









HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a great Half Term break. We have had a fantastic first week back. A big THANK YOU to all of the staff and other helpers who made our INSET day a very productive one as we continue to relocate now that we have access to our new building. Our Wraparound Care Provision began this week also. Breakfast Club and After School Club have been very successful. Thank you to all the children for superb behaviour and the staff for providing a safe and fun environment for our pupils.</p> <p>We also had a special assembly where we revealed the name of the new building 'Keeler House' to the pupils and the man of honour: Mr Jack Keeler, Chair of Governors! Each of our 'houses' are named after people who represent four of our Core Values: Responsibility - (Sir Winston) Churchill, Integrity - (Baroness Tanni Grey) Thompson, Respect - (Robert Louis) Stevenson, Courage - (Sir Ernest) Shackleton. We also named our original two buildings after people who represent the other two Core Values: (Aneurin) Bevan Building - Compassion and (Dame Evelyn) Glennie House - Hope. We decided to name our new building after someone who represents all of our Core Values and has done so much for our school for over 30 years.</p> <p>We are very excited about the plans for our Grand Opening which we are holding on Friday 25th May 2018. Put this date in your diaries as we have exciting things planned!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 26 Feb</p> <p>Warburtons visiting Y3</p>	<p>Tue 27 Feb</p> <p>8.00pm PTFA AGM</p>	<p>Wed 28 Feb</p>	<p>Thur 1 March</p> <p>World Book Day (dress up as a book character)</p>	<p>Fri 2 March</p> <p>No Celebration Assembly YR & Y1 Reading Afternoon and Y6 Writers Workshop</p>
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	<p>Please can we remind all parents and carers that when dropping off or collecting pupils at the front entrance that you need to remain in the lobby and not enter the school so that we can ensure the safeguarding of all on site. Thank you.</p>				
	<p>We are in need of playdoh cutters for Breakfast Club and After School Club and would very much appreciate any donations. Thank you!</p>				
	<p>Please remember that you will need to set up an online scopy.com account in order to book your Termly Learning Conference appointments in March. A guidance email will be sent this afternoon to those parents who have yet to register.</p>				
	<p>History Club will no longer be running. In its place, commencing Wednesday, 28 February, Ms Woodgate will be running a Performing Arts Club for KS2. Permission slips are available from the School Office.</p>				
	<p>Thursday 1st March is World Book Day and to celebrate this we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. On the day we are also planning to have a number of events including a Book Swap, Book Hunt and teachers will be reading their favourite books to children in other classes. For Years R and 1 we will be inviting parents into school on the afternoon of Friday 2nd March for a Reading Afternoon. For children in Years 2 to 6 we are asking parents to come into school to take part in a Writing Morning with their child. More details about these events to follow.</p>				
	<p>During week commencing Monday, 5 March in celebration of Mother's Day we will be inviting female relatives and carers into school for lunch. Please book in advance via the School Office. The price is £2.85 per adult.</p>				
	<p>Celebration Assemblies</p> <p>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:</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>Thursday 1st March: World Book Day (dressing up as a book character) More details to follow in next week's Headlines Friday 2nd March: YR/Y1 Reading Afternoon (2.30pm) and Y6 Writers Workshop Mon 5th March - Y3 Writers Workshop Tues 6th March - Y4 Writers Workshop Wed 7th March - Y5 Writers Workshop Thu 8th March - Y2 Writers Workshop Fri 9th March - KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y4 sharing Fri 16th March - EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly Tuesday 20th March: Termly Learning Conferences (EYFS/KS1 afternoon / Evening: ALL years) Wednesday 21st March: Termly Learning Conferences (KS2 afternoon / Evening: ALL years) Fri 23rd March - KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y3 sharing Sunday 25th March: Daylight Saving – We spring forward an hour! Tuesday 27th February: PTFA AGM @ 8.00pm Tuesday 27th March: Easter Service @ St Peter & St Paul's Church, Headcorn</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>The PTFA AGM will be held at the school on 27th February at 8.00pm. Please contact Sarah Beecher (sarah.beecher17@googlemail.com) if anyone would be interested in taking on the following roles:</p> <p>Chairperson – 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>Secretary – 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>Vice chair – 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>Sports Information</p>	<p>Sport England – Active Lives Survey Some of you may have received a letter recently regarding an upcoming survey for Sport England. Headcorn School has been randomly selected to take part in the Active Lives survey which is designed to find out about the sorts of activities that primary aged children are involved in both in and outside of school.</p> <p>Older children will be asked to take part in the survey during the school day, but children in Year 2 will need to be helped at home to complete this activity. We will soon be providing participants with access to the survey and also our unique school reference number. <i>(Please be aware that if you do not want your child to take part then you will need to make this clear to the school office by Monday 26th February)</i></p> <p>In addition we are also looking for a volunteer from the Year 2 parents to take part in the survey. If you are interested in helping then please speak to the school office.</p> <p>PE and After School Clubs Please make sure that children are suitably dressed for PE and when attending after school clubs. With the weather being exceptionally cold at the moment it is important to provide lots of layers and waterproof clothing to keep warm during our outdoor provision. Tracksuits, thermal skins, hats and gloves are acceptable additions of PE kit during the colder months</p> <p>Kit The month of March is going to be particularly busy in terms of inter-school competition with lots of tournaments scheduled to take place. With that in mind could you please make sure that all school kit is returned promptly after use, so that we are able to involve as many teams as possible in these competitions.</p>

