

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>This week Year 6 has already been on their very first school trip of the year. They boarded the train to London to visit the Houses of Parliament taking a tour listening to the history and quirky stories of Westminster Palace all the while rubbing shoulders with politicians and the odd TV presenter! They then pounded the London pavements taking in as many sites as possible. To say we were tired on the train journey home is an understatement, however, a fantastic day was had by all. We are so privileged to live in a village with such easy links to the city. The staff are busy planning our next jaunt into the Big Smoke!</p> <p>Our new Reception classes have started their half day sessions. We love their confidence and keenness to learn and look forward to watching their individual personalities blossom even further as they begin their full-time days next Friday!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	Mon 17 Sept	Tue 18 Sept	Wed 19 Sept	Thurs 20 Sept	<p>Fri 21 Sept</p> <p>NO Celebration Assembly EYFS full-time</p>
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	Please remember to book your Extended Day places in advance.				
	All flu vaccination letters must be returned by Monday, 17 September				
	Celebration Assemblies: Due to our school hall being limited for space at the moment we are holding Celebration Assemblies in the new building, Keeler House, for two classes at a time. Please see the 'Dates for your Diary' section for this term's arrangements.				
	Arrangements for Christmas activities are already being planned so that we can inform parents and carers of dates in advance. Due to our growing numbers we are holding three different opportunities for the children to perform: Year R and Year 1 Nativity, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Performance and Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Service in the church. Please see the 'Dates for your Diary' section for these events.				
	Messy Church is back on Saturday 22 nd September between 2:30pm – 4:30pm, in the Andred Hall. There will be a varied selection of art and craft activities for the children, followed by the usual tea, including sandwiches and desert. The story this time is about the Sower and the Seed.				
	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>SCHOOL DINNERS</p>	<p>Don't forget to book your place for a parent lunch: Year 1: Tigers and Lynx – w/c 17 September Year 2: Pumas – w/c 24 September Year 3: Jaguars – w/c 1 October Year RA: Cheetahs – w/c 8 October Year RB: Leopards – w/c 15 October Years 4, 5, 6 dates to be confirmed</p> <p>You are also welcome to join your child for lunch on their birthday. As the school grows we are beginning to stagger lunchtimes for each year group. This does mean that we can no longer remove an older or younger child from class to join their sibling. You will, however, be able to join them separately on their birthday.</p> <p>For children in YR, Year 1 and Year 2 meals are free. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are £2.20 and adults £2.50. All meals include the salad bar, homemade wholemeal bread, dessert or cheese and biscuits.</p> <p>Please book any of the above via the school office and pay for a 'parent lunch' online (scopay.com)</p> <p>We are looking forward to welcoming Cheetahs and Leopards in school full-time from Friday. Please look at the Week 3 menu and make sure that your child knows what they would like to eat on that day.</p>				

