








HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>Well what a week! Started with torrents of rain and ended in beautiful sunshine! An enormous thank you to all parents, carers, staff and pupils for your support with our need to close early on Monday. We really appreciated your patience and assistance at what was a difficult time not only with our drainage but also with the river bursting its banks quite spectacularly! Year 2 have had a very successful trip to The Beany in Canterbury. We are very proud of how well behaved the children were not only at the museum but also on the journey walking to and from the station and on the train. Well done Year 2.</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 7 May	Tue 8 May	Wed 2 May	Thur 3 May	Fri 4 May
	BANK HOLIDAY MAY FAIR	Year 5 to Kench Hill / YR, 1 & 2 church visit at 9am	Year R Hearing, Height & Weight Screening Tests		KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y5 sharing
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	Wed 6 th June @ 7pm: Kent Test (11+) Meeting in school hall for Year 5. This is a meeting for parents only.				
	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.				
	On Friday 25 th 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.				
	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				
	Transition Tip #6 (for families in Year 6) Think about what else your child could do more independently – do they know how to cross roads safely? If not now is the time to start teaching them!				
	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				
Diary Dates	Mon 7 th May: May Bank Holiday / May Fair Fri 11 th May: KS2 Celebration Assembly: Year 5 sharing Tue 8 th May: Year 5 visit to Kench Hill Mon 14 th May: KS2 SATs Week starts Fri 18 th May: EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Year R sharing Fri 18 th May: Year 6 Bikeability Groups start Fri 18 th May: PTFA Discos: EYFS/KS1 @ 6pm & KS2 @ 730pm Fri 21 st May: KS1 SATs Week starts Fri 25 th May: GRAND OPEN DAY / End of Term 5 Mon 4 th June: Start of Term 6				

<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Please could all Learning Journey books be sent into school no later than Monday 14th May. The books will be used as part of your child's end of year assessments. The three areas of development that will be moderated this year include Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design and Physical development.</p> <p>Please note that if your child has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea, there has to be a period of 48 hours from the last time they are sick, before they return to school. This helps to prevent the spread of germs, so the rest of the class doesn't catch it.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>Our topic for this term will be Space and we will be learning about Neil Armstrong as our significant person from history. If you would like to get creative at home to support this topic, you might like to make a junk modelling spaceship, a rocket, find out more about Neil Armstrong, make a solar system scene inside a box, find out about the planets... the list is endless! The French street scene you made at home has really brightened up the classroom and the children are very proud of it, so if you're up to the challenge let's see if we can make the classroom into a new galaxy!</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>I cannot be prouder of how the Perfect Pumas presented themselves on our school trip! They were engaged, kind, polite and happy! What a pleasure they were to be around. So much so that we even received a compliment from a couple who had made a special effort to tell the staff members at The Beaney. We accounted every type of weather possible but this did nothing to dampen our spirits and we had a thoroughly enjoyable and fun-packed day, looking at BFG paintings, making dream baubles, making and wearing BFG ears and taking part in a BFG museum trail. A huge thank you to the parents that helped support us on the day and to every single parent for their prompt delivery of children in the morning.</p> <p>As well as our enjoyable trip we have also had a busy week in English. After sending off copies of our instructions to Jack on how to catch a giant, we received an angry video message from the giant telling us that our plans had not worked and that he was about to take all the cheese in the world!!!! Fortunately, the children decided to write some persuasive letters, and through their powers of persuasion we received another letter - but this time from the giant, confessing that he was not a bad person at all and was just lonely and wanted a friend. The children then used their suffix spelling rules to write a recipe of friendship. Did you know that 100g of love, 3 heaped spoonfuls of kindness, a pinch of gentleness, 1 litre of cheerfulness and a sprinkle of thoughtfulness is the perfect recipe for a friend?</p> <p>As the children continue with the Secret Agent Training please take some time to watch the clip below for further information about the May assessments: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuXJidYP7-0</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>There was much excitement in Year 3 as details about our school trip were revealed; we are off to Tyland Barn to explore all things plants and trees, more details can be found in the letter which was sent home this week. We also started our new book this week, The Stone Age Boy, Year 3 have enjoyed using a Thesaurus to find more exciting adjectives to describe the different scenes. In science, we have left our plants in different conditions to prove which ones are needed for survival. Luckily, our tomato plants survived the treacherous weather conditions this week! Some Jaguars have been busy practising their steps for the maypole dance at the May Fair on Monday, we're looking forward to seeing their performance.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>It has been a busy week in Year 4 with the children focussing upon their creative writing and getting to grips with decimals. I have reminded the class that they need to bring in a 4 pint milk container to create their miniature gardens, please make sure it is thoroughly washed. On Wednesday we have Salus coming into to work with the class. Please make sure that the permission form is returned as soon as possible. I will resend the permission form via ParentMail.</p>

**YEAR 5 CLASS:
CARACALS**



On Tuesday we will be going to Kench Hill to do some fantastic activities based around their site. *Orienteering* - great for map skills, team-work and generally running around using lots of energy. *Shelter building* - good activity for team-building and problem solving. *Art activity* - a chance for the children to produce some art work based on their surroundings.

Children will need to be wearing sensible shoes and clothing for a day of outdoor activities, clothes and shoes that are okay to become muddy (wellies may be good if it looks rainy). Check the weather. They do have stinging nettles and brambles on site so long trousers and sleeves would also be advisable. Bring a coat. Your child will need a packed lunch and a water bottle in an easy to carry bag. We will be back in time for the end of the school day. It should be a lot of fun.

The **Hayling Island meeting** is at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 May. Children are welcome to attend.

Wed 6th June @ 7pm: Kent Test (11+) Meeting in school hall. This is a meeting for parents only.

**YEAR 6 CLASS:
LIONS**



It's been another busy week in Lion Class. After a whacky start to the week with the heavy downpour, we have returned to some sense of normality and have been beavering away in the manner in which we have become accustomed to of late. With one more week to the SATs, minus the May bank holiday, it will truly be noses to the grindstone for one last big push. Again, I would strongly advise going on Mathletics to consolidate recent learning, and I have handed out a SPaG revision booklet for the class to read over the weekend and before the test, which contains a list of the terminology that they will need to be familiar with.

Please note there will also be a SATs meeting on Tuesday, along with a meeting about Hayling Island, which will hopefully provide you all with information and useful tips in advance of both events.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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.

Attention Year 6 Parents !! The Specialist Teaching Service are holding a **Coffee Morning to discuss preparing your child for secondary school and what to expect!!** The event will be held at Five Acre Wood School, Boughton Lane, Loose, Maidstone, ME15 9QF on **Monday 21st May from 10.30am – 12.00pm**. There will be a short talk about 11am and the opportunity to speak to professionals about transition to senior school. Your child does not have to have special needs for you to benefit from this talk. If you are interested, please book a place by emailing: tbradley@five-acre.kent.sch.uk.