

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Another epic week with the May Fair, Year 5's visit to the Kench Hill activity centre and EYFS and KS1's visit to the church. Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Kench Hill Activity Centre in Tenterden. The sun was beating down but undeterred, clad in their long sleeves and long trousers (for safety's sake), they merrily built shelters, learnt skills of orienteering, investigated the nature garden and created outside art. Years R, 1 and 2 paid Headcorn's St Peter and St Paul's church to make up for their missed visit due to the miserable weather on their Easter bonnet parade day last term. We are so proud of their mature and beautiful behaviour, not only listening carefully in the church but also walking sensibly through the village. Well done!</p> <p>The May Fair on Bank Holiday Monday was an enormous success with hours of glorious sunshine, swarms of visitors and a large hard-working team of parents, pupils, staff and friends all admirably lead by our fantastic, super-efficient and enthusiastic PTFA! We raised a whopping £7120.13! which is financing our developing outdoor learning opportunities across site. Watch this space for how we begin to spend this so that our children can be enjoying the benefits of all of your hard work and support even before this term is out! A big thank you to everyone who gave hours of their time both in the run up and on the big day. The winning House Team for the most hours volunteered is Stevenson House and the winning Class Team was Year 3! Stevenson House (The Blues) will be enjoying a non-uniform day and ice lollies very soon. The winning class will reap the rewards in the form of an afternoon of creative learning; the options to choose from will be discussed with them.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 14 May</p>	<p>Tue 15 May</p>	<p>Wed 16 May</p>	<p>Thur 17 May</p>	<p>Fri 18 May</p>
	<p>KS2 SATs: SPAG</p>	<p>KS2 SATs: Reading</p>	<p>KS2 SATs: Maths 1&2</p>	<p>KS2 SATs: Maths 3</p>	<p>KYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: YR Sharing Y6 Bikeability</p>
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	<p>Royal Wedding Special Lunch Menu – Friday, 18 May Harry's British Fish & Chips Meghan's Californian Quorn Hot Dogs Chunky Chips, Boston Baked Beans, Garden Peas Iced Lemon Drizzle Wedding Cake, Strawberries and Cream, Assorted Yoghurts</p>				
	<p>Wed 6th June @ 7pm: Kent Test (11+) Meeting in school hall for Year 5. This is a meeting for parents only.</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>GRAND OPEN DAY! We are holding a very special Grand Open Day on Friday 25th May. The morning is a more formal ceremony involving the Construction Company, KCC and other representatives. From 1.30 – 3pm that afternoon we are flinging wide our doors to invite past and present friends and families and the wider Headcorn community to come and have a look around our bustling site and also have an opportunity to take a look at Keeler House now that it is up and running for pupils. There will be performances from our choir 'The HP Singers' and our talented musicians as well as pupil tours and a café in the main hall. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and learning.</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>Transition Tip #7 (for families in Year 6) Teach your child some simple relaxation techniques – deep breathing/ counting to 10/ listening to music – as well as acknowledging that it is OK to feel nervous.</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>Messy Church will be back on Saturday 23rd June, so please make a note in your diaries. Fiona is also in the process of organising a ‘Family Treasure Hunt’ around the village on Sunday 9th September, with a picnic at Days Green – but more details to follow. Finally, for anyone interested in taking a climb up the tower, there will be cream teas at Headcorn Church and an ‘Open Tower’ on the first Sunday of June, July, August and September – which sounds well worth a look to me! – Matt Dredge</p>
<p>Diary Dates</p>	<p>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 @ 7.30pm Mon 21st May: KS1 SATs Week starts Fri 25th May: GRAND OPEN DAY / End of Term 5 Mon 4th June: Start of Term 6 Wed 27th June: Class/Team Photos Thur 28th June: Y6 Leavers’ Performance 7.00pm Fri 29th June: Y6 Leavers’ Performance 7.00pm Sat 7th July Lenham 5-a-side tournament Mon 16th July: Swimming Gala Weds 18th July: Sports Day Thur 19th July: Pupil Reports to parents Fri 20th July: Reserve Sports Day Thur 24th July: Last day of school year</p>
<p>Sport</p>	<p>Kent School Games Play-Off... Commiserations to our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 Hockey teams who took part in the Tunbridge Wells playoff game against Claremont School last week to try and secure a place in the Kent School Games finals for the second consecutive year. Sadly, our teams were pipped to the post, with narrow defeats in each game. Hopefully next year we will keep our strong spine of hockey players together, and try again for Kent School Games glory. Well done to all those involved from Headcorn School, you demonstrated our core values magnificently, even in the face of adversity.</p> <p>Upcoming dates... Please be aware that the date has been set for the Lenham 5-a-side tournament, which is a very popular event among parents and pupils. This year the event will take place on Saturday 7th July.</p> <p>The WOKSSA tag rugby event has been rescheduled due to waterlogged pitches at Cranbrook Rugby Club, and once we are made aware of the new date we will endeavour to enter a team or two to represent the school.</p> <p>Monday 18th June will see us take part in the Mote Park Cricket event. Monday 25th June will be the Athletics Festival held at the Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford.</p> <p>Kent Semi-Finals Hockey Report by Izzy, Georgia and Sophie On 1st May two teams of eight went to Marden Hockey Club to play their semi-finals against Claremont. We had a Year 3/4 team and a Year 5/6 team. The 3 and 4 team played first. It was a very tense match but they sadly lost 4-0. They played very well as a team but unfortunately couldn’t progress to the finals. Well played guys! Likewise, the Year 5 and 6 team played very well but sadly Claremont won 1-0. It was a very back-and-forth match but they just managed to</p>

