

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>It's been great to get back to school again after our snow days. Well done to everyone who has been sharing the things they did over these days. It's been lovely to see the all the photos, works of art and written activities. You were busy!</p> <p>Our Book Week has been a great success: an amazing variety of character costumes on our dress up day on Wednesday, so many parents in for the Year 2 – 6 writers' workshops, many books exchanged in our book swap, lots of parents in for the EYFS and Y1 reading afternoon. Thank you for participating so wholeheartedly. Because this has been such a success we are looking to offer a 'stay and play' sessions in different areas of learning for each year group each term. Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Well done to the Year 5&6 football team for their strong win on Wednesday again Colliers Green.</p> <p>Welcome to Mr Button who joined our staff team on Monday as our new Premises Manager. We hope you'll be very happy here at Headcorn and we look forward to working with you to improve our ever-increasing site and ensuring that we have the best facilities for all of our pupils, staff and wider school community.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 12 March</p>	<p>Tue 13 March</p>	<p>Wed 14 March</p>	<p>Thur 15 March</p>	<p>Fri 16 March EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: sharing TBC</p>
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<p style="background-color: red; color: white;">Please be aware of the parentmail sent out on Thursday regarding booking for TLCs via the online system. Please do not book back-to-back appointments for siblings, please allow time to look at books between appointments. The bookings are on 'first come first served' system so please be prompt to ensure that you get the times you require.</p>					
<p style="background-color: red;">Litter:</p>	<p>We are noticing a great deal of litter across the playground after pick up each day. Please can you ensure your child does not drop their litter from end of day snacks. Thank you.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red;">Visitors' Carpark:</p>	<p>We are unable to let any parents access the Visitors' Carpark or use this area to drop children off as this is pedestrian access only. If someone requires Disabled Parking and has a Blue Badge then access can be arranged through the school office.</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow;">This year's Easter Service</p>	<p>is being held on Tuesday 27th March at 10am and will be open to Key Stage 2 pupils and parents/carers only due to restricted space. EYFS/KS1 will have an opportunity to visit the church the next day (see below).</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow;">Back due to popular demand is the Easter Bonnet</p>	<p>Home Learning Activity. In previous years we have encouraged children to make an Easter bonnet. This year the Reception, Years 1 and 2 pupils will parade their bonnets through the village and into the church where they will meet with Rev. Fiona Haskett for an Easter chat on Wednesday 28th March at 11am. Any KS2 pupils who wish to make one as well will be able to share theirs in school on the same day.</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow;">Easter Church Visits:</p>	<p>Please note that we have added Easter related dates to the 'Dates for your Diary' section. We will be asking parents if they are able to escort the children to and from church on both of these days.</p>				
<p style="background-color: green;">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: 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>Tuesday 27th February: PTFA AGM @ 8.00pm Fri 16th March - EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly Tuesday 20th March: Termly Learning Conferences (EYFS/KS1 afternoon / Evening: ALL years)</p>				

