

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>It astounds me that we are already at the end of Term 1. Our new Reception classes have settled in beautifully and held their first Celebration Assembly today. Thank you to everyone for their generous gifts for our Harvest Festival on Wednesday. These have all been collected by Maidstone Care of the Homeless and will be gifted to those less fortunate than ourselves.</p> <p>The last few weeks we have had a focus on one of our core values: Compassion. The children have been trying to show kindness in school, at home and in the community. Years 2 to 6 have been logging their hours on the yellow card we sent home as we are trying to meet our target of 1000 hours of kindness in October. Today they will be coming home with their Half Term Challenge of Ninja Kindness: anonymous acts of kindness. Please ask them about this and encourage them to complete their yellow card over the week's break as we will be collecting these in when we return.</p> <p>Well done to our footballers who won their first home match of the season 14:2! Today Year 6 are enjoying a day's training on first aid and CPR whilst Year 5 have jetted off to London for a Literacy Festival. We hope to share about these events in our first KS2 Celebration Assembly back in the main hall after the Half Term break.</p> <p>I hope you all have a fantastic week's break. Look out for people in red MAD Tshirts (Make a Difference) on Wednesday as the Baptist church invests in our village through a variety of activities (see the attached flyer for more information).</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 29 Oct</p> <p>First Day of Term 2</p>	<p>Tue 30 Oct</p>	<p>Wed 31 Oct</p>	<p>Thurs 1Nov</p>	<p>Fri 2 Nov</p> <p>Celebration Assembly: Y5 & Y6 Sharing</p>
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<p style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">ROAD WORKS</p>	<p>ROAD WORKS - Please be aware that the Kings Road will be fully functional once we return after the week's break meaning an increase in traffic at drop off and pick up. Please remember to park considerately in marked parking bays only. From Term 2 we the Early Years and KS2 gates will close promptly at 8.50am.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">PARENT LUNCH</p>	<p>Just a reminder that payments for parent lunches should be made via the 'parent lunch' option on scopay.com and not into the child's account. Click the drop down box to the left and select how many meals you wish to pay for. Likewise with 'sibling lunch'.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">TAG RUGBY</p>	<p>With only three children signed up, Tag Rugby Club will not continue into Term 2.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">SCREEN ADDICTION</p>	<p>Half term is here, and with it comes the opportunity to enjoy some more free time. With that in mind we have included with this week's issue of Headcorn Headlines a parent's guide to 'Screen Addiction' (attached). Contained within this fun poster are some top tips on how to maintain a more healthy screen/life balance during the half term holiday and onwards. We hope that you can spare the time to have a look at this in more detail.</p> <p>After the holiday we will be looking to appoint a group of Digital Leaders, whose job will be to help steer the school's ongoing e-safety vision from the point of view of the pupil. If your child would be interested in becoming a Digital Leader and finding out what this role entails, then more information will be available in future editions of the weekly newsletter.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">FLU VACCINATION</p>	<p>If your child didn't have the flu vaccination at school 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</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow; color: black; text-align: center;">ADMISSIONS</p>	<p>If you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, you need to apply for their place at primary school. You must submit one application per child, even if they already have a sibling at that school. Applying online before 15 January 2019 www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</p>				
<p style="background-color: green; color: white; text-align: center;">APPLE DAY</p>	<p>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.</p>				

<p>INDEPENDENT CATERING</p>	<p>As we enter Term 2, please check out the new menu from Independent Catering (attached to the email).</p> <p>Menu Change: Wednesday, 31 October we will be serving Bewitching Desserts for Halloween.</p> <p>You are 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 £2.65. All meals include the salad bar, homemade wholemeal bread, dessert or cheese and biscuits.</p> <p>Payments for parent lunches should be made via the 'parent lunch' option on scopay.com and not into the child's account. Click the drop down box to the left and select how many meals you wish to pay for. Likewise with 'sibling lunch'.</p>
<p>PTFA</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>Pupils are invited to take part in our free Make a Guy Competition for the Bonfire and stand a chance to win a Family Ticket to our Fireworks event. Your entries should be brought in to school on Wednesday 31st October when pupils will vote for their favourite. The Winner will be announced Friday 2nd November (you will also find a flyer in book bags).</p> <p>Your child's Christmas Card artwork has been sent home via book bags this week. Orders to be placed online by Wednesday 31st October. All purchases raise value funds for our school.</p> <p>PTFA minutes are available to read at http://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk/useful-info/ptfa/</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>Mon 29th Oct - Start of Term 2 Mon 5th Nov - Individual School Photographs (siblings from 8.30am) 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>Headcorn: 16 East Farleigh:2</p> <p>Wow, what a performance from the Headcorn football team this week, as they took on East Farleigh in the Maidstone Schools League. This was our first competitive match of the season and the whole team really made it count. Headcorn came out of the blocks fast at kick off, and scored 3 goals, without reply, in very quick succession. The home team enjoyed large periods of possession and managed to add a further four goals before the half time whistle. Just before half time, after a few lapses of concentration, Headcorn conceded two goals after some good counter attacks by East Farleigh. The team regrouped at half time and then added a further nine goals to make the final score 16:2. Congratulations to all those who took part you were fantastic.</p> <p>With only three children signed up, Tag Rugby Club will not continue in Term 2.</p>

