

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	Congratulations to 12 Year 5 and Year 6 members of our swimming team who won the gala held at Benenden School last night (Thursday). We are so proud of your effort and your sportsmanship at this event as you represented us with such skill and much team spirit. (Apparently we were the loudest cheering group there!) Very well done. Go Team Headcorn!				
The week ahead	Mon 22 Jan	Tue 23 Jan	Wed 24 Jan	Thur 25 Jan	Fri 26 Jan KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y6 sharing
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	<p>Kings Road: The main road outside our school is very busy but we are especially aware of the amount of large vehicles that are using this route at the moment. Please can you ensure that your children are walking with you along the road and not running on ahead as we are fearful that lorry drivers cannot always see them and have on occasion mounted the pavement at narrower points along the road to allow other drivers to pass.</p>				
	<p>As mentioned in our last issue of Headcorn Headlines at the end of Term 3 we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day 2018 on Tuesday, 6 February. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Globally, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet. Get involved to play your part! In the build up to Safer Internet Day our Computing lessons will focus on e-safety and digital citizenship. Lessons are already underway with topics ranging from "How to use the internet responsibly" to "Communicating with respect while using social media." Our digital leaders will be meeting shortly to discuss ways in which the wider school can get involved so stay tuned.</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>Hair accessories: Please can we remember that any hair accessories that are worn are small and discrete and in school colours. Thank you.</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 your diary:</p> <p>Friday 26th Jan: KS2 Celebration: Year 6 sharing</p> <p>Friday 2nd Feb: EYFS/KS1 Celebration: Year 1 sharing</p> <p>Friday 9th Feb: KS2 Celebration: Year 5 sharing</p> <p>Friday 16th Feb: Half Term Holiday</p> <p>Friday 23rd Feb: EYFS/KS1 Celebration: Year R sharing</p> <p>Friday 2nd March: Open Event for parents: more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 9th March: KS2 Celebration: Year 4 sharing</p> <p>Friday 16th March: EYFS/KS1 Celebration: TBC who will share</p> <p>Friday 23rd March: KS2 Celebration: Year 3 sharing</p> <p>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>PTFA</p>	<p>On Monday 7 May the school and PTFA hope to be running the Headcorn May Fair again! This was a great success last year and raised the school over £5,000. There are a small team of us who organised the event and we are looking for new eager volunteers to join the organising committee this year. 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. If you are a willing volunteer and would like to be involved in some or all of the above and bring your skills & experience to this exciting school and village event please contact us at headcornschoolptfa@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>Sports Information</p>	<p>There will be no Year 5/6 Football on Tuesday 23rd January due to our away match against Loose Primary School. Football will return the following week.</p> <p>A piece about Kidz Fit by Betty Ginns – Year 6: On Wednesday a man called Carl came in from Kidz Fit. He started off with star jumps, stretches and some party moves whilst music played in the background. He then called up some Year 5s to test their strength on various equipment. They got 60 in total. Then it was the turn of Year 6 and we smashed it with a total of 100! He then called up both Year 5 and Year 6 to jump from side to side over a hurdle and Carl said that we had to try and beat a score from another school. A lot of people tried it but only Georgia beat the score. He did lots of things like hoola hooping. He picked lots of people who did it well and it lead to one winner. It was Lexie. At the end we all sat down and he told us about being healthy. In the end everyone left with a smile on their face.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Denness who gave up his entire morning on Wednesday to come in on a voluntary basis with an abundance of his pets to show the children. We all loved listening to all the interesting facts and information about his insects, Spiders, Tree Frog, Lizards, Snakes and Geckos. We have been learning a lot about diversity over the last couple of weeks and this visit really demonstrated that people like different things and such differences should be celebrated.</p> <p>We all loved the close up encounters we experienced and where else would you be able to touch and be so close to such magnificent animals? A lot of children said that they knew Mr Denness already as he had come to their party with his animals or that they had joined his Bug Club. This was a super opportunity for the children to develop their skills and knowledge in ‘Understanding about the World’.</p> <p>Mr Denness runs special talks, parties and clubs and can be found if you search ‘Krazee Critters’...we thoroughly recommend this experience!</p> <p>Please remember that the Learning Journey books need to be in no later than Monday 22nd Jan. As the cold weather is now upon us, please keep encouraging your child/children to be independent in doing up their coat zips and buttons.</p>

<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>The children enjoyed a great session of KidzFit and demonstrated their fitness and stamina as well as their listening skills and concentration. In Science we have been learning about the properties of different materials, such as whether they are soft, waterproof, flexible, transparent etc. We are using our understanding of these to think of (and test) a suitable material for a sub-aqua suit for Traction Man. It would help to reinforce the children's learning if they tried to spot and describe different materials at home. The children have been learning a song to help them remember the names of the seven continents and we are delighted to hear that some of them have been singing this at home.</p> <p>Please could long hair be tied back, especially on PE days (Monday and Friday).</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>This week we have continued to use concrete and visual representations to explore division calculations leading from our multiplication focus.</p> <p>We have also combined our English and Geography topic on mapping, to create a map that the princess would have followed to the White Bear King's Palace. Next week we will use them to describe in words the journey.</p> <p>On Wednesday this week, we were visited by Kidz Fit and we had a fantastic morning of exercise and were able to impress the leader with our Scientific knowledge on a healthy diet. Louis's speed was recognised alongside James's amazing concentration. Mrs Randall even had a go and had to catch 6 hoops on her arms – she was not happy about dropping one. Gagan, William, Lily P and Aoife, also impressed us with their super hula-hopping skills. Please check our Blog to see more photos of this.</p> <p>A big well done to all those that are learning their 2 times table – we are really proud of your recall and speed – keep it up!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Year 3 really enjoyed their Kidz Fit session this week and approached the activities with great enthusiasm! They have enjoyed experimenting with water colours in order to prepare for an exciting art project next week. In English, we have been looking at the impact on deforestation in the Rainforest through drama.</p> <p>Rapid recall of their times tables knowledge is crucial to help them to solve their worded problems in maths, some of the children are doing really well with this but they all need to practice to help them to find those answers more quickly.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>It has been a busy week and the children have been working on their persuasive writing skills in English, along with some challenging problem solving in Maths. The class have started their Viking topic and I've heard lots of good things about their long ships that are being created at home. The children have been working hard on their Mathletics and there is a chance we may come first in the school Mathletics competition!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Well done Caracals for another week of hard work, especially the enthusiasm shown during the Kidzfit session we had on Wednesday. However a few people are still missing some key items in their PE kit such as trainers and t-shirts. Please double check your kits over the weekend.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>The children really enjoyed the Kidz Fit session this week and were enthusiastic about all of the activities. Betty Ginns wrote a piece about the session, please read it in the Sports Section above.</p>