

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>We have had a week of creativity with activities around Halloween and the surprise of the decorated hall and colourful creamy cupcakes and jelly with hidden gems made by our imaginative Independent Catering team.</p> <p>Well done to the children who took part in the Guy competition. There was such a high standard this year with all sorts of intriguing characters for our children to choose from. Congratulations to the winners Lilly and Chloe Brown for their Roblox guy!</p> <p>We finish the week with our PTFA Fireworks Night being held on the school field on Sunday 4th November from 5pm for a 5.30pm display. Tickets purchased via Scopay have been distributed in book bags. Advance purchase tickets will be available from Oldfields Newsagent until 3pm on Sunday. Alternatively, on the gate (subject to availability) with cash or card as this year we have a card machine. Look forward to seeing you all there!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	Mon 5 Nov	Tues 6 Nov	Wed 7 Nov	Thurs 8 Nov	Fri 9 Nov
	Individual School Photos				YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y2 Sharing Y5 visiting Lenham School
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	<p>Being registered on scopay.com is hugely important. Not only is it used to make payments to the school, it is also how you will book your Termly Learning Conference (TLC) with your child's teacher. The TLCs begin in November and will be live for you to book your appointment from 12pm on Wednesday, 7 November. Those that haven't already registered online will find a letter with a code in book bags this afternoon, please look out for this.</p>				
	<p>The school photographer will be taking photos on Monday morning. Families with pre-school siblings can come to the school office from 8.30am for their joint photos.</p>				
	<p>Poppies and other remembrance merchandise will be on sale in school this week. Could we suggest a minimum donation of 50p per item.</p>				
	<p>Wellies! Nearly the whole school has a pair of wellies so that we can take the classes out on the field for break and lunch. From next week those without them will not be allowed on the field as it is getting very muddy now that we have had some rain. If anyone is unable to source a pair of wellies please let the school know what size they need as we have some spares. If anyone has old wellies that they can donate, including adult sizes (as our older children have quite large feet!) then please send them in to school with your child.</p>				
	<p>If you are not already doing so, please make an effort to follow us on Twitter. This facility has replaced our individual class blogs. It is now the only way of seeing all the fabulous events and work that takes place at our school. You could be missing out on news and reminders about what is going on at Headcorn School. Don't miss out!</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>INDEPENDENT CATERING</p>	<p>Independent Catering decorated the hall and the salad bar for Halloween and the children enjoyed some wonderful Betwitching Halloween cakes!</p>  <p>We are inviting Years 4, 5 and 6 parents for lunch on the following weeks: Year 4 – week commencing Monday, 5 November Year 5 – week commencing Monday, 12 November Year 6 – week commencing Monday, 19 November</p> <p>Please book online via scopay.com and let the office know which day you will attend with your meal choice. 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>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>You are also welcome to join your child for a birthday lunch. As the school grows we are staggering 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>WRAPAROUND CARE</p>	<p>We’ve had a fabulously fun start to the new term, making lots of crafty pumpkins, ghosts and spiders, from our Happy Halloween theme! Next week will be based around our Fireworks theme. Best of all, we’re back in the hall, where we have space to play and run. Please remember to book your sessions online!</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>Amazing effort from our families and local business Bake My Day for our Cake Sale at the end of last term. Whether you were a home-baker, a donator, a helper or a supporter. Thank you for raising £168.15!</p> <p>Thank you to parents and governors who attended the PTFA meeting on Monday evening. Minutes will follow shortly. Next meeting: Monday 26th November 8pm.</p> <p>Well done to all the pupils who entered the Make A Guy Competition, such a creative effort! Congratulations to Chloe and Lilly Brown whose Guy was voted by the pupils as their favourite. They have received a Family Ticket to the Fireworks!</p> <p>Thank you to those families who ordered Christmas cards/gift wrap/tags we hope to get these distributed into book bags by Friday 16th November.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you at our Fireworks & Bonfire on Sunday. All tickets purchased on Scopay have been distributed in book bags. Advance Purchase Tickets will be available from Oldfields Newsagent until 3pm on Sunday. Alternatively, on the gate subject to availability. Main School Gates (entry next to Keeler Building) will open at 5pm Display 5.30pm. Hot drinks, hot dogs, crepes and waffles, sweets and glow sticks will be on sale. (Note: for little ones who may not like the dark we suggest you bring a torch. No sparklers please!)</p> <p>HALLOWEEN SWEET AMNESTY if you feel your household has surplus sweets and you’re considering to discreetly throw them out, bring them to the School Office as these wrapped treats could be used at the Christmas Bazaar!</p>



DIARY DATES

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

SPORTS

Please be aware that Basketball Club will go ahead on Monday next week, then return to Tuesdays thereafter. This is due to our participation in the Sports Hall Athletics with members of Yrs 3&4 at Maplesden Noakes School. We wish all competitors taking part the best of luck. I'm sure the children will do us proud.

Football Club will continue until it becomes too dark out on the field. With that in mind please bring warm clothes and a waterproof with you, as it's definitely starting to get colder. Week 3 of Term 2 sees us take on Allington Primary School in our next league fixture. Results from all the schools in our group, can be viewed by following the link below. At the time of writing we currently sit top of the league.

