

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<b>Head's Lines</b> 	<p>How are we in the last week of September already? As the weather has been quite changeable, with cold nippy mornings which sometimes have not warmed up by morning break, please make sure your child is coming to school with a coat.</p> <p>This week parents and carers of Year 2 Puma class have had the opportunity to come and join their child for a meal at lunchtime. Next week is the turn of Year 3 Jaguars. It's not too late to get booked in. Reception classes can book in for the week beginning 8th October. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be informed of their dates once the menu for Term 2 has been released. See below for some photos of the new provision in the hall.</p> <p>On Wednesday we had a visit from the Kent Messenger to take the first class photo for our Cheetah and Leopard classes. The children have settled in really well and are enjoying getting to know everyone and their way round the site.</p>				
	<b>The week ahead</b>	Mon 1 Oct	Tue 2 Oct 'Meet the Teacher' (See below)	Wed 3 Oct	Thurs 4 Oct
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	<p><b>Menu Change:</b> On Thursday, 4 October we will be serving Friday's menu of fish fingers and chips etc. Thursday's menu will move to Friday.</p>				
	<p>As our main hall is out of use we are making use of the smaller hall in Keeler House and the field and playgrounds whilst the weather is good. Please ensure your child's <b>PE kit</b> is in school EVERYDAY as PE has not yet been formally timetabled.</p>				
	<p><b>Please remember to book your Extended Day places in advance.</b> Our wraparound care provision is becoming gradually busier and all sessions must be booked and paid for in advance.</p>				
	<p>We are offering a '<b>Meet the Teacher</b>' opportunity <b>after school on Tuesday 2nd October</b> until about 3.45pm. This is an informal session to come into your child's class, see where they are learning and chat to the teacher. Please collect your child from the usual place and you will be guided to the classrooms. <i>Please note, this is not a suitable time for individual discussions about your child and we will not be sharing the children's work books as there will be opportunity for you to look at work at the Termly Learning Conferences in Term 2.</i></p>				
	<p>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 <b>named wellies</b> that we can keep in school.</p>				

**INDEPENDENT  
CATERING**

**Menu Change:** On Thursday, 4 October we will be serving Friday's menu of fish fingers and chips etc with donuts instead of carrot cake. Thursday's menu will move to Friday.

So far Years 1 and 2 have had the opportunity to come in and enjoy a meal with their child at lunchtimes. Next week is Year 3's turn. We hope you will take up the opportunity to come in and enjoy one of our meals available from our new caterers. They are getting rave reviews - especially about the salad bar! The children are really enjoying them with parent emailing in saying: *"Hi, just to say that my child really likes the school lunches. He used to have packed lunch because he wasn't keen but now he looks forward to lunchtime."*



**Don't forget to book your place for a parent lunch:**

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

You are also welcome to join your child for a **birthday lunch**. 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.

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.

**Payments for parents are not made into the child's account but via the 'parent lunch' option on scopay.com. Click the drop down box to the left and select how many meals you wish to pay for. Likewise with 'sibling lunch'.**

**PTFA**

Thank you to the Class Reps and New Reception parents/carers who attended our meeting on Monday night. A very positive and productive meeting! As our school grows, considering all village-based events during this time, and taking on board feedback from parents/carers, we have tweaked some of our traditional festive activities. Dates for your diary:

- Friday 12th October - pupil Christmas Card artwork & orders details via book bags
- Friday 19th October - Cake Sale after school, please refer to poster attached & on Noticeboards
- Tuesday 30th October 8pm - PTFA meeting, all welcome
- Sunday 4th November 5.30pm - Fireworks & Bonfire, refreshments and glow sticks - ticket info to follow soon \*
- Saturday 1st December 12pm to 5pm - PTFA will host a festive drinks and treats stall at the Headcorn Village Christmas Fair \*
- \*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Friday 7th December 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Christmas Bazaar at school with Santa's Grotto, Present Room, Bottle Tombola, Cafe and Class run stalls (profits from each class stall will be split 50/50 between the PTFA 'slush fund' and the relevant class so a direct benefit to your child's class
- Saturday 8th December - Krishna Ladies Night, £20 per head includes welcome drink, meal and disco. Only 70 tickets available, purchased from Ebony Drewett in KS2 playground or Maz Stack for Reception & Year 1. First come, first served. Tickets cannot be reserved and will be issued on receipt of cash payment in full.
- Wednesday 19th December - Party day during school hours with a festive disco and games and PTFA run Tuck Shop

\* If you'd like to be part of a Christmas Committee or can help with planning, set up, manning and clear up at our events please chat to your class rep or email: [info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk](mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk)

