

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>We are currently partnering with the 'Thousand Hours' Team based in Ashford on their Kindness Revolution which encourages all of our school community to do something unexpected to help, support and cheer up someone else. As part of this we really want to be able to bless our wider community. Some ideas that the children have had are 'Say it with cake', litter picking, posting Thank You cards, sing-a-longs with the community, etc. The children are focussing on four particular ways in which they can be kind: Family Kindness, Community Kindness, School Kindness and Ninja Kindness. The new initiative this year is Ninja Kindness which is where the pupils do something kind but anonymously. This is teaching them all about how we don't always have to get recognition or a thank you to be kind.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to keep a record of the hours of kindness they are logging over the month of October. Next week we will be sending home their Ninja Kindness Half Term Challenge. It would be lovely for them to share what they have been up to in making someone else's day a bit brighter!</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 15 Oct	Tue 16 Oct	Wed 17 Oct	Thurs 18 Oct	Fri 19 Oct
	Harvest Festival Food Drop Off	Harvest Festival Food Drop Off	Harvest Festival		Celebration Assembly YR ONLY Y5 Trip Y6 First Aid Day
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	Menu Change: Tuesday, 16 October – Hash Browns instead of Herby New Potatoes				
	Three-way traffic lights have been introduced on the Forge Lane, Ulcombe Road and Kings/Lenham Road. As the road becomes more accessible we will be reminding children to take extra care when crossing.				
	If your child didn't have the flu vaccination this week you may like to look up other dates and locations at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms and click on the clinic dates link. To book an appointment at a clinic call 03000 1235205 or email kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net				
	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 Monday, 15 and Tuesday, 16 October in preparation for our Harvest Festival 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.				
	Headcorn Parish Church 'Apple Day' 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.				
INDEPENDENT CATERING	<p>Menu Change: Tuesday, 16 October – Hash Browns instead of Herby New Potatoes</p> <p>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.</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>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'.</p>				
PTFA	<p>Over the past few weeks the children have been busy creating masterpieces for their personalised Christmas Cards. Please look out for artwork and online ordering information which will be sent home in book bags. The company offer high quality small or large cards, wrapping paper and gift tags - all with your child's unique design. Every item purchased will raise valuable funds for the PTFA. Order Deadline: 31st October. Expect delivery of cards back around Friday 16th November.</p> <p>Tickets are NOW on sale via Scopay.com (debit or credit card) or from Oldfields Newsagent (cash) for Fireworks & Bonfire - Sunday 4th November 2018. Advance tickets: Adults £5 and Children £3 (pre-schoolers free). Hot food and refreshments available.</p>				

	<p>PTFA cont'd...</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS are still required to ensure the event runs well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - co-ordinate build a guy competition (in advance of) - build the bonfire (during the day) - marshalls, - cooks, - playground sellers, and - bonfire clear up (after the event). <p>We are also looking for LED site lights to provide extra lighting at the event, if you have a set you're willing to loan the PTFA please get in touch.</p> <p>Please email Jen and Vikki at fireworks@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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>SPORTS</p>	<p>We have a home football match against East Farleigh next week and look forward to seeing lots of support at the game. Our netball team will also be taking on Bredhurst and we wish them luck! GO TEAM HEADCORN!!</p> <p>Please make sure that if your child does bring a letter home, inviting them to an after school sporting event, that this is signed and returned to school promptly. This includes information regarding not being able to participate as well, as it gives organisers enough time to offer places to other pupils.</p> <p>Unfortunately we had to withdraw our participation from the recent Marden Football Tournament because not enough reply slips had been returned to school by the deadline. This was very disappointing as we have some very talented pupils at our disposal who can achieve a great deal in sport this year.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>What an eventful week it has been! The children have all been weighed and measured, as well as having their flu vaccine! They were all very brave and listened carefully to instructions.</p> <p>This week we have been learning the letter sounds d and t and have been thinking of things that start with these sounds. Now that we have learnt the sounds a, m, s, d and t, we have been putting some sounds together to blend and make real words such as Sam, sad, mat, at, dad and mad. Please encourage your children to continue sounding out words, thinking about the sounds that they can hear.</p> <p>We have all been working hard in Maths too and are now able to form most of the numbers to 10 correctly. We will continue this next week, so be sure to ask your child to write the numbers that we have covered so far, in the correct order!</p> <p>Just a quick reminder that we will be showing some of our fantastic work on Friday (19th) in the Celebration Assembly. Everyone is invited! It starts after drop off time, so it is best to drop your child off at the Early Years gate and make your way to the main entrance. The assembly will be held in the Keeler building but don't worry, there will be people and signs to direct you.</p> <p>A big thank you to Mrs Wolf, Mrs Williams and Mrs Baker for the donation of the small world ramp park, super books and the fantastic balance bike.</p> <p>We are still looking for a dolls house, Lego, small world toys such as castles, pirate ships but any good quality toys would be gratefully received.</p>

