

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Another great week! We are very excited about the installation of our new screen in the KS2 playground. Once staff have received training, the scrolling tickertape will keep you up to date with a variety of school information and daily events. There will also be short clips about healthy eating, fitness, wellbeing and we can even share short interviews, reports, photos and work presented by our very own pupil reporters! It also provides aerobic activities and sports warmups for playtimes, lunchtimes and PE lessons. Unfortunately, it can't place your Mc Donalds' orders and deliver a cheeseburger yet!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 30 April</p>	<p>Tue 1 May Marden Hockey Tournament</p>	<p>Wed 2 May Y2 Trip to The Beaney, Canterbury</p>	<p>Thur 3 May</p>	<p>Fri 4 May EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y2 sharing</p>
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	<p>There is a vacancy for a cleaner at the school, Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 6.00pm or 4.00pm to 6.30pm. For further details please call MetroClean on 07841 370774.</p>				
	<p>Whilst account balances for wraparound care can be topped up on a smart phone, iPad or similar, other functions are limited and sessions cannot be booked using these devices. Please book all sessions in advance and note that there is a 24 hour cut off for bookings.</p>				
	<p>On Friday 25th May we are holding our Grand Open Day and all parents/carers past and present plus any other family and community members are welcome to join us from 1.30pm – 3.00pm for pupil tours, cafe, performances and a wide range of activities across the school site.</p>				
	<p>Swim Safe will be coming to Margate this summer for its first year of delivery. Swim Safe offers FREE outdoor swimming and water safety sessions for children aged 7-14. For further information - www.swimsafe.org.uk. Or contact Charlotte Francis, Swim Safe Area Coordinator on 07769349098 charlotte.francis@swimming.org</p>				
	<p>MR CURTEIS' RETIREMENT: The PTFA would like to present Mr Curteis with a thank you gift for his 13 years of service to Headcorn Primary School. If you would like to give a donation towards this then please put your gift in an envelope and drop it in to the school office for collection or hand to a member of the PTFA. He doesn't want a big fuss made but we would like to surprise him with a celebration on the playground at the end of a day in the last week of this term (date to be confirmed) so if you'd like to present a personal gift then feel free to keep hold of this and present alongside the PTFA gift and school presentations. Thanks!</p>				
	<p>Are you following us on Twitter? So far we have 120 followers but would like to get many more families on board to see all the fantastic things that go on at Headcorn School. It takes a few minutes to create an account and you can follow us at @HeadcornPrimary for all the latest news. Remember, you can also check for all the latest information on our website at www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk, and why not add us to you favourites?</p>				
	<p>Transition Tip #5 (for families in Year 6) If your child has a mobile phone, talk about when it would be appropriate to use it (it is likely they will be allowed to keep it with them all day but not use it in lesson time or breaks) – if they don't have one, think about whether you are going to provide one and whether it would be good to start practising now. Give them the responsibility for charging their electronic devices when they need to. Internet safety and social media use are always worth talking about.</p>				
	<p>BOWER GROVE SUPPORT MEETING Behaviour linked talk for parents, carers and professionals: Friday 29th June, 10.15 – 11.40am - Pam Stephens returns to talk about "Behaviour Management – A Parent Survival Guide" and opens with a picture of Nanny McPhee. Parenting is the toughest job in the world and Pam will explain to parents how to hang on to "Parent Power". There will also be a special mention of Special Needs, ASD and ADHD. These meetings are open to parents, carers and professionals and there is no need to book. For further details please contact Josephine Cousins, Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone, ME16 8NL Tel: 01622 726773</p>				

<p>Diary Dates</p>	<p>Wed 2nd May: Year 2 visit to Canterbury Fri 4th May: EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Year 2 sharing Mon 7th May: May Bank Holiday / May Fair Fri 11th May: KS2 Celebration Assembly: Year 5 sharing Tue 8th May: Year 5 visit to Kench Hill Mon 14th May: KS2 SATs Week starts Fri 18th May: EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Year R sharing Fri 18th May: Year 6 Bikeability Groups start Fri 18th May: PTFA Discos: EYFS/KS1 @ 6pm & KS2 @ 730pm Fri 21st May: KS1 SATs Week starts Fri 25th May: GRAND OPEN DAY / End of Term 5 Mon 4th June: Start of Term 6</p>																												
<p>Sports Information</p>	<p>Ten children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Kent School Games Handball competition hosted by Greenfields Community School on Monday 23rd April. Handball is becoming a firm favourite at Headcorn School, with many children requesting this as one of their options for PE on Thursday afternoons. So when the opportunity for a tournament arose pupils jumped at the chance to be involved. The festival started at 12:30 and Headcorn were placed in Group A with other schools such as Egerton, East Borough, Archbishop Courtney, Greenfields, Hollingbourne and Park Way. Below is a list of results from the event with Headcorn winning two, drawing one and losing three of the games that they were involved in. Sadly we didn't gain enough points from our group to progress into the knock out stages of the tournament. More information and pictures from the event can be seen via the school website or our twitter feed. Well done to everyone involved you were fantastic!</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 958 1342 1532"> <thead> <tr> <th>Home</th> <th>Score</th> <th>Away</th> <th>Pts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Egerton</td> <td>5-0</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hollingbourne</td> <td>0-1</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>0-0</td> <td>Park Way</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>0-2</td> <td>Greenfields</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>0-5</td> <td>East Borough</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archbishop</td> <td>1-2</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Home	Score	Away	Pts	Egerton	5-0	Headcorn	0	Hollingbourne	0-1	Headcorn	3	Headcorn	0-0	Park Way	1	Headcorn	0-2	Greenfields	0	Headcorn	0-5	East Borough	0	Archbishop	1-2	Headcorn	3
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<p>PTFA</p>	<p>Thank you to Reception and Y1 Class Reps who attended the PTFA meeting earlier this week! Minutes will be distributed after the May Fair. Next meeting is planned for Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 8pm. Please return all sold tickets stubs with money in a sealed envelope as well as any unsold tickets (these can still be used to sell on the day of the fair) by 3rd May. Anyone wanted extra books, please see Maz. Volunteers - We still need extra helping hands as follows: Smasher Stall (this is a great stall for the men in to get involved in!): 2-3pm and 3-4pm, Info Tent: 3-4pm Tombola: 3-4pm Marshalling : any hourly time slot during the afternoon Clearing up, taking gazebos down, moving stock back to the school from 4pm Also looking for extra raffle ticket seller on the High St on Saturday 5th May from 11am. Please text Lizell on 07399 407814 or email info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk.</p>																												