<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Welcome Back.</p> <p>This term we will be continuing our topic on Winter and The Polar Regions. If anyone has any spare winter wear or arctic animals please could you send them in for our role play area.</p> <p>This term we will be covering the letter sounds: th, z, ch, qu, x, ng and nk. We will be using the sounds to write sentences, please continue to practise reading, and writing, the tricky red words, such as, the I, he, she and my.</p> <p>In Maths we will be learning to add by counting on from the largest amount, please feel free to ask your child to show you their new addition skills.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>We hope our families had a lovely holiday. The children have settled very well into our new classroom and are enjoying watching all the birds that visit our new outdoor space. This term we will be learning about plants and thinking about the importance of nature. We will also be finding out about bees and Paris... this will all make sense when the children get to find out the title of our new book! If you would like to do some home research on these subjects it will help your child when we come to write about them. As a science experiment we are growing potatoes and in June we will see how many more potatoes our seed potatoes have produced. At the moment our seed potatoes are chitting (sprouting) in the classroom. Well done to all the children who have been accessing Mathletics at home as this will support the maths we are doing in school and will have a huge impact on your child's learning and understanding. Thank you for returning PE kits back to school after the holiday.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Welcome back everyone! We have started the week by looking at shapes in Maths. Please spend some time with the children looking at shapes around the home and especially when shopping. In English we have started our new text, 'The Magic Finger.' We wrote a class letter to the main character and are waiting for a reply from her.</p> <p>Our topic this term is, 'Around the World!' and we have been getting our funk on and have been working on a dance routing to Daft Punk's infamous tune. Be prepared to be wow-ed at a later date.</p> <p>We are also looking at plants in Science, so please feel free to share your green-fingered knowledge with your children.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Everybody has returned refreshed from their half term break and settled well into our lovely new classroom. This term our topic is Inside and Out, we will be exploring the inside of our bodies by looking at nutrition, our bones and muscles and in Geography we are looking at the UK and the world around us. This term's Home Learning grid has been sent home and can also be found on our class blog with the spelling lists and regular class updates.</p> <p>Our PE days have changed slightly this term, indoor PE will now be on Mondays instead of Wednesdays, Games is still on a Friday.</p> <p>Times tables tests will continue to take place on Mondays and spellings on Wednesdays.</p> <p>We are really looking forward to our Sandwich making workshop with Warburtons on Monday, could anybody with long hair please have it tied back on Monday please.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>It has been a busy week for Year 4 and they are all enjoying their new classroom. Over the next three week we have a student teacher in class, Mrs Holloway. She we be teaching some lessons and observing lessons in Year 4 and around the school.</p> <p>Please could you make sure that your child is not bringing in too many items to put on their desk. The children require a water bottle and a small pencil case with spare pens, ink cartridges and pencils. We have lots of colouring pencils, rulers and felt tip pens in the class.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Welcome back Caracals. We are enjoying being in our lovely new classroom and building. Home learning has been sent out this week for the term. Please remember to check the blog.</p>

YEAR 6 CLASS:

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I'm so glad to see everyone refreshed and revitalised after the half term break. Year 6 have been busy taking past SATS papers this week but I have been impressed with their positive attitudes and willingness to meet these challenges with an open mind. If we continue to apply ourselves in this manner, we shall breeze through this term. Good work!