<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Well done to Cheetah and Leopard class children for completing your first term at school, I think we are all ready for a little rest!</p> <p>Next term our main topics will include Being Different, All About Me and different Festivals. Please continue to practise reading and writing the letter sounds a, m, s, d, t and i over the holiday. We have started to blend the sounds together to make words such as sat, Sam, it, in, at, mat, mad, sad, am etc but this will need a lot of practise as reading is a difficult skill for young children to master. One of the best ways to encourage blending is to cut paper letter sounds up (cursive letter writing of course!) and let children physically put them together to see what words they can make. This will require a lot of adult support to start with!</p> <p>We have also worked very hard writing numbers to 8 correctly. Please ask your child to show you how they write their numbers in order and be prepared to be wowed by their wonderful neat number formation.</p> <p>Please don't forget that in the first week back of Term 2, both Miss Man and myself will be running Phonic talks to help everyone understand how we teach young children to read and write.</p> <p>Miss Man - Monday 29th Oct at 6pm Mrs Day - Thursday 1st Nov at 6pm</p> <p>Please go to the main entrance and there will be someone to show you to the classrooms where talks will be held.</p> <p>We would like to say a big thank you to the parents from Leopard Class who purchased Miss Man a doll's house and a beautiful wooden pirate ship. Thank you also to the Hills and Baker family for the donation of fantastic balance bikes. We will soon all be riding bikes without stabilisers! Also to the King family for the donation of a fabulous dolls house and wooden furniture and to the Parkin family for the wonderful Happyland playset! The children love playing with these small world toys and we are very grateful for your support.</p> <p>We would like to wish everyone a very restful half term and will see you all in Term 2 which starts on Monday 29th Oct.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>What a wonderful first term in Year 1 it has been! All the children have worked so well in their new classes and are so keen. This week we have created our own versions of the book, Wild, drawing upon writing and illustration skills. The children are really getting to grips with part-part-whole in Maths, being able to work systematically and reason. On Welly Wednesday the children had the opportunity to create a score to go with our book and orchestrated the sounds using boomwhackers. The children also enjoyed working as a team to develop their orienteering skills around a hula-hoop magic maze, as well as using foraged natural materials to create a hedgehog.</p> <p>Over the holiday we would like the children to create a design for our class pumpkin. The children will have a pumpkin design sheet in their bookbag. The winner will have their design carved onto the pumpkin.</p> <p>We wish you a very happy half-term. Please keep up the reading and if your child chooses to do any writing, we would love to see it!</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>The children this week enjoyed the last of the first rotation in PE – football, hockey or yoga, and they are looking forward to starting their new activity next term. Also this week we had lots of a valid discussions on our RE topic, 'How should we care for others?' As well as using Christian stories as a stimulus the children displayed great empathy for others – great work Pumas!</p> <p>In Maths the children have been really wowing us with the use of Base 10 and partitioning in adding and subtracting – keep working on Mathletics it will really have an impact on their mathematical understanding. We are continuing to learn our 10 times table so please practise the recall of these over the half term.</p> <p>We also had an enjoyable last session on our topic, 'Sensational Safari' where we learnt about the Masaai tribe and 'The Jumping Dance.' We made necklace accessories and enjoyed creating our own version of the dance.</p> <p>Please remember that next term is likely to be wet so please bring in a spare pair of wellies so that the field can be used.</p> <p>Have a wonderful well-deserved half term break. NO spellings will be set but keep reading and working on Mathletics.</p>

<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The Jaguars have explored using pastels to produce some fantastic artwork based around Egyptian Gods this week and their science topic of Forces and Magnets enabled them to create some very imaginative magnetic board games. We were all very excited to see the response our photograph of our Seawigs received on Twitter this week, with comments from both the illustrator and author of 'Oliver and The Seawigs,' make sure you have a peek!</p> <p>Thank you for sending in wellies for your children, we are nearly there with a full set! I have sent spellings home for half term and have encouraged the children to keep up with their reading and Mathletics. I hope you all have a lovely break, we have lots to look forward to next term including our Class Trip.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Here in Jungle cats we have been finishing off our book The Princess' Blankets and have been getting creative with our own stories! Some really fantastic work has been produced that has shown our progress over the last six weeks. We have also spent some time looking at Hadrian's Wall and making informative posters on Roman history (some truly incredible artists around the class for these posters!) We have also been continuing our science looking at habitats and how to protect endangered animals.</p> <p>Over the Half term children have been given their spellings to learn for the first week back and I shall be setting some additional Mathletics tasks to keep them ticking over during the week.</p> <p>If children are still to bring in their wellington boots please do so as soon as possible! We have been lucky with the weather this week but to still use the field at break and lunch times children need wellingtons.</p> <p>Hope you have a great weekend and half term!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>We have had a wonderful term learning about the Ancient Greeks and Odysseus, the children have brought in some amazing home learning. There is no work set for over the break, but it would be a good opportunity to do a little stock take of resources. Handwriting pens are starting to fade, and pencils cases seem to be gobbling up pencils. We have also started having breaks with only wellie wearers going on the field, so please bring those in too.</p> <p>Have a lovely break.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>I have been absolutely bowled over by the fantastic WW1 trenches that the pupils have brought in this week. In addition to the incredibly tasty edible ones, they really have created some fantastic pieces of work, which we will hope to exhibit soon. Look out for these also on the school's Twitter account.</p> <p>As the new term will bring much harsher conditions, all pupils will need to start bringing in their wellies if they have not already done this. This will allow us to utilise the wonderful field we have at Headcorn and indeed reduce the number of children piling up on the school playground.</p> <p>For homework over the half term, along with practising the usual Mathletics work, I would like the children to write an in-depth review of the class book that we have recently finished – “Stay Where You Are and Then Leave” – where they should consider the plot, characters, themes and favourite parts. It should be around 2 to 3 sides of A4 paper and be structured either with subheadings and/or clear paragraphs.</p> <p>I wish everyone a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you all when everything starts up once more!</p> <p>The cut off date for applying for secondary school places is Wednesday, 31 October. This can be done online at https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places</p>