<p><b>DIARY DATES</b></p>	<p>Dates for your Diary:  Fri 5th Oct - Yr 1 &amp; 2 Celebration Assembly  Tues 9th Oct - Flu Immunisations for Years R - 5  Fri 12th Oct - Yr 3 &amp; 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 &amp; 1 Nativity 1 @ 1.45pm  Wed 12th Dec - Yr R &amp; 1 Nativity 2 @ 5.30pm  Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day  Fri 14th Dec - Christmas Lunch  Fri 14th Dec - Yr 2 &amp; 3 Performance 1 @ 6pm  Mon 17th Dec - Yr 2 &amp; 3 Performance 2 @ 1.45pm  Tues 18th Dec - Yr 4, 5 &amp; 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><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>This week we have been learning to form the letter 'a' and working hard to write the number 2 correctly. Please practise as much as you can with your child as it really makes a big difference to their learning. The next sound that we will be learning will be 'm' and we will be working our way through the numbers to 10, learning how to form them correctly.</p> <p>Please can we also add the toy request from last week and say thank you to Mrs Turner for the lovely dolls house which has been given to Year 1 children but we still do need another wooden dolls house if any one has one to donate.</p> <p>Could you return your weekly menu on Monday and have a chat with your child this weekend about what they will be eating over the forthcoming week. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>Thank you for all the home reading you are doing with your child(ren) - it has a huge impact on their learning and helps to build their reading confidence. We will be sending home copies of any new sounds that have been covered in Read Write Inc sessions and if you could go over those at home, it will help to make them very secure. You might like to make some flashcards of the words on the sheet that feature the grapheme (the way the sound is written), or see if your child(ren) can remember how to spell the words. In Maths next week we will be exploring ordering numbers and using ordinal numbers such as 1st, 2nd and 3rd. If you're feeling fit and active perhaps you could have some races and get the children used to hearing ordinal numbers in real life situations; we can't wait to hear all about this from the children! Please can you make sure that all water bottles and clothing are named so that we are able to match any stray items with their owner. The Year 1 team wishes you a very happy weekend.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>The children embraced European Day of Languages and loved experiencing a lesson in an Italian themed classroom and then the rest of the day with Spanish themed lessons. They became Pablo Picasso artists and then collage making Guadi. What a creative day we had!</p> <p>In English this week the children have been working in pairs to re-create the story of 'Lila and the secret of rain' in their own zig zag books. In Maths we have started our unit on adding and subtracting and have enjoyed using different manipulatives to help us. The children have even used the bar method approach to use the inverse to check their calculations.</p> <p>As the weather starts to get colder and wetter can we please ask that the children bring in a pair of named wellie boots that can then be stored on our wellie rack.</p> <p>Have a great weekend Puma Families.</p>

<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS:</b> <b>JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>It's been a very creative week in Year 3, from making Marshmallow Pops as part of the children's work with instructional writing to creating their very own Seawigs to take to the Night of the Hallowed Shallows! They also embraced our European Languages day with their usual positive attitude and enthusiasm. Well done Jaguars.</p> <p>Could we ask for the children to bring in a pair of named wellies please, this will mean they will be able to enjoy the extra space of the playing field for longer as the weather starts to change.</p> <p>We have had some really impressive Home Learning coming into class so far, thank you for the time and effort you and your children put into these activities, the children really do enjoy showing their achievements to us all. Mathletics passwords have been changed, these are stuck onto the inside cover of the blue contact book and I will set weekly activities for the children to complete linked to the work we have looked at in class.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS:</b> <b>JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>Here we are half way through our first term! Things are really getting into motion in the classroom and we have been learning lots about Romans and we are very close to finishing our first book of the term (the number of activities in between has been very enjoyable)! I do hope home reading is getting along swiftly and I have seen some fantastic homework already. The next week we will continue our work on Romans and hopefully start a new book with new activities for English. Alongside this, we will be looking at six times tables so these would be really great to be prepared for. Another quick reminder those participating in hockey need to bring in their gum shield and shin pads on Monday. Those without will have to be given a different activity to participate in. Here is to another great week.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS:</b> <b>CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Thank you all for the very high quality home learning that is coming in. The children seem to really be enjoying our Ancient Greek topic! Just a quick reminder that home learning can be brought in as early as you would like, saving you the weekend stress of remembering.</p> <p>Also, we are aiming to be the first KS2 class to have a full wellie rack. Keep bringing in your named wellies ready for the inevitable wet weather. Thanks in advance.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS:</b> <b>LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Year 6 had a fantastic time celebrating the European Day of Languages on Wednesday and are consequently now fluent in a large variety of spoken tongues. It was a certainly a great opportunity to take a glimpse at the wider world and a range of cultures and I believe we all gained something valuable from the experience.</p> <p>Well done also to all the readers from our celebration assembly today. I am incredibly proud of your reading, presentation and courage to speak in front of a crowd, which I am positive will serve us all in good stead for the rest of the year.</p> <p>Don't forget, in addition to the homework, Mathletics work should be done every week with the minimum target of 1000 points. If anyone has lost their login, please see me and I can get this for you.</p> <p>I wish everyone a fantastic weekend.</p>