








# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Team for coming in joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place by only one mark off the first place position....all came down to the spelling of 'disastrous'! We are very proud of everyone who put themselves forward for each of the heats. Well done to our New Age Kurling Team who played spectacularly and ensured that the winning trophy came back to our school again! Our hockey team went to play at Dulwich Prep School yesterday and there will be more news about this in the next Headlines.</p> <p>Well we are finally in our new building! Hurray. This week has been systematic moving of Years 3 – 6 into the new building and then moving Years 1 and 2 into the old Year 3 and 4 space as their area is having its roof replaced over the next few weeks. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for enabling us to make this happen. You have all been fantastic! We have a timetable of activity happening on site over the Half Term break culminating in an INSET day when the staff will be working hard to try to get our whole site ship shape again. It has been quite a long haul with Kier on site and our space being restricted and we thank everyone involved: pupils, parents/carers, staff and the wider community for coping with this time of significant change. Your patience, understanding and flexibility has been much appreciated. Kier will be moving off site over the Half Term enabling us to park back on the school grounds and freeing up the layby outside of the front of the school. Hopefully this will make drop off and pick up much easier for everyone. We are really looking forward to taking control of our school site again and ensuring that it is ready for our Grand Opening on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We are leaving it until then so we have time to get everything just how we want it. We will however have an opportunity in Term 4 for the school community to come in and see the classrooms now that Year 1 – 6 have moved areas. Have a fantastic Half Term break. See you on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February when we will also be opening the doors to our very first Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions! #excitingtimes</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 19 Feb</p>	<p>Tue 20 Feb</p>	<p>Wed 21 Feb</p>	<p>Thur 22 Feb</p>	<p>Fri 23 Feb</p>
	<p>INSET DAY no children in school</p>				<p>EYFS/KS1 Celebration: Year R sharing</p>
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<p style="background-color: red; color: white;">URGENT</p>	<p>On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February we are opening up our very first <b>Breakfast Club and After School Club</b> for school-aged children. If anyone has any unwanted good quality board games (complete with all pieces), Mindfulness Colouring Books, unwanted craft resources, etc then we would very much appreciate any donations. Thank you!</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white;">URGENT</p>	<p>Can we remind all parents that the area to the left of the school is private land owned by a neighbour who has kindly allowed staff to park there whilst the building work has been in process. This area should not be used by parents for parking, dropping off or turning. Thank you.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white;">URGENT</p>	<p>If you haven't set up an online school account via Scopay.com, you will have received an email to prompt you to register. Please can we ask that you do this over half term as all future Termly Learning Conference appointments will be booked by yourselves via your online account.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white;">URGENT</p>	<p>You should now have received details of our <b>new uniform supplier and webstore</b>. Sweatshirts and cardigans are the same brand so sizes will be exactly the same. There is a new Storm Jacket which is a fully waterproof coat (size samples will be in school next week) <a href="http://headcorn.gooddies.co.uk">http://headcorn.gooddies.co.uk</a></p> <p>Long term, we will no longer be holding stock in school, however, we do have a few items still available. Please check with the school office.</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow; color: black;">NOT URGENT</p>	<p>The wonderful Year group champions from our Headcorn Spelling Bee went to Hollingbourne School to compete this Wednesday. As a team they had to compete against other schools to prove their spelling prowess. They did a wonderful job and came joint second - only one point less than the joint winners! We are all very proud of Thomas Yu, Ben Wilson, Holly Parkin and Tia D'Costa.</p>				

