

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Welcome back to all pupils and school families! An especially warm welcome to all of our new Reception children and other new pupils and their families across the school. We hope that our time together will be a happy and positive time for both yourselves and your child.</p> <p>As a school we have had a lot going on across the site with new equipment in the kitchen ready for our new caterers, Independent Catering, to get started. The first week of food has been extensively taste-tested by our more than willing staff and pupils. We are very pleased with the company's professionalism and their food's quality, taste, presentation - the salad bar is just like being at the Harvester!</p> <p>We have had the roof replaced on the air-raid shelter which has also been emptied ready for further work to make this a workable space for our Premises Team and for other uses.</p> <p>Another roof being replaced is that of the main school hall. We have internal scaffolding inside at the moment as they will replace the ceiling giving us improved lighting and then they will replace the external roof. Due to significant loss of space we are unable to hold assemblies or accommodate visitors for lunches at the moment. Please see below for the arrangements for Celebration Assemblies for this term.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 10 Sept</p>	<p>Tue 11 Sept</p>	<p>Wed 12 Sept</p>	<p>Thurs 13 Sept</p>	<p>Fri 14 Sept</p>
			<p>Y6 Parliament Trip</p>		<p>NO Celebration Assembly</p>
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<p style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">URGENT</p>	<p>Birthday and Family Lunches: Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate additional visitors into the hall for lunches at the moment. We understand that this is upsetting for those children that have birthdays in September and October. We will arrange opportunities for you to have this special meal once the internal scaffolding has been removed.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">IMPORTANT</p>	<p>Celebration Assemblies: Celebration Assemblies will be held in Keeler Hall (our new smaller hall) until we have our main hall back. We will be holding these assemblies in pairs of classes as space is limited. Families with buggies or prams will be asked to leave these outside of the Keeler House building. The dates for pairs of classes are as follows: Yr5&6 Assembly : Friday 28th September Yr1&2 Assembly: Friday 5th October Yr3&4 Assembly: Friday 12th October YR Assembly: Friday 19th October</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">INFO</p>	<p>PE kits are required all week (excluding YR) at the moment as we are making use of the field during the good weather.</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;">INFO</p>	<p>Using the field: At our school we like to make use of the field as much as possible. The PTFA have bought welly racks for every class now. Please can you send your child in with wellies (named) that we can keep in school.</p>				
<p style="background-color: green; text-align: center;">INFO</p>	<p>If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you are interested in them starting in-school guitar lessons from 11 September, please contact andydavisguitar@talktalk.net 07973 680227</p>				
<p style="background-color: green; text-align: center;">INFO</p>	<p>Clubs will start later in the term. Please watch out for further details in the coming weeks.</p>				
<p>SCHOOL DINNERS</p>	<p>Children have been enjoying the first week of meals provided by Independent Catering this week. Our great refrigerated salad bar has been a huge hit. Children (and staff!) have been helping themselves and topping up their main meals with vegetables sticks, olives, pickles, croutons and coleslaw etc. <i>'I just wanted to quickly pass on how much my children are enjoying the school meals – telling me all about lunches and salad bar etc!!'</i></p>				

<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Well done Cheetah and Leopard class, you were all amazing today at school and we had such fun!</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who attended the Stay and Play sessions. We all thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all again, ready for a smooth transition to school. Please could we ask for each child to bring in a spare change of underwear and some spare trousers, leggings or a skirt. These garments can stay in the book bag just in case of any toilet accidents. Also, please could all children bring in a pair of wellington boots as it can get a little muddy and sandy in our outdoor play area. The wellington boots will stay at school and children will be encouraged to change into them when they are playing outside. Please could all items of clothing, shoes, water bottles and welly boots be labelled clearly with your child's name.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p> 	<p>What an absolutely brilliant first week we have had in Tiger Class! The children have settled beautifully into their new class and have wowed us with their super attitude to learning and the care and consideration shown to each other. It has been a delight to begin to get to know the Year 1 parents and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. If you have a small photo of your child having fun during the summer holiday, we would love you to send it in to add to our seasons display. It would be helpful if the children could have a pair of named wellingtons to keep at school for when we do our Welly Wednesday outdoor learning activities.</p>
<p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>Welcome to Lynx Class!</p> <p>The children have settled in well and are enjoying getting to know their classroom and new classes. It has been lovely getting to know all of you and I am looking forward to the year ahead!</p> <p>It would be helpful if the children could have a pair of named wellingtons to keep at school for when we do our Welly Wednesday outdoor learning activities.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Puma class have made me extremely proud with the way they have eased themselves into Year 2. What maturity they are displaying already!! We started the week with Maths and the children have impressed me with their number skills. In English we have been writing class rules and creating our own rather magical recipe for Summer holidays.</p> <p>Book change: This year, bags will be taken in on a Monday and Thursday to change books and for unearthing any forgotten letters or information. If children complete a book on another day we will try our hardest to change it too (there is a basket that they can put these books in).</p> <p>PE days are Monday and Friday.</p> <p>Homework/Spellings/Mathletics: A topic homework grid will be given out once a term and we ask the children to complete at least one activity of their choice by the end of term. The children will also be given spellings (from 5-10 words) on a Friday and then tested on the following Friday. A Mathletics task will also be set weekly. But more importantly we really do urge the children to have as many opportunities as possible to read aloud and be read to. Please don't hesitate to ask anyone from the year 2 team if you have any concerns or questions re homework or procedures in Year 2</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The children have had a fantastic first week back and have all settled very well into their new classroom and new routines. They have all come home with reading books and blue contact books where you can let me know how they are getting on with their reading. For next week we will need PE kits in school as we will be starting gymnastics and games. We will also be looking at times tables and spellings next week, these will come home in their contact books. We began looking at our exciting topic of Ancient Egyptians where the children were very keen to share their wealth of knowledge already! A great start Jaguars!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>'This week in Jungle Cats we have been settling into year 4 with some great DT creating robots! We have all enjoyed getting to know each other and catch up from the summer. Next week we are continuing with learning French and all about living things. We are also starting a great topic of Romans! If you feel like doing some research on top of times tables and spellings then please do.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Welcome to Year 5, we have made a great start and are already diving straight into our topic of Ancient Greeks. All children should have brought home the home learning tasks for the term, which now has a Monday handing in date. If you need any further clarification, help or resources for any of the upcoming work please feel free to ask. Please do not worry about Mathletics yet as we are still in the process of updating their log-ins.</p> <p>PE will be starting next week so please remember to bring your whole kit in, including clothing for outside as the weather is a little unpredictable at present.</p>

**YEAR 6 CLASS:
LIONS**



It's been an absolute joy to see familiar faces back and raring to go at the beginning of the new academic year. I have been greatly looking forward to teaching this fine cohort once more and can't wait to see how much they have progressed since I last taught them. Well done also to those who took their 11+ this week. I'm sure the experience will serve you all well and we can now look forward to getting back to some kind of normality.

Just a quick note regarding homework: I have sent out the first piece of home learning to make an information poster about WW1 in general, or alternatively to research a specific aspect of WW1 (such as weaponry). Homework for Year 6 shall generally be due for the following Wednesday, whereas spelling and times table tests will take place on the Thursday.

Next Wednesday shall also be the day when we have our trip to the Houses of Parliament, so if anyone has not yet returned their permission slip, please hand this in to either the office or myself. It promises to be a fantastic occasion. Any children not attending this trip will need to be in school as normal.

If anyone has any questions or queries, I shall generally be around the playground at the beginning of most days, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.