	<p>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 March: Easter Service @ 10.00am, St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Headcorn Tues 27th March – Easter Cake Sale and Bunny Hunt after school Wed 28th March – EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade at Church at 11am Thu 29th March – End of Term 4</p>
<p align="center">Sports Information</p>	<p>Headcorn: 5 Colliers Green: 0</p> <p>It was a very professional performance from the Headcorn team this week as we entertained Colliers Green at home. Glorious spring sunshine saw Headcorn take an early lead through Sam (5.) The score stayed 1-0 to Headcorn until half time, with the team in full control, despite not adding any further goals.</p> <p>The second half saw Headcorn add a further 4 goals. With strikes from Rydan (5), Louis (6) and two goals from James (6)</p> <p>Well done to everyone who took part in the match this was truly a team effort. #GOTEAMHEADCORN</p> <p>Could we please remind parents that earrings should be removed and long hair is to be tied back for PE lessons. This is in the interest of health and safety for all those involved. (A spare supply of hair ties would be a welcome addition to PE kits)</p> <p>We are still missing a large amount of kit from recent sporting events. This is really disappointing as some of the kit in question is not even a year old yet.</p> <p>Could you please check at home for any remaining kit. This will be NIKE branded and will be white shorts and black socks in particular. I understand how this could be confused with pupils own belongings. Unfortunately if kit is not returned it does greatly impact on the amount of teams that we can field at events in the future.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Spring is finally just around the corner! We will soon be starting to learn all about the season of Spring and will be going on a Spring watch around the school to see what signs of Spring we can see.</p> <p>We will also be learning all about the Easter story and will be visiting the church at Easter time. In Maths we have been learning all about the different money coins we have, so be warned...those copper coins might not be so easily passed off when the Tooth fairy has to visit!!! We will start to learn all about Subtraction in the next few weeks so be sure to ask your child about their learning.</p> <p>Thank you to all the Parents, Friends and Family who turned up to share in our Reading Afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing all your stories and we really appreciate your participation.</p> <p>We would like to wish all the Mums a lovely Mother’s Day. You will find a little surprise in your child’s bookbag on Friday after school...something that your child has made especially for you! Enjoy your day on Sunday!</p> <p>Don’t forget that the ‘My Mum’ will be in the KM today!</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>Our new book is set in France. It would be wonderful if we could recreate a French street in miniature in our classroom using on-end cardboard boxes and we need your help if possible. You might like to make a bakery, a cake shop, a French house, a grocery etc. Perhaps the children would like to find out the French word for these shops too. By next Thursday please could the children bring in an egg shell decorated with a face as we are going to make cress heads. Thank you.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Well after the crazy week of snow it was back to business in Puma Class - we've thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the fun activities that you have all been up to and the children loved writing about their week in our English lessons. Sledging proved to be a popular Puma Class Winter Olympic Sport last week.</p> <p>Wednesday was our amazing World Book Day and what an amazing array of costumes there were! As our whole class guided reading text is The BFG we couldn't resist but have a super fun afternoon making our own dream jars and making up the ingredients that would be needed to create our wildest dreams. We also thoroughly enjoyed our shared writing experience on Thursday - we were all impressed with the parents writing skills!</p> <p>In Science this week we have been busy planting. Not only have we planted our potatoes but we have also planted broad beans, each in different conditions to see which one grows the best.</p>

	<p>Now for some exciting news... Our school has been randomly selected to take part in the Sport England, Active Lines survey. The Year 2's have been asked to have a go at completing the survey at home with their parents. The survey takes about 20 minutes and asks questions about how active they are and how often they get active. It would be wonderful if you could spend some time with your child to complete this https://surveys.ipsosinteractive.com/mriWeb/mriWeb.dll</p> <p>The school will also be rewarded for completed surveys. Don't forget to check the Blog for regular updates and photographs of what we've been up to.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Before our unexpected Snow Break, the children really enjoyed their sandwich making workshop with Warburtons. As well as making their own sandwiches, they found out about the history of the company, how the bread is made and discussed the Eat Well plate to help them to decode what to put into their sandwich! Have a look at the photos on our blog and on Twitter.</p> <p>This week we have started our maths topic of statistics where the children have interpreted and drawn a range of pictograms and bar charts. Finally, we have started our new book for this term, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. The children have already listened to the beginning of the story and used their powers of description to annotate their sketches.</p> <p>Thank you for making such an effort with their costumes for our World Book Day - the children all looked amazing!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Thank you to everyone who came to the Writing Workshop on Monday. I hope you gained an insight into some of the ways children work in the classroom and the writing process of drafting and editing. This week all of the children should have been given a guitar, music and a plectrum. Please encourage your child to practice on a regular basis, sometimes little but often is the best way. It is a great opportunity for the children to learn a musical instrument and it is free of charge! Next week the class will be sitting a Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning test. The results of these tests will be shared with parents at the forthcoming TLC's.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>The second half of Year 5 have started their project Salus work. Following on from the hard work of group 1 they are hoping to create a lovely nature area on the school field. They would like your help in making it look fantastic.</p> <p>They are looking for donations of any of the following: flowers, plants, bushes, compost, seeds, rubble, plant pots, plastic milk cartons, climbing /trailing plants and clear varnish for wood.</p> <p>If you have any of these please bring them in on Monday morning and I (Ms Woodgate) will be able to store them.</p> <p>This group will also need to bring some spare old clothes in on Monday so they can start getting muddy and make it look brilliant.</p> <p>Thank you in advance.</p> <p>Next week the class will be taking CAT tests. These will involve a Verbal and Non- Verbal paper. There is also a familiarisation test to allow the children to understand the format. Results will be shared with you as part of the TLC meetings.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 have settled in very well to the new timetable and are becoming more familiar with the tricky test-style questions. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming a student teacher, Mrs Irvine to our class, and she has been helping with our maths and science this week. She has been mighily impressed with our work ethic, creativity and all-round character so far and I am positive that we can show her even more in the coming weeks.</p>