<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>Dates for your Diary: Fri 28th Sept - Yr 5 & 6 Celebration Assembly Fri 5th Oct - Yr 1 & 2 Celebration Assembly Tues 9th Oct - Flu Immunisations for Years R - 5 Fri 12th Oct - Yr 3 & 4 Celebration Assembly Fri 19th Oct - Yr R Celebration Assembly Fri 19th Oct - End of Term 1 Mon 29th Oct - Start of Term 2 Mon 5th Nov - Individual School Photographs Tues 27th Nov - Termly Learning Conferences Tues 4th Dec - Termly Learning Conferences Tues 11th Dec - Yr R & 1 Nativity 1 @ 1.45pm Wed 12th Dec - Yr R & 1 Nativity 2 @ 5.30pm Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Lunch Fri 14th Dec - Yr 2 & 3 Performance 1 @ 6pm Mon 17th Dec - Yr 2 & 3 Performance 2 @ 1.45pm Tues 18th Dec - Yr 4, 5 & 6 Church Service @ 10am (TBC) Wed 19th Dec - End of Term 2 Thu 3rd Jan - INSET Day Fri 4th Jan - INSET Day Mon 7th Jan - Start of Term 3</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>What a fantastic first week at school we have all had! Well done Cheetah and Leopard Class! The children have really impressed us with their maturity and confidence when coming into school! They are settling in very well and have been learning all about our daily routines.</p> <p>Please could we ask for all children to bring a filled named water bottle to school each day (water only please). Also, please remember to label all garments of clothing including shoes! Now that our outside play area is getting a little muddy, could all children bring in a pair of welly boots that can be kept at school. We will be encouraging children to put their boots on when playing outside as to keep their shiny new school shoes from getting messed up. Please remember to label the welly boots too.</p> <p>Please remember to check your child's book bag every day after school for any information and important letters. If any letters have a reply slip, these can be sent back to school in the book bag as we check them all every morning.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all next week for some more fun!</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>Lynx and Tiger Classes are now fully immersed in our topic for this term, Wonderful World. Our current focus book is <i>Yucky Worms</i> by Vivian French. The children are becoming expert wormologists, discovering facts about worms and sharing them using their excellent writing skills. Thank you for sending a pair of wellingtons in with the children for them to keep at school so that they can enjoy outdoor learning on Welly Wednesdays. This week we went out into the forest area to explore and to look for worms. We found some beautiful ones and also a rather startled looking frog!</p> <p>In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards and working out which numbers might be missing from a sequence (for example 7,6,4,3). The children have been practising their reasoning skills to explain what is wrong with the sequence. Some children even made up their own sequences with a missing number. Our next step will be comparing numbers and using words such as "greater than" and "less than". Thank you for continuing to read with your child. It has a huge impact and greatly adds to their confidence and skills.</p>

<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>We have continued our work on our topic, 'Sensational Safari' linking it to our English text, 'Lila and the Secret of Rain.' After making predictions from illustrations and excellent discussions on use of vocabulary, we have now read the book and are looking forward to delving deeper into its content. We had an exciting Geography lesson on Tuesday where Mrs Collins shared with us some artefacts from Africa that she had collected from times visiting there. We then made our boarding passes and passports ready for our imaginary flight to Kenya next week.</p> <p>In Maths we have continued to work on our understanding of place value and are learning to count in 10s as well as beginning to recite the 10 times table. In fact, every time we hear The James Bond theme tune we respond by standing up and reciting them. The children have really impressed us with their dedication to reading regularly and learning their spellings. The children can choose to learn 5, 7 or all 10 of them. We just ask that the spelling books are in every Thursday so that we can stick in the following week's spellings as well as use them to record their spelling test in, so you can share their successes.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The Jaguars responded very enthusiastically to the reveal of our first book in Year 3, 'Oliver and the Seawigs,' they have been busy thinking about explorers and embarking on a rescue mission to find missing parents! Spellings are issued on Thursdays and checked the following Thursday. Can the children please bring in their reading and contact books into school every day. We have been very impressed with their knowledge and understanding of place value in maths this week, 2 X tables tests will start on Monday.</p> <p>PE is on Mondays and Tuesdays this term.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Hello all! I am happy to report here in Jungle Cats we are getting on very well! We are well into our English work on The Princess' Blankets and have worked well in mathematics with tricky 3 and 4 digit column addition. We are starting to settle into a good routine here and will be continuing the next week with work on Roman history (our main topic) and many other activities! Spellings were superb this week and we are hoping for similar results next week. Homework will be handed out in the near future so please be prepared for some great home learning activities.</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>We have started our PE sessions this week. Please take a moment to check with your child if their kits (including trainers) still fit. I think some of them have been shooting up over the summer break, it must be all that sunshine! However, already thinking about the wet weather to follow, could you please remember to start bringing in welly boots to remain in school. It will enable us to keep using the wonderful field for break times and allow us to do activities outside. Please put their name in both boots. Thank you in advance.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 enjoyed an inspirational visit to the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday and have come back with renewed purpose, ready to become the future politicians and law makers of this fine country. To find out what they have learned from this unique experience, please remember that we will have a celebration assembly this month on 28 September.</p> <p>Our homework this week is to get started on Mathletics and try to amass as many points as we can (at least 1000). We have been learning place value in Maths so that would be a good place to start.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>