

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>We are very proud of our pupils that attended and represented different community groups at Headcorn's Remembrance service last Sunday. Behaviour was impeccable and they all showed such respect. Year 6 Lion class shared some of their moving WW1 poetry this Friday in Celebration Assembly and they read these pieces of prose with such expression that there was a natural hush across the room which was quite haunting.</p> <p>Well done to our boys and girls football teams who played away against Allington Primary School yesterday. We did not win these games, however, we did receive an email from their staff who wrote to praise our children's courteous behaviour and tell us that they are 'a real compliment to our school'. It is rare that emails such as this are received from other schools after an event so I feel very proud of the wonderful ambassadors we have in our children. Even when the result could leave them feeling despondent they held their heads high and showed true resilience and sportsmanship. Well done!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 19 Nov</p>	<p>Tues 20 Nov</p> <p>RSE Parents Meeting 2.30pm</p>	<p>Wed 21 Nov</p> <p>YR/KS1 Beep Beep Day</p>	<p>Thurs 22 Nov</p> <p>Spelling Bee Finals</p>	<p>Fri 23 Nov</p> <p>KS1 Celeb Assembly: Y1 Sharing Y5 Lenham School Workshop</p>
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	<p>During the Year each year group will be having their Relationships and Sex Education (RSE).</p> <p>There are more detailed overviews of each year group's lessons available on the school's website www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk If you would like to review any of the resources or speak to senior members of staff about this area of learning there will be an opportunity to meet and ask any questions on Tuesday 20th November from 2.30pm at the school. Please register your interest about this session with the school office as soon as possible.</p>				
	<p>Please remember to book your places online for wraparound care places before your child attends. You will need to add credit to your account before booking.</p>				
	<p>The Wraparound Care staff are looking for pop up tents and dens to create cosy corners in the hall where children can read and relax, especially in the afternoon. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and would like to get rid of yours, please send them our way! Thank you in advance.</p>				
	<p>Years 2-6 have been given a list of spellings for them to try and learn for our school Spelling Bee challenge. This is a fun competition to help promote the importance of correct spelling. Please take some time to learn as many words as possible. They are in order of difficulty, so try learning the bronze words first and go as far as you can. This is meant to be fun, so do the best that you can.</p> <p>On Monday the children will have the chance to show which spellings they know, for every correct word spelt they will gain 1 hp. The more you know, the more you earn. The class with the most correctly spelt words will also win a bonus prize.</p> <p>The winning speller from each year group will then have the exciting opportunity to go to Hollingbourne Primary School to compete against other schools.</p>				
	<p>The Book Fair will be arriving in school on Friday 23rd November. It will run in the KS1 area from 3.30pm-4.00pm between Friday 23rd November until Thursday 29th November. Commission from book sales will earn free books and resources for the school.</p>				
	<p>There's a special Messy "Christingle" Church to round off the year on Saturday 1st December at 2:30pm - 4:30pm, in the Andred Hall, with a variety of crafts for Christmas and other fun activities to occupy the children, followed by a story and then the usual 'tea'.</p> <p>In addition, attached is a poster with details of this year's Christmas Tree Festival at Headcorn Church, which is taking place between Friday 7th and Sunday 9th December, when there's also an all-day Christmas Market on the Saturday (8th) and a Christmas sing-a-long at 4pm on the Sunday (9th).</p> <p>We hope to see you there. Matt Dredge, Benefice Administrator secretary@handschurches.org</p>				

<p>INDEPENDENT CATERING</p>	<p>We are inviting Year 6 parents for lunch this week.</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>The Wraparound Care staff are looking for pop up tents and dens to create cosy corners in the hall where children can read and relax, especially in the afternoon. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and would like to get rid of yours, please send them our way! Thank you in advance.</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>Christmas Cards/Wrapping Paper/Tags: everyone should have received their packs last week via book bags.</p> <p>Santa's Grotto: Pre-booking is essential. Spaces are still available at 5pm and 5.15pm, this is open to both pupils and their siblings. Parents are permitted to accompany their children during their visit.