				
	<p>Holidays during Term Time: A reminder that as a school we are not able to authorise holidays taken during term time. Any absence should be requested in writing to the school office or via email on admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk</p>				
	<p>Celebration Assemblies: We will continue alternating between EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Celebration Assemblies as they were so popular last term. Here are the dates for you diary: Friday 19th Jan: EYFS/KS1 Celebration: Year 2 sharing <i>(continued overleaf)</i></p>				

	<p>Friday 26th Jan: KS2 Celebration: Year 6 sharing Friday 2nd Feb: EYFS/KS1 Celebration: Year 1 sharing Friday 9th Feb: KS2 Celebration: Year 5 sharing Friday 16th Feb: Half Term Holiday Friday 23rd Feb: EYFS/KS1 Celebration: Year R sharing Friday 2nd March: Open Event for parents: more details to follow Friday 9th March: KS2 Celebration: Year 4 sharing Friday 16th March: EYFS/KS1 Celebration: TBC who will share Friday 23rd March: KS2 Celebration: Year 3 sharing Friday 30th March: Easter Holidays</p>
<p>Dates for your diary</p>	<p>Wednesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day Friday 9th February @ 3:30pm: Possible opportunity to walk around the new building! Monday 19th February: INSET Day (no pupils in school) Tuesday 20th February: Term 4 starts Tuesday 20th February: Wraparound Care (Breakfast Club / After School Club) starts Thursday 1st March: World Book Day (More information to follow soon) Tuesday 20th March: Termly Learning Conferences (EYFS/KS1 afternoon / Evening: ALL years) Wednesday 21st March: Termly Learning Conferences (KS2 afternoon / Evening: ALL years) Sunday 25th March: Daylight Saving – We spring forward an hour! Tuesday 27th March: Easter Service @ St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Headcorn</p>
	<p>Headcorn May Fair 2018 On Bank Holiday Monday 7th May the school and PTFA hope to be running the Headcorn May Fair again. It was a great success last year and raised the school over £5,000 which is being used to develop the outside learning space.</p> <p>There was a small team of parents and carers who organised the event last year and we are looking for new eager volunteers to join the organising committee for 2018. This will involve attending evening preparation meetings and taking responsibility for certain aspects of the organising - could be anything from contacting suppliers, advertising, liaising with entertainers & stallholders, liaising with parents & teachers, preparing the volunteer rota, planning the day, buying stock, gathering raffle prizes, co-ordinating selling raffle tickets etc. The committee also managed the smooth running of the event on the day.</p> <p>If you are keen to join the team and would be able to bring your skills, experience & enthusiasm to this exciting school and village event, please express your interest at headcornschoolptfa@yahoo.co.uk. Our first meeting is booked on Tuesday 16th Jan at 8pm at The White Horse. We look forward to hearing from you! Marie Stack, Lizell Williams, David Gardner, Emma Warnes, Karen Lamb & Sarah Beecher</p>
<p>Sports Information</p>	<p>Kidz Fit On Wednesday 17th January we will be visited by the Kidz Fit organisation who will be working with all children across the school throughout the day. <i>“At Kidz Fit we aim to educate Every Child about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, physical fitness and personal wellbeing. We achieve this through tried and tested sessions which are engaging, interactive, fun and memorable for all. Kidz Fit sessions educate children about how to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle, how the human body works, as well as the importance of giving one hundred percent and being the best we can be! We aim to increase knowledge and awareness on the importance of healthy nutrition, physical exercise, effective hydration and the inner-workings of the human body - and our ultimate goal is to improve Every Child's self-esteem, physical and mental wellbeing, confidence, and motivation, all combining For A Better Future.”</i> This will be the second time that the company have visited the school and their last visit was very popular with the pupils. This event is being funded with the school’s Sport Premium so there will be no charge for the workshop.</p>
<p>Esafety Information</p>	<p>Safer Internet Day We believe that every day at Headcorn School should be a safe internet day but with a particular focus on the national Safer Internet Day on Wednesday 7th February 2018. Our Computing this term will be focused on helping our pupils to <i>(continued overleaf)</i></p>

