

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>Congratulations to Year 6 for completing their KS2 SATs week with such maturity, calmness and focus. We are all very proud of you and your hard work. Thank you to Years 3, 4 and 5 for being so understanding in giving us the run of Keeler House for the mornings so that we could spread ourselves out and work in peace and quiet. We appreciate your flexibility!</p> <p>The school has been enjoying a lot of outdoor learning this week as Thursday was Outdoor Classroom day. Hopefully the sculptures that have appeared around the field and particularly on the mound will survive for everyone to see at the Grand open Day on Friday.</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 21 May	Tue 22 May	Wed 23 May	Thur 24 May	Fri 25 May
		Y6 Bikeability	Y6 Bikeability	Y6 Bikeability Y2 <i>Small Steps</i> Training 2-3pm	OPEN DAY PTFA Discos END OF TERM
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	There will be no Sensory Circuits on Friday, 25 May.				
	Wed 6 th June @ 7pm: Kent Test (11+) Meeting in school hall for Year 5. This is a meeting for parents only.				
	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				
	GRAND OPEN DAY: Next Friday there will not be a Celebration Assembly as we have our Grand Open Day. We will be running a café in aid of MacMillan and would like to ask families to donate cakes for us to sell. Please can these cakes be individual cakes such as cupcakes, slices, brownies, tray bakes etc for ease of serving by the children. Donations can come in to school on the mornings of Thursday and/or Friday of next week. Please clearly label any containers you wish to be returned. Thank you in advance.				
	<p>BOWER GROVE SUPPORT MEETING</p> <p>Behaviour linked talk for parents, carers and professionals:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>				
	Five Acre Wood - Parent Transition Coffee Morning on Monday 21 st May has been cancelled.				
	<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.</p> <p>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>				
Diary Dates	<p>Mon 21st May: KS1 SATs Week starts</p> <p>Fri 25th May: GRAND OPEN DAY / End of Term 5</p> <p>Mon 4th June: Start of Term 6</p> <p>Wed 27th June: Class/Team Photos</p> <p>Thur 28th June: Y6 Leavers’ Performance 7.00pm</p> <p>Fri 29th June: Y6 Leavers’ Performance 7.00pm</p> <p>Sat 7th July Lenham 5-a-side tournament</p> <p>Mon 16th July: Swimming Gala</p> <p>Weds 18th July: Sports Day</p> <p>Thur 19th July: Pupil Reports to parents</p> <p>Fri 20th July: Reserve Sports Day</p> <p>Thur 24th July: Last day of school year</p>				

<p style="text-align: center;">Sport</p>	<p>Athletics Club Following bad weather, a flood and a bank holiday Athletics Club is now up and running. As with last year, we will be using the English Schools Athletics Award scheme (ESAA) to provide members of the club with achievable goals to work to over the next two terms. If so they wish pupils can purchase achievement badges, which they can proudly display on their PE kits. Mrs Collins and myself would very much like to see some more pupils taking part. Currently we have very few girls representing their age ranges across the key stage and would like to see many more of you in the coming weeks. Athletics Club is every Monday after school from 3:30pm till 4:30pm for those interested in attending.</p> <p>Tag Rugby The tag-rugby competition has been rearranged for Tuesday 22nd May. We would like to take two teams to this event and forms have been sent home this week. Please make sure that they are returned to school as soon as possible so that we can confirm our attendance with the tournament organisers.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PTFA</p>	<p>Fri 18th May - PTFA Discos EYFS/KS1 @ 6pm KS2 @ 7.30pm Entrance is £1.50 and there will be sweets, ice poles and glow sticks for sale. Open to current pupils of the school - no siblings.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>We hope you all enjoyed the range of children's learning that was shown in the Celebration Assembly today. The children have really enjoyed learning about planting and growing and have worked very hard to help the Early Years Team develop the outdoor learning area. They have all been keen to use a wide range of tools and can do so safely.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child has a full water bottle with them every day at school and sun hats with them on hot days.</p> <p>Could we ask for every child to bring in a box (a shoe box would be perfect) as we will be making puppet shows for the characters from Jack and the Beanstalk. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly shown on the box.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>Thank you for all the space-related models you are sending in - the children are very proud of their family creations. This week we enjoyed a range of outdoor activities to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day. Please could you make sure that all items of uniform are named as children often have identical items which can get mixed up when changing for PE. Also please could all water bottles be clearly named, as well as sun cream containers if these are brought into school. Thank you for practising phonics at home. "Mr Thorne" now has some Phonics Check practice videos on YouTube if you would like to take a look (https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gb8VOzyirw). Thank you for your continued support.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>The children have been amazing Secret Agents this week and have thoroughly enjoyed being detectives whilst solving clues hidden in our outside area. Next week we will be completing our training and so lots of early nights and healthy breakfasts will help us complete our mission.</p> <p>In Science we linked our DT to looking at the Eatwell plate. Children then looked at 3 of the dips that we have been tasting and sorted the ingredients into the different food groups. It may have not been one of the favourite dips, but we did find out the guacamole was the healthiest out of the ones we tasted.</p> <p>On Thursday we enjoyed taking our learning outside the classroom. Not only did we complete a Maths treasure hunt but we also created our very own 3D maps of Headcorn. Our Geography skills were then put to the test as we directed each other around the maps.</p> <p>It may be a busy week next week, but we are looking forward to our exciting challenges and seeing many of you at our Open Day on Friday!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Well done Jaguars - a busy week with lots of good work achieved so far! The children have been enjoying being history detectives and researching all about the discovery of Skara Brae and what the different finds can tell us about the past. In English, the children used their own freeze frames to help them to plan their own story based on the Stone Age Boy; we are looking forward to writing and sharing these. In maths next week, we will be looking at telling the time, any extra practice with looking at both analogue and digital clocks would really benefit the children with their understanding of this.</p> <p>There are still spaces available at Athletics Club which runs after school on Mondays, a great opportunity for Year 3 to achieve badges for running, jumping and throwing.</p>

<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>It has been a varied week this week with a focus on outdoor learning. Thursday 17th May was National Outdoor Classroom day and the class took part in a range of activities. We have also been looking at the excellent Homework the children have produced on the theme of pigs! Project Salus visited the class on Wednesday and the children have decided upon a recycling theme to raise money for recycling bins for the playground. Among the highlights of next week is the grand opening of the Keeler Building in the morning and Open Afternoon on Friday 25th May.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>The class have worked hard this week re-establishing our nature area. The flood had destroyed the site, causing many of parts to end up washed up across the field and wedged in the hedge. But with plenty of elbow grease and the removal of a huge collection of snails it is looking wonderful - maybe even better than before. So this is the last beg - If anyone has spare pots, compost and plants we would be most grateful. Thank you in advance.</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>A huge congratulations to all Year 6 pupils for your effort and attitude over the course of this SATs week. I have been immensely impressed with the way everyone has dealt with the various challenges and pressures of the exam scenario and worked with each other to keep calm and collected at all times. This positive spirit and approach will serve you all in excellent stead for similar challenges in the future. In more exciting news, Year 6 have been spending the rest of this week making outside art and sculptures inspired by the works of Andy Goldsworthy. I shall put pictures on my blog so please do check these out as it has really captured everyone's imagination.</p> <p>Well done again to all pupils on parents for getting through a very tough week! I doff my hat!</p> <p>Please can I remind ALL Year 6 pupils that they will need their purple school uniform and NOT hoodies for the Grand Open Day on Friday, 25 May.</p>