

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>Thank you to everyone who was able to pop in for <b>'Meet the Teacher'</b> on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the children showing their parents and carers around. One parent said it was really lovely seeing where their child lived during the day: where their seat, their tray, their locker was. Now they can picture them at school. We look forward to offering more opportunities along these lines through our Family Days and Stay &amp; Play sessions which will be offered across the academic year.</p> <p>This October we are joining forces with <b>1000Hours</b> which is a <b>Kindness Revolution</b> initiated by a charity based in Ashford. We took part in this last year as the children really enjoyed finding ways of bringing kindness into other people's lives both at home, in school and across the community. Please read more below.</p> <p>One act of kindness we can all get on board with soon is the celebration of <b>Harvest</b>. This year we will be collecting for the homeless and families in need in our community and in Maidstone. Please be generous. Please read more below.</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Mon 8 Oct</p>	<p>Tue 9 Oct</p>	<p>Wed 10 Oct</p>	<p>Thurs Oct</p>	<p>Fri 5 Oct</p>
<p><b>URGENCY</b></p>	<p><b>GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS</b></p>				
	<p><b>Menu Change:</b> Friday, 5 October will be Fish Fingers instead of Fish Burgers.</p>				
	<p>The <b>weather</b> is definitely becoming autumnal so please send your child in with a coat and if you haven't done so already, a pair of wellies for when the field becomes a bit muddier. We want to protect your child's shoes as well as our floors!</p>				
	<p><b>1000Hours Kindness Revolution:</b> Last year we joined with a charity based in Ashford who initiated a Kindness Revolution for the month of October. The children really grabbed hold of this initiative and enjoyed finding many ways of showing kindness at home, in school and in their community. This year we are going to join with 1000Hours again and include a new challenge called Ninja Kindness which is when we are encouraged to also do acts of kindness that are anonymous. Your child will be bringing information home soon.</p>				
	<p>This year we will be gathering food in support of the homeless and families in need in our community and in Maidstone. We will be collecting food at drop off on <b>Monday, 15 and Tuesday, 16 October</b> in preparation for our <b>Harvest Festival</b> on the Wednesday. Due to the ongoing works on our main hall roof we will not be able to open up the Harvest Festival to parents and carers this year, however, we will post photos of our display on Headlines and Twitter. Thank you for your generosity.</p>				
	<p><b>Headcorn Parish Church 'Apple Day'</b> will be on Saturday, 20 October between 11am and 2pm. Entry is free and everyone's welcome, so we hope to see you all there. Please see the attached flyer.</p>				
<p><b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b></p>	<p><b>Menu Change:</b> Friday, 5 October will be Fish Fingers instead of Fish Burgers.</p> <p><b>Don't forget to book your place for a parent lunch:</b>            Year RA: Cheetahs – w/c 8 October            Year RB: Leopards – w/c 15 October</p> <p>You are also welcome to join your child for a <b>birthday lunch</b>. 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><b>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'.</b></p>				

<p><b>PTFA</b></p>	<p>In recognition of International Teachers Day and to show our appreciation for the amazing work by our teachers and teaching assistants, earlier today the PTFA gifted £200 to each Class Teacher. They will have the opportunity to decide how that money is spent to benefit their own class over the coming year. Without the fundraising support from our parents and carers, these gestures and investments in our little people would not be possible!</p> <p>Can you add some Snap, Crackle and Pop to our Fireworks Team? If so, handy helpers are needed during the afternoon and on the night of the event. Please contact Jen &amp; Vikki via email <a href="mailto:fireworks@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">fireworks@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Firework Tickets</b> will be available from <b>Friday, 12 October 2018</b> via Scopay (for families at the school) and from Oldfields Newsagent on the High Street. Advance purchase is £5 per adult, £3 per child, pre-schoolers are free. Tickets purchased online will be sent home via bookbags.</p> <p>We are also running the guy competition again this year and look forward to seeing your amazing creations after half term!</p>
<p><b>DIARY DATES</b></p>	<p>Tues 9th Oct - Flu Immunisations for Years R – 5  Weds 10th Oct – Height and Weight Check YR and Y6  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>SPORTS</b></p>	<p>Our after school sports clubs are now well underway and there are still spaces available in Basketball, Tag Rugby and Girls Football.</p> <p>We have noticed that we are in need of more girls from Year 5 and Year 6 to join in. Having a strong contingent of both boys and girls at an after-school club allows us to send more teams to competitive events against other schools. For some events we can only qualify if we have the correct number of boys and girls taking part. If you haven't signed up yet to an after school club then why not give something new a try?</p> <p>If your child is unable to attend for any reason be that due to a dentist appointment, birthday party or other event then please let the club leader know. If you know longer wish to attend a club then please also let us know, as some clubs have a waiting list.</p>
<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>This week we have been learning the letter sound 's' and making Silly Monsters from the story that we have been reading. We have been recapping the sounds 'a' and 'm' and trying hard to form our letters correctly. Please keep practising writing these letters (a, m and s) with your children at home as it makes such a difference to their learning.</p> <p>The next sounds that we will be learning will be d and t. Please keep checking your child's bookbag as they will bring home letter and number formation work to support their learning.</p> <p>We have also started to put some sounds together (blending) to read simple words such as Sam and am. We will continue doing this every day and as children gain more confidence when blending to read, they will bring their own reading book home to read to you!</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning to recognise and write our numbers. The amount of progress that all children have made already has been amazing, so thank you for your support at home, it is very much appreciated!</p> <p>We are still looking for a wooden dolls house, a wooden pirate ship, Lego and any other good quality small world and construction toys that anyone may want to rehome! We would also be very grateful for a balance bike suitable for 4/5 year olds.</p> <p>Thank you to Mrs Lintern for the wonderful go-karts, the children are going to love them!</p>