	<p>YR cont'd...</p> <p>Miss Man and I will be running a Phonic information evening after half term to help parents understand how we teach young children to read and write. There will be two sessions (you only need to attend one of them, preferably with your child's class teacher) held on Monday 29th October and Thursday 1st November.</p> <p>Miss Man – 29th October Mrs Day – 1st November</p> <p>If for any reason you cannot make the specified date with your child's class teacher, you are more than welcome to attend the other session. Both sessions will start at 6.00pm and last no longer than 30 minutes. We hope to see you all there!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>Lynx and Tiger Classes have had a fun-filled week and have been desperate to find out more about our class book, Wild. The children have written some wonderfully thoughtful letters to the characters in the book and have made their teachers very proud of their writing skills. The slow reveal of the story means that the children have a very deep understanding which in turn heightens their empathetic responses to it. As part of our Welly Wednesday activities, the children used their design and technology skills to create somewhere for the girl in our story to sleep, using only natural materials found in the woodland. They also developed their geographical skills by using wooden blocks, cones, rope and leaves to represent landscape features on a large-scale tarpaulin map grid, using the story as a prompt for some of the features. The children were very imaginative - cones became hills and trees, blocks became the area where the bears live, and some children even added a sewer system using a piece of pipe! Our next stage is to draw our map grid and add the geographical features. Next week we will be finding out more about bears as they feature in some of the illustrations in our book. If you would like to do some bear research at home it will help the children to develop their ideas at school. In Maths the children have found out about adding using the part-part-whole model... ask the children if they can draw one for you and explain how it works. We will be continuing to deepen our understanding of these next week. We wish you a very happy weekend.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>This week the children have been adding and subtracting, moving from using Base 10 manipulatives to pictorial representations. They have really impressed us with their number agility and use of number bonds to support their addition skills. In English we have been writing in first person as Lila, writing thank you letters and sharing our experiences through a diary. We have also been using a Computing programme called Scratch to start creating a safari game. Next session we will be using coding to move our characters.</p> <p>Please don't forget too bring in named wellies so that on wet days the children can still use the field. Next week we start our RE topic on, 'How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?'</p> <p>Have a great weekend.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Jaguars class were very excited to find out that we are off on our school trip very soon! The children will have a fun packed day as we are fitting in an Ancient Egypt workshop, a clay based craft activity plus some museum time too. Discovery has been our theme this week as we imagined we were budding archaeologists like Howard Carter and explored what it might have felt like to discover Tutankamun's tomb, they produced some fantastic freeze frames and wrote their own diaries. They very much enjoyed sharing their Egyptian song in Celebration assembly.</p> <p>Thank you for all the wellies which have been brought in, we still have space for a few more on our class rack!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>This week in Jungle cats we have been working extremely hard with our English writing and Mathematics, looking at ordering 4 digit numbers. Year 4 have also spent time looking at Hinduism with Mrs Hutchinson. Next week we will be continuing our insight into Roman life and history and enjoying our final week of term.</p> <p>Could I please remind those who have not bought in wellington boots to please do so as the weather is starting to change and we would still like to use the field for break and lunch times.</p> <p>Those who are participating in hockey will need to bring shin pads and gum shields in for the final week as usual please.</p> <p>Also blue contact books should be checked daily and any home reading noted in them shall be rewarded. In addition to this, any person who writes 'Jungle cats rule!' in their contact books will receive 5 house points!</p> <p>Overall a great weeks work thank you again Jungle cats</p>

**YEAR 5 CLASS:
CARACALS**



Wellies - We are very close to having a whole class set of wellies, keep them coming in please. When the weather becomes more inclement children without wellington boots will not be allowed onto the field, so help us to be the first KS2 class" winter ready!"

On Friday we are off to our exciting school trip to The Southbank Centre to take part in some wonderful workshops on our text Odysseus. If you haven't already brought in your permission form, please do. Don't forget we will need to be in school at 8.10am that day. I am afraid we will not be able to wait for any latecomers as we are catching a train that will not wait for us. It's all rather exciting.

**YEAR 6 CLASS:
LIONS**



Year 6 have been battling with long multiplication this week so I would strongly recommend trying to consolidate this topic on Mathletics. After investigating several different methods on Wednesday, your loved ones could no doubt show you some unusual ways of working out multiplication problems. Why not challenge them to see what they can remember? (I'm positive they would jump at this opportunity!) I am thoroughly enjoying the magnificent trench creations that have been steadily flowing in this week. Please remember the deadline is Monday 15th to have these submitted. I have not set any extra homework for next week aside from the usual spellings, tables and Mathletics, however further focus on times tables especially would be heartily welcomed.

On Friday 19th October Year 6 will have a company coming in to teach them first aid and also CPR. This trainer has worked in many schools with high levels of engagement and enthusiasm from pupils who then feel more confident about being able to help if someone is ever in need.

Have a wonderful weekend!