<http://www.greenfieldscps.kent.sch.uk/league-tables-201819-2/>

During the last week of November we will also be taking part in Basketball competitions at the Lenham School and hope to enter two teams. Look out for a sign up sheet if you want to be involved.

EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS



EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS



Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you all had a good rest over the half term holiday.

This term we will be learning all about being different; different family structures, Autumn, different festivals and celebrations as well as continuing to learn our letter sounds and recognising and applying our number and counting skills.

We will be doing a lot more blending with our letter sounds to read and write words but this will need a lot of support.

If your child has achieved a certificate for any sporting activities or has made something special, we would love to see them for Show and Tell time. This special time encourages children to develop their speaking and listening skills. Please do not send in any toys as toys are too tempting to stay in the Show and Tell basket all day and tend to get lost!

Thank you to all who attended our Phonic evenings. Your on-going support is very much appreciated. Those that came received a yellow Learning Journey book and a Word Sheet (others will be sent home in book bags this afternoon). Please use the Learning Journey book to record (using photos if you wish) your child's experiences at home such as Halloween, riding a bike, days out etc. The Word Sheet is for your child to learn words – red is by sight and green can be sounded out.

Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle to school each day. All this learning is thirsty work!

<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the holiday and we hope you had a wonderful break. This week the children really enjoyed their Halloween activities, including making potions and writing instructions on how to do this. Next week we will be focussing on subtraction in Maths, and learning the names of the five oceans. We will also be finding out more about Guy Fawkes. If you would like to do some research at home on these topics that would be fabulous.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>The children have returned back to school with great enthusiasm for Term. In English we have started our new book, Halibut Jackson and have enjoyed making predictions using descriptive language, we cannot wait to read the rest of the book.</p> <p>In History this week we have started comparing London in 1666 to present day, in preparation for learning about, 'The Great Fire of London.' Our overall topic this term is, 'We are all Superheroes!' If any children have mislaid their new topic homework grid please let us know and we will provide another copy.</p> <p>The children have also rotated in their PE groups. Those in either the football or hockey groups would benefit from having a pair of jogging bottoms and a warm jumper/hoodie in school, especially as the weather takes a turn, as well as a pair of named wellingtons for break and lunch times.</p> <p>Please can we remind children that although book changing days are Monday and Thursday it would be great if their books and reading records are in every day in case any adult gets an opportunity to read with them.</p> <p>Have a great weekend Pumas!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Welcome back to term 2, hopefully you all had a restful break, the children have certainly returned raring to go! We will be continuing with our current topics for another week or so, culminating in our trip to Maidstone Museum. We have very nearly finished our adventures with Oliver Crisp in, 'Oliver and the Seawigs' and the children have been busy writing diaries as Iris the mermaid and apology letters from Stacey de Lacey. In maths we have been using bar models to help us to solve addition and subtraction problems which is making the children think carefully about whether they need to add or subtract. At the end of last term, the children made some fantastic magnetic board games in science, Mrs Hutchison was very impressed with the children's focus and creativity.</p> <p>If your child is doing football or hockey for games this term can you please make sure they are wrapped up for Monday PE (joggers, fleeces, gloves!) As long as it is dry we will be going outside. If they have shin pads at home, these would be ideal for hockey.</p> <p>Our indoor PE day has changed to Wednesday for this term but it is easier to have their kits in school all week in case we need to be flexible!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>In Jungle Cats this week we have been refreshing our memory on last terms work on 4 digit numbers and have started a new book for our English learning 'The Wolf's Footprint'. We have an exciting term ahead with lots of activities planned within our classroom. Next week we are changing our PE activities and children will be notified if they need any additional equipment (gum shields, shin pads etc). Can you please make sure all children have wellington boots in school as the field is becoming muddy.</p> <p>Homework for this term has been given to pupils and weekly spellings will continue this term as will mathematics work. Hope everyone has a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>On Friday afternoon we have the exciting opportunity to visit the Fitness Gym at The Lenham School. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school and their water bottle with them. The class will be back in time for normal collection times.</p> <p>The home-learning sheet was given out on Monday, if there are any issues with the activities or resourcing please feel free to speak to me. The sheet should also be on our school website should it be lost or eaten by the dog!</p>

**YEAR 6 CLASS:
LIONS**



Term 2 has got off to a lively start in Year 6 thus far. Not content to sit back and rest on our laurels after several Athletics victories, we have decided (in the very loose sense of the word) to get to grips with what many observers describe as the “mathematical Holy Grail”, namely long division. Wish us all well on this endeavour as I’m afraid it could be a long and possibly arduous journey!

We were also fortunate enough this week to sample a quick trip to Lenham school for a workout, which involved the children taking note of their heart rate after a variety of exertions on exercise bikes and treadmills. I would have loved to participate myself but obviously did not wish to take anyone’s turn! Fingers crossed there will be another opportunity.

Lastly, if you have not already seen the front entrance of the school, some of the trenches and posters and photographs from Year 6’s home learning are on display and are looking rather exquisite in advance of Remembrance Day. Good job everyone!

Have an excellent weekend!