<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Children from Leopard and Cheetah classes have really enjoyed planting Runner Bean seeds this week. We have been watching how the seeds germinate and will be observing their growth over the coming weeks. We aim to plant a number of different seeds which, when ready, will be transferred to our outdoor growing areas.</p> <p>Please could we ask for all children to bring their coat or jacket to school every day even on hot sunny days, just in case the weather changes.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>The children have been doing some great maths learning this week, making equal groups and adding equal groups. They might be able to prove their skills at home by organising pencils, Lego pieces, toys etc into equal groups. We will be continuing our Science learning by planting different types of seeds and taking care of them. We will look at the differences and similarities between the different seeds and the plants they grow into.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>We have been busy this week in Maths, looking at position and direction. The children have been able to give instructions to move different objects using clockwise, anti-clockwise, whole, half and quarter turns. So if you ever get lost in a maze I'm pretty confident that the class could get you out. In DT this week we started our topic on Dips and Dippers and what better way to emerge ourselves in the topic, than to do some taste testing of different dips - delicious!!</p> <p>We also received an exciting video message from Agent Lapo who had secretly left Secret Agent lanyards to help us become secret agents - it's all been very exciting.</p> <p>Not only did we receive this video message, but we also received a letter from Jack (from Jack and the Beanstalk) informing us that the giant was on the loose again and asking us to write some instructions on how to catch a giant. We are safe in Year 2's hands - plenty of excellent instructions on how to catch a giant.</p> <p>Next week we look forward to our exciting class trip to Canterbury and The BFG exhibition. Thank you for all the prompt letters being returned. We are still collating all the slips and offers for volunteers to help with the 'Small Steps,' project. So please do let us know if you could possibly help on a Thursday afternoon.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>It's all about planting and growing in Year 3 this week as we start our Plants topic in Science. We are also going to be involved with growing our own tomatoes and herbs which we will use in our own recipes in DT.</p> <p>Jaguars are still working really hard with our fraction topic in maths, when sharing out food at home can your child tell you what fraction of the food they are eating? Our new Home Learning Grid will be sent out this week and put on the blog, I look forward to seeing your amazing creativity!</p> <p>Please make sure your children have a full PE kit in school all week, indoor PE is now on Monday afternoon and Outdoor PE is on Fridays.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Over the last two weeks Year 4 have been studying recycling and making craft out of items such as plastic bags. Next week we are going to make miniature gardens using plastic four pint milk containers. For Tuesday 1st May, please could you send in a clean 4 pint milk container (including lid).</p> <p>On Wednesday, 9th May Year 4 will be working on a project with Salus - this is an organisation who run projects in schools and have previously worked in our school with Year 5 and Year 6. The projects they have worked on at Headcorn are a nature area on the school field and a fund raising concert for the older generation of Headcorn. Parents and carers need to sign a consent form which you will receive via ParentMail.</p>

**YEAR 5 CLASS:
CARACALS**



Another great week of learning. Don't forget to check out our blog for the up to date home learning and pictures of things we have been up to.
The **Hayling Island meeting** is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th May. Children are welcome to attend.

**YEAR 6 CLASS:
LIONS**



Congratulations to Year 6 on another terrific assembly. It's wonderful to see so many of you having the courage and self-belief to perform onstage. If we continue like this, I shall have to create thirty meaty parts for the school play!

Just a reminder to all of you Lions to spend more time on Mathematics in the run-up to SATs to try and firm up our understanding of those areas where we may be less secure. It is an excellent tool to consolidate learning and to give you practice in all the areas of the curriculum. Don't forget you can also hover over the "?" icon to get an explanation of a topic if you are stuck.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me; I shall now be out on the playground every Tuesday and Thursday before the start of school.

Please remember to return your **Bikeability forms** and £10 by Monday, 30 April.

KS2 **SATs meeting** will be at 6.45pm and the **Hayling Island meeting** at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 May. Children are welcome to attend both of these meetings.