	<p><b>Celebration Assemblies</b>  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:  <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: Half Term Holiday</b>  Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: <a href="#">EYFS/KS1 Celebration: Year R sharing</a>  Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: <i>Open Event for parents: more details to follow</i>  Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March: KS2 Celebration: Year 4 sharing  Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March: <a href="#">EYFS/KS1 Celebration: TBC who will share</a>  Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: KS2 Celebration: Year 3 sharing  <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Holidays</b></p>
<p><b>Dates for your diary</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: INSET Day (no pupils in school)</b>  <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Term 4 starts</b>  Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Wraparound Care (Breakfast Club / After School Club) starts  Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: PTFA AGM @ 8.00pm  Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March: World Book Day (dressing up as a book character) More details to follow in next week's Headlines.  Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Termly Learning Conferences (EYFS/KS1 afternoon / Evening: ALL years)  Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Termly Learning Conferences (KS2 afternoon / Evening: ALL years)  Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Daylight Saving – We spring forward an hour!  Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Service @ St Peter &amp; St Paul's Church, Headcorn</p>
<p><b>PTFA</b></p>	<p><b>The PTFA AGM will be held at the school on 27th February at 8.00pm.</b> Please contact Sarah Beecher (<a href="mailto:sarah.beecher17@googlemail.com">sarah.beecher17@googlemail.com</a>) if anyone would be interested in taking on the following roles:</p> <p><b>Chairperson</b> – to ensure PTFA meetings run smoothly and efficiently, are on time and are run in an inclusive and friendly way. Delegation of tasks to other members of the group and overseeing to make sure these are completed. To be the spokesperson for the group and liaise with the head teacher/school. Preparation of the annual report for the AGM.</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> – to support the chairperson to ensure the smooth running of the PTFA and to maintain effective communication between committee members and the rest of the PTFA parents. This role involves ensuring meetings are well organised and minuted. Maintaining records and administration, ensuring legal requirements are in line with the charitable status. Being the first port of call with any communication and correspondence.</p> <p><b>Vice chair</b> – to assist the chairperson and assume duties in the absence of the chairperson. Please be assured that none of these roles need to be onerous and can work really well when joint/shared roles.</p>
<p><b>Sports Information</b></p>	<p><b>New Age Kurling – Report by Mrs Kelly</b>  On Tuesday 6th February a team of year 3 and 4 children went to a New Age Kurling Tournament at the Weald Sports Centre, there was no pressure to perform well but we did win the trophy last year! Each team played 4 games each, having drawn their first game, year 3 were determined to win the next one but then they lost their next game and drew their last one. However, they still managed to come 4th out of 10 teams altogether. Year 4 were unlucky, as they lost their first 2 games as the opposition nudged their stones out of the target area. Undeterred, they battled on and won their next 2 games. This put them in the final with Hawkhurst who had beaten them comfortably in the first game. Year 4 held their nerve and beat Hawkhurst in both games in order to bring the trophy back To Headcorn! Great teamwork and great support from parents who kindly 'volunteered' to help with the scoring.</p> <p><b>Oaks Academy : 4 Headcorn : 4</b>  The second of our Maidstone league fixtures was against Oaks Academy who share their pitch with Mole Hill Copse Academy. With very cold conditions and snow in the air the first half burst to life with two goals from each team with Oaks Academy scoring early on but Headcorn equalising on each occasion soon after. James in Year 6 scored both of Headcorn's goals in the first half. At half time we made some changes and swapped a few players over in the hope that we could make a break through and win the match. The game continued to be played in good spirit and some great football was on display for the many supporters on the sidelines from both teams. This time Headcorn took an early lead through Sam in Year 5 but unfortunately we could not hold on to it. The game finished 4 all with 2 goals for Sam in Year 5 and 2 for James in Year</p>