</p> <p>Happy Helpers: Thank you to those who have generously offered to help, we'll be in contact soon. We still require volunteers to assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>manning our stall (selling mulled wine, festive punch and reindeer food) on the afternoon on Saturday 1st December. We hope to have three persons every hour to cover our stall</i> - <i>setting up the hall from 1pm for the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 7th December</i> - <i>clearing up after the Christmas Bazaar</i> <p>Paper Chain Challenge: We're excited about this new addition to our Christmas Bazaar! £1 buys you the chance of winning a CASH prize. At about 5.30pm at the bazaar a special guest will select a link at random and the lucky person will win 50% of the total money taken i.e. if we sell 100 paper chains you would win £50! At the bottom of the happy helper/Santa's grotto form that came home in book bags last week you will find your 1st paper chain to get you started. You can purchase more from Maz Stack or the school office or you can buy on the day at the bazaar. Please return your decorated/purchased paper chains with money in an envelope marked 'Christmas paper chains' to the school office.</p> <p>Next PTFA Meeting: Monday 26th November 2018, 8pm - all welcome</p> <p>Non-Uniform Day/Bring a bottle: Friday 7th December (see flyer)</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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 style="text-align: center;">SPORTS</p>	<p>Please note that now the evenings are getting darker earlier we will not be allowing any children to walk home alone from after school clubs. Please ensure that the club leader or school office know who will be collecting your child.</p> <p>Both Football Clubs and Basketball club will finish week commencing 26 November. Clubs will restart at the end of January.</p> <p>Allington: 4 Headcorn: 0 Allington Girls: 4 Headcorn Girls: 0</p> <p>Thank you to Allington Primary School for hosting Headcorn on Thursday 15th November. Not only were we able to play our Maidstone League Football match against them, but we were also able to arrange an all-girls friendly fixture. Both teams gave a good account of themselves, matching the larger primary school kick for kick during the first half. Headcorn hit the bar early on giving the home team a bit of a scare before they raced up the other end to make the score 1-0 to Allington at the end of the first half. The girls fixture also finished 1-0 to Allington at the end of the first half. A few changes were made by both teams during the second half, but Allington went on to score three more goals without reply from Headcorn. The first of which was a very harsh penalty for a hand-ball inside the penalty box. In the final minutes Headcorn once again hit the crossbar and had chances to snatch a consolation goal but for some great goalkeeping by the opposition goalkeeper. Sadly, both teams came away with a defeat, but everyone involved really enjoyed the experience of playing another competitive game. Thank you for all the support from the side-lines, we simply could not attend all these events without your help with transport.</p> <p>At Headcorn School we believe that PE is an important part of the curriculum and pupils should be taking part. Some pupils have been unable to take part recently because they have been wearing earrings. Please be aware that it is strict school policy that no earrings are worn during PE lessons. Health and Safety prohibits any pupils from taking part in physical activity with earrings still in place. Tape is not allowed and earrings must be removed at home or immediately before the PE lesson.</p> <p>There will be no Football Club next week due to our proposed participation in the Basketball Tournament at The Lenham School on the same day. (Wednesday 21st November.)</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>This week we have been learning all about Diwali, the Hindu 'Festival of Light.' The children have enjoyed using clay to make Diva Lamps and designing Mehndi hand patterns. Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on Autumn and the changing seasons. Within this topic we will be looking at the changes that occur in Autumn, talking about hibernation and how different animals prepare for Winter. To support your child's learning please feel free to discuss the changes you may notice around your local areas and perhaps take an Autumn walk searching for sign of Autumn.</p> <p>Please can you ensure your child's PE kit is in school, and all items are named, as we will be starting PE lessons over the next few weeks. Also, to promote independence, please ensure that your child knows what they are having for lunch each morning so that they can begin to answer the dinner register.</p> <p>Finally with Christmas fast approaching, we will be beginning our preparations for our Nativity, how exciting!!! A letter explaining what your child will be doing and what costume they will need will be sent out in the book bags by the end of this week.</p> <p>Thank you again for all your support and generosity donating, and even buying, toys, books and dressing up outfits for each class. We have been truly touched by your generosity. Thank you.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>Nativity performance preparations are now underway. Details of costume requirements and the part your child will play will be sent home in book bags on Friday for Tigers and Monday for Lynx class.</p> <p>In Maths next week we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. If you find any opportunities for discussing these at home it will help to reinforce the learning they do at school. In History we will be thinking about how Headcorn School has changed over the years. If you or your family attended the school, perhaps you could talk about what school life was like then... What were you taught? What did you play with? Did the school look different? You might be able to do some online research to find out some interesting facts.</p> <p>We would appreciate any donations of jam jars. If you have any junk modelling items, especially plastic bottles, yogurt pots or margarine tubs they would be useful for our science experiment.</p>