	<p>slip in a goal at the last minute. Every player persevered throughout the match and gave it 100%, considering we have never played the school before and didn't know how they played. At the end of the day it was a few tight goals that we can improve and work on. At least we all tried our best. We want to thank all the parents for supporting us throughout the match and also for taking us and a massive thank you to our coaches: Mrs Collins, Debbie and Charlotte. Well done team Headcorn!</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>May Fair 2018 raised £7,120.13 (£1,500 more than last year!) THANK YOU Headcorn for supporting this amazing day. It even hit the KM newspaper (Weald edition). Our army of 75 parents, ex pupils, grandparent volunteers and teachers helped to make this happen. Y3 won the most volunteer points followed Y1 and Reception classes. Miss Symonds announced Y3 will have an afternoon of creative learning. Stevenson (blue) accrued the highest volunteer points and will be getting an exclusive Non Uniform Day with ice poles (date to be advised). Forthcoming events: Discos Friday 18th May and Boot Fair Sunday 10th June</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Could all Learning Journey books be in school no later than Monday 14th May please. We use this evidence to contribute to each child's final assessments. These books will then be returned to you to keep.</p> <p>We have been learning a range of different letter sounds across the Read, Write, Inc phonic groups when teaching children to read and write. These letter sounds include ng, nk, sh, ch, th, ee, ay, igh, and ir. Please be sure to ask your child all about their learning at school and get them to show you their lovely sentence writing!</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning all about measuring length. We have designed our own giant's footprint from the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, and have been measuring the length of them using non-standard measures. Next week, we will work out the difference in length between our own footprints and those of our giants!</p> <p>We have all had very green fingers this week and have been busy germinating different seeds and then transferring them into our growing area outside. So far we have been growing Runner Beans, Sunflowers and a range of different herbs. We have also begun planting some cucumber seeds, tomato seeds and flower bulbs. There is no stopping us now!</p> <p>Please could all children bring a named sun hat to school when the weather is hot and sunny and please don't forget to smother them in sun cream before school to help keep them safe in the sun when they are playing outside.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>The children have loved being in the sunshine in the outside area this week. We are digging over the garden and learning which plants we need and which weeds need digging out. We have planted some pea seeds and the children are taking good care of them, making sure they have enough water. If you have any spare gardening equipment, such as trowels, compost or seeds, or old pans, mixing bowls etc for our mud kitchen, we would be most grateful for them.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>This week the children have enjoyed tasting different dippers ready for our dips and dippers DT project. Crackers proved to be a favourite and peppers were their least favourite. Our little chefs will soon be busy creating their own taste sensations as they create their own dips and select dippers to enjoy them with.</p> <p>In History we spent a lovely afternoon playing games from over 100 years ago. 'Annie's Over' was a favourite as was trying to pass a hoop with a stick from child to child. The children then worked in small groups to devise their own playground game.</p> <p>Despite the weather being drier we now have a welly rack so please send your child/children in with named wellies. Next Thursday is Outdoor Classroom Day so we hope to be out and about enjoying our lovely outdoor learning areas.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>It has been a busy week in Year 3 with the children focussing on their creative writing as they imagine they are the child in 'The Stone Age Boy' and are writing letters describing their amazing adventures. Our fraction focus continues this week as the children are getting to grips with comparing and ordering fractions. We are seeing some great results with times tables tests and Mathletics scores this term; please remember that spellings are tested every Wednesday, as we need a whole class push to boost our spelling results too. As well as growing tomatoes, the children have been planting their own herbs and are (im)patiently waiting to see them beginning to grow.</p> <p>Please remember to return our school trip letter - many thanks for the ones we have already received.</p>

<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>This week we had our first session with Project Salus. The class worked together to decide a theme for their project which would make an impact on the school or local community. After much debate the children decided on the theme of recycling to be their project focus. In the coming weeks they will be working on some practical ways to help increase the amount of recycling at the school and learning more about the ways recycling can help the environment.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>We all had a wonderful time at Kench Hill on Tuesday - What fantastic weather. Our class rap and pictures of the day are on our blog.</p> <p>As the weather is improving please could everyone bring in a water bottle for class. We have drinking water available for children to refill their bottles throughout the day.</p> <p>Wed 6th June @ 7pm: Kent Test (11+) Meeting in school hall for Year 5. This is a meeting for parents only.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Thank you to all who came to the SATs and Hayling Island meetings on Tuesday. Hopefully all queries and concerns were answered but if there are any lingering doubts or issues that have since arisen, please do not hesitate to get in touch.</p> <p>So, at long last the time of the SATs has arrived. I will not assign any homework for this weekend as I think we have worked really hard this week and are already brimming with knowledge. Naturally, if anyone feels they would like to brush up on something at the last minute then by all means feel free, but otherwise I would just recommend lots of rest, relaxation or indeed anything that helps you unwind.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, where we can provide some snacks, crib sheets and mindfulness exercises to help as many of you feel as at ease as possible before the tests begin. We're well prepared so as long as we just do our best, I shall be immensely proud.</p> <p>Best of luck Lions!</p> <p>Please can I remind ALL Year 6 pupils that they will need their purple school uniform on and not hoodies for the Grand Open Day on Friday 25th May.</p>