	<p>6. Well done to all those who took part in the match and thank you for the magnificent support throughout. We will be arranging more fixtures for Term 4 so there is plenty more football to be played. Have a great half term.</p>
<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>This week has been packed full of fun learning all about Chinese New Year. We have been learning how each year got named after an animal after they competed in a race for the Jade Emperor. We have also been dragon dancing, writing our names in Chinese, making lanterns, learning about Chinese feasts, lucky money pockets and so much more. Thank you to all the families who researched Chinese New Year, it really helped to engage the children and make their learning meaningful. Some of the children's amazing work will be shown in our next sharing assembly.</p> <p>Please can we remind parents that reading books must be placed inside the plastic wallet in your child's book bag to protect them from leaky water bottles. We have recently had several books become unreadable because of water damage. We do request that parents pay £2.50 towards the cost of replacement reading books should be become damaged or lost.</p> <p>The Early Years Team would like to wish everyone a restful half term.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</b></p> 	<p>The children were very excited to move into our new classroom (formerly the Year 4 classroom) and we are making it a lovely indoor and outdoor learning space. We are looking forward to some Spring weather next term so that we can begin to sprout our potatoes ready to plant them and we can sow some seeds and watch them develop. The Year 1 team would like to wish you all a happy holiday; please keep on reading during this time, as when we come back we will begin to have a big focus on phonics in preparation for the Phonics Check in June (more details of this will follow next term). If you would like to play some phonics games please take a look at <a href="http://phonicsplay.co.uk">phonicsplay.co.uk</a> as a little but often approach to practice can have a big impact.</p> <p>Year 1 children now have access to Mathletics, the online maths activities. Your child's username and password will be attached to their reading record book or in their book bag.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>Puma class have thoroughly enjoyed completing our class book, 'The Princess and The White Bear King,' and have written an excellent letter of complaint as the Troll Queen. I certainly would not want to cross any pupil from the class!</p> <p>In Science, on our topic on Habitats, we took part in an exciting experiment to test whether a layer of blubber on sea animals in the Arctic is to insulate them from the cold. The children dunked one hand that was wearing a glove made from lard and, very bravely, their bare hand into a bowl of iced water. There were some very brave children and some very cold hands afterwards, but the children all concluded that the lard created an extra layer of insulation.</p> <p>For the rest of the afternoon sessions this week we have been answering the big question, 'How should we care for the others and the world, and why does it matter?' We have delved into role play, listened to songs and Bible stories and learnt about Judaism. The children have continued to impress me with their empathy and appreciation of the world around us, and I'm sure that this kindness will continue through half term. We hope that you all have a wonderful break.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>This week we were lucky enough to team up with the Jungle Cats who spent a lesson sharing their multiplication skills with us. The children worked brilliantly together and benefitted from sharing their knowledge in a real and interactive way. Our story of The Great Kapok Tree has come to an end but the Jaguars have been working hard to plan and write their own continuation with some really imaginative ideas. Finally, our Gainsborough inspired masterpiece is on display in the school hall where, we have to admit, it looks pretty impressive! The Jaguars were very excited to move into their brand new classroom this week and we have spent a productive few days in there prior to the end of term. New spellings have been sent home to be tested, as usual, on the first Wednesday after half term. Have a lovely break!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>It has been a historical week for Year 4 and the whole school. After months of anticipation and waiting we have now moved into our new classroom. The room is quite magnificent and we are all looking forward to the coming terms to work and learn in our new building. The children have been very helpful and patient whilst the move has taken place.</p> <p>On a slightly different matter, Home Learning over the holiday will be spelling, Mathletics and reading.</p>

**YEAR 5 CLASS:  
CARACALS**



What an exciting term we have had! Culminating in occupying our new classroom and a fab celebration assembly. Next term will continue to be full of learning...with that in mind please have a pencil case check so you are ready for all our lessons and keep your eyes peeled for the new home learning chart, which will be available on the first day of term. Our topic next term is Settlements, part of which will involve building our own town. Would you please start collecting any interesting shaped boxes which can be turned into buildings (eg cereal and chocolate boxes, NOT TOO BIG!)

**YEAR 6 CLASS:  
LIONS**



I wish everyone in Year 6 a fantastic half term break. A great big thank you to all who helped with the classroom move. We could not have done it without you. Next term, we will be changing the timetable to allow greater opportunity to ready ourselves for the upcoming SATS. We shall be basing much of the work around text-style questions in order to familiarise ourselves with the format and practise timings and so on. In the meantime, I have set some Mathematics tasks for homework. Try to practise the areas where you are less secure, as opposed to picking up points with the easier tasks and look to identify areas where you might need more support. The points aim for the week is 10000.