<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>It's been a busy week as we delved deeper into our class book, Halibut Jackson. The children have used role play to write first person accounts, first as Halibut Jackson and then as a person attending the royal party – we even used a rhetorical question in our account.</p> <p>In Maths we have been comparing different amounts of money and then finding the total. We will next be challenging ourselves by finding the change from a given amount.</p> <p>This week in Science we have been looking at how exercise affects our body. We thought up different physical activities and then timed ourselves doing them. Next we shared how our bodies felt after the exercise.</p> <p>The children should have come home with a Spelling Bee list of spellings – we appreciate that the children have their weekly spellings to learn but encourage the children to have a go. They will earn a house point for every correct spelling and one child will be selected to represent the school with other representatives from the school in a future inter school competition. We will be testing the spellings on Monday morning. Please can we remind the children to make sure that they have a warm pair of joggers and a jumper for outdoor PE.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Jaguars had a fantastic trip to Maidstone Museum on Tuesday, they were great ambassadors of our school and impressed the staff with their enthusiasm and knowledge of all things Ancient Egypt! Well done Year 3 😊</p> <p>Nativity lines and song words have been sent home for the children to practice and learn, we will let you know about costumes etc next week. This is an exciting opportunity for Year 3 to impress us all with their performance and theatrical skills!</p> <p>This term's topic is Extreme Earth, the Home Learning grid has been sent home and can also be found on the school website. We have revealed our fantastic new book, 'Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Cooper, the children have been busy passing around our own pebble and thinking of different ways to describe it in order to create some wonderful poems. The children have been using their division skills in maths this week and relating it to the inverse operation of multiplication, I have set some relevant activities on Mathletics to help to support this.</p> <p>The children have come home with Spelling Bee information for next week, we will be doing a spelling quiz in class on Monday to see who will represent the class in the Spelling Bee competition. Instead of setting class spellings on Thursday, I will be asking the children to learn as many of the Spelling Bee words as they can. There is a HP available for every correct spelling!</p> <p>Please remember to check in on the school's Twitter account where you will find updates and reminders of what the children have been up to with some photos of our trip.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>This week in Jungle Cats we have been working tirelessly on subtraction (and progress is evident!) and reading more of our class book 'The Wolf's Footprint'. We are continuing our learning of the Romans and finding out about their lifestyle and leisure activities such as sports, drama and visiting Roman baths.</p> <p>Any forms not returned about Victrix coming into school for a whole day of Roman activities on 17 December need to be returned as soon as possible please. We are also in competition with other classes to win the schools maths mammoth. To do this we need as many points on Mathletics as possible! We were very close to winning last week so let's really go for it this week! Any problems accessing Mathletics then let me know and we can make this available during the day at school.</p> <p>Hope everyone has a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Next Friday we will be going to The Lenham School again for another fantastic PE session. It will be in the morning this time, so less of a rush! Please could you check that trainers are packed and still fit. If you are someone who wears tights regularly it is worth putting a pair of spare socks in your kit, so you can wear trainers in comfort.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 have been engaged in high stakes bartering this week to kick off our term's learning about trade and economics. It was "buy low, sell high" time in the classroom and I firmly believe we may be giving Wall Street a run for its money in the very near future. We have also been looking at BODMAS in Maths and are continuing with our learning of refugee stories in English.</p> <p>Please remember that it is Numeracy Week next week so every point on Mathletics counts! I'm sure we will also be celebrating this very special occasion in the classroom so there are fun times ahead!</p> <p>Please note that now the evenings are getting darker earlier we will not be allowing any children to walk home alone from after school clubs. Please ensure that the club leader or school office know who will be collecting your child.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>