<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS:</b> <b>TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS:</b> <b>LYNX</b></p> 	<p>It was lovely to welcome you to see your child's classroom this week and the children greatly enjoyed showing you around. In Maths next week we will be beginning our learning on addition, so any practical activities at home would help to secure the children's understanding of this important concept. We will be doing PE regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays, so please could you ensure that any earrings are removed for that day. In Geography we are exploring the difference between the forest setting in our book and the area around our school and homes. It would be helpful if you could talk about the buildings that you might see on your way to school and compare these to what you might see in a forest. Have a lovely weekend.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS:</b> <b>PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>It was lovely to see so many of you at, 'Meet the teacher' and I know that the children enjoyed showing you their classroom and where they sit.</p> <p>This week we used iPads to research one of the 'Big Five' animals as we looked further at life in Kenya. With our work on 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain' the children also worked hard to plan a different version of the story. We used our story maps to discuss how we could change one element – the name, the setting, even the weather – and then began to write our own versions.</p> <p>In Maths we have continued to work on our addition and subtraction skills. Alongside this we have been learning our 10 times table. Keep practising this at home and don't forget to log on to Mathletics too!</p> <p>In Science we looked at the basic needs for all living things and became designers in creating a home for a pet.</p> <p>Keep up the excellent reading Puma Class – you've made me one proud teacher!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS:</b> <b>JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>Thank you to the parents who were able to pop in to the 'meet the teacher' session this week, it was lovely to see how excited the children were to show you their classroom, some of their fantastic work on display (and their locker!!) Home Learning has been coming in thick and fast this week, the standard has been very impressive. We have also seen some great results with the children's spellings and times tables so far, a great effort Jaguars.</p> <p>Remember to check their blue contact books for new spellings and their results etc.</p> <p>Year 3 have had fun on Fridays exploring our topic of Forces and Magnets with Mrs Hutchison, they particularly enjoyed carrying out their ramp investigation when exploring the force of friction last week. To continue with this exciting topic could they please bring in a small box each (a shoe box or cereal box would be ideal).</p> <p>We are over half way to filling our class Wellie Rack, we have been lucky with the weather so far this term and we want the children to enjoy the space on the field for as long as possible - thank you!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS:</b> <b>JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>Hello all! It was really great to meet so many parents this week and I am glad to have been able to have the opportunity to meet some parents for the first time! We are well over halfway through our first term now and we are really getting into the swing of things. In Jungle Cats we have been overwhelmed by the amount of amazing home learning going on and the work in class has been truly incredible this week too. We have been able to finish our letters in English to offer advice to a character in The Princess' Blankets and we have been working on our understanding of four digit numbers and comparing numbers in mathematics (all fantastic work!). Students should be aware they need to bring in their homework diaries <u>every day</u> and their homework folders should be handed in <u>by Wednesday</u> (if they want to bring in homework in earlier that is fine).</p> <p>On another note, can we please have all wellington boots bought in as soon as possible, the sooner these are in the better prepared we are for bad weather. Also can those who participate in hockey on a Monday please bring in their shin pads and a gum shield as these are essential and needed to be able to take part! Thank you again.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS:</b> <b>CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Thank you to everyone who has brought in their named wellies. We nearly have a full wellie rack, keep them coming in!</p> <p>This week you should have all received the letter about our exciting school trip on the last day of term. Please return these as soon as possible and remember payments are all made through Scopay. If you have mislaid the letter I have spares in class.</p> <p>The home learning this week is to learn a poem to recite to the class. Feel free to bring a paper copy in as a back up in case nerves take hold. I am also learning one so we are all in the same boat. Good luck.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS:</b> <b>LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Thanks once again for all who came to the Teacher Meeting on Tuesday; it was lovely to see so many familiar faces. If you weren't able to come, worry not: I am out on the playground most mornings and after school, so if you have any questions or concerns, please see me.</p> <p>It has been another fairly hectic week in Year 6 and we have continued our learning journey on WW1, with a particular focus this week on propaganda. We have certainly enjoyed producing our own propaganda posters and are thoroughly enjoying everything this topic has to offer. We look forward to sharing more with you on this in due course. Have a fantastic weekend!</p>