	<p>become strong digital citizens. Lessons are already underway, with pupils looking at ways of staying safe while text / picture messaging, browsing the web and talking to others online. Make the time to talk about what your children are learning and have further discussions about good online habits. More information will be coming to you in future issues of Headcorn Headlines.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Happy New Year! The Early Years Team would like to thank you all for your Christmas gifts; we were touched by your generosity. As the cold weather is now upon us, please could all children practise doing their own coats up. Zips can be very tricky for little hands, but this is something that we are working on in school to promote independence.</p> <p>Please could you ensure that all Winter pictures are in by Monday 15th January and Learning Journey Books are in by Monday 22nd January. This term our topic is Winter and cold climates. If anyone has any things that would support this topic (books, penguins, polar bears) please feel free to send them in. These things would be great for speaking and listening opportunities during Show and Tell.</p> <p>In phonics we will be focusing more on using Red Words in our writing, could you please help your child/children to learn these at home: the, she, he, I, my, was and there. In Maths we will be introducing addition, if there are any opportunities to add or count out different quantities at home this will support your child with their learning (remember to record any evidence in your Learning Journey Book).</p> <p>Please could we ask that your child has only one small key ring on their book bag as they become tangled and children are finding it difficult to collect their book bags independently. Thank you for your ongoing support.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>We hope that you had a fun and relaxing Christmas break. The children have settled back into the school day very well and we have had a great week of learning. The Year 1 team would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your exceedingly kind and generous Christmas gifts and for the lovely cards that we received; they are greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Your child may have come home mentioning our new book for this term: Traction Man. The children are very excited about this book, so if you are ever in the library they might like to choose some other books by the author Mini Grey.</p> <p>Thank you for continuing to read with your child as practising their phonic skills and comprehension at home makes an enormous difference to their learning.</p> <p>In Maths we have been looking at number bonds to 10, working out all the different ways to make 10, such as 8+2, 0+10 etc, and some children have been working out which number pairs make 20. Any additional practice of these number bonds to 10 will help them to develop instant recall of these.</p> <p><i>Please note that your will need you PE kits on Mondays and Fridays this term but it would be helpful if they were on your peg all week just in case!</i></p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>It sounds like everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and we are looking forward to a fun-packed and hard-working 2018. To start the year we have been working really hard in Maths as we start our Multiplication and Division topic. Every time the children hear the James Bond theme tune they know that it's 2x table chanting time, but any extra practise at home to recall the two times table would be beneficial as we will be starting a regular times table and number bond test.</p> <p>The children have also enjoyed beginning our new topics on 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and 'Magical Maps' - where Mrs Randall's spacial awareness has been put to the test as the class mapped out the school grounds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continued overleaf)</i></p>

	<p>We also had a fire safety talk where the children listened attentively and asked some really probing questions too - they may be checking your homes for working smoke detectors.</p> <p>Finally we began our gymnastics topic and the children loved travelling on the 'big' equipment. Please could all children make sure that they have outdoor and indoor PE clothes and where girls are wearing tights, a pair of spare socks would be beneficial. Happy New Year to all Pumas and their families!</p> <p><i>Please note that you will need your PE kits on Tuesdays and Fridays this term but it would be helpful if they were on your peg all week just in case!</i></p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>A great big welcome back to the Jaguars who are all well rested and raring to go this term! We have jumped straight into our new topic, The Rainforest, and have already introduced our new book, 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry.</p> <p>On Tuesday the children enjoyed their visit from the Fire Safety Officer and asked lots of thoughtful questions. In maths this term we will be looking at money, so any extra practice of using coins and calculating change will be of great benefit to the children. Times tables tests are still on a Monday but spellings will now be issued and tested each Wednesday.</p> <p><i>Please note that you will need your PE kits on Wednesdays and Fridays this term but it would be helpful if they were on your peg all week just in case!</i></p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Happy New Year and thank you for the lovely Christmas presents. 2018 is going to be a productive year for the class. We will be changing the format of our times table test on a Friday - details of this will be on the Home Learning sheet.</p> <p>Please make sure that your child comes to school with the necessary pens, pencils and ink cartridges so they are ready and prepared for lessons.</p> <p><i>Please note that you will need your PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays this term but it would be helpful if they were on your peg all week just in case!</i></p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Welcome back. Just a quick reminder. All P.E kits need to be in and ideally left at school for the entirety of the term. Please check that all items fit (they will insist on growing!) and that they are prepared for both indoor and outdoor P.E.</p> <p>Don't forget to check out our class blog - there are some great art and gym pictures up. There is also the home learning for the term to peruse.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>After a fantastic holiday break, Year 6 have settled into the new term with aplomb and have thoroughly enjoyed the start of our new class reading book, "Wonder" by R.J Palacio.</p> <p>In other news, we have finally waved adieu to fractions in our maths learning and have now begun to look to the crazy world of decimals. It promises to be quite a term, folks!</p> <p><i>Please note that you will need your PE kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term but it would be helpful if they were on your peg all week just in case!</i></p>