

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>Tuesday saw the first of our two days of <b>Termly Learning Conferences</b>. Thank you to everyone who came to their appointment. It's always such a lovely atmosphere in school when the teachers, children, parents and carers gather to discuss learning and progress. Next Tuesday is the KS2 appointments during the school day. These will be held in the main hall. We appreciate any feedback you have regarding these arrangements so we will be sending out a survey about TLCs in the next week or so as we are always looking to make improvements and respond to suggestions.</p> <p>Well done to our <b>fabulous Basketball Team</b> who were so successful at their tournament that they went through to the Kent play-offs coming 4th out of 50 schools! We are so proud of your skill and team spirit. For more details of their success please see the report below.</p> <p>Next week begins our <b>MAF Advent Calendar Challenge</b>. MAF is a charity who fly doctors, medicines and equipment to remote and inaccessible parts of the world. We were visited by one of their representatives and an ex-pilot who told us all about the things that they do to ensure as many people get medical treatment and care when needed. You have been sent home a calendar that tells you more about this and behind each door is a fun fact. There are online resources and prizes to be won so take a look and you might be the lucky winner of a personal flight in a small aircraft! The classes have their own supersized calendar to follow in class as well so will be travelling around the world and learning about different countries and cultures.</p> <p>We look forward to our <b>PTFA Christmas Bazaar on Friday</b> after school. Friday is a non-uniform day to collect bottles of drink for the Bottle Tombola stall. (See below for more info!) All class stalls are in competition to raise as much money as possible as half of their profits go directly to the class to spend as they wish! See you there.</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Mon 3 Dec</p>	<p>Tues 4 Dec</p>	<p>Wed 5 Dec</p>	<p>Thurs 6 Dec</p>	<p>Fri 7 Dec</p>
		<p>Termly Learning Conferences</p>			<p>KS1 Celeb Assembly: YR Sharing <i>Non Uniform Day</i> PTFA Christmas Bazaar 3.30 - 5.30pm</p>
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	<p>ALL <b>extra curricular clubs</b> (except Young Voices) have now finished.</p>				
	<p><b>PTFA Christmas Bazaar:</b> We are really looking forward to our Christmas Bazaar next Friday after school. The entrance to the PTFA Christmas Bazaar will be through the main entrance. Please collect your child from their normal collection points and then make your way round to the main school entrance. To save waiting around between collection and the bazaar opening we understand that some EYFS and Y1 parents and carers may choose to collect their children slightly later than their usual 3pm and 3.10pm pick up. <b>Both gates will closed promptly at 3.30pm as all Teachers and Teaching Assistants are working areas at the bazaar. Thank you for your consideration.</b></p>				
	<p><b>Non-uniform Day: Friday 7th December</b> will be a non-uniform day in support of the Christmas Bazaar. Please bring a bottle of drink (soft drinks, cordials and alcohol all acceptable) to school that morning for the bottle tombola. You will be able to leave the bottles at the collection points at either of the gates.</p>				
	<p><b>Christmas Cards: Our Christmas Post opens on Monday 3rd December.</b> There will be two post boxes this year. One box will be situated near the school office and the other in Keeler House. Please encourage your child to use this internal postal system as it makes it much more exciting to receive cards from our daily posties! Please ensure your child has both the recipient's <b>forename and surname on their envelopes with the class or year group clearly labelled.</b></p>				

<p><b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b></p>	<p>Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday, 14 December which is also Christmas Jumper Day. <b>All children will be added for a Christmas meal unless you let the office know otherwise.</b> You will find the menu attached to the Headlines email.</p> <p>Lots of children enjoyed a splendid Jungle Lunch on Thursday and the kitchen staff had fun decorating the servery and hall too!</p> <p>You are welcome to join your child for a <b>birthday lunch</b>. 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. Please book online via scopay.com and let the office know which day you will attend with your meal choice. <b>Payments for parent lunches</b> 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><b>WRAPAROUND CARE</b></p>	<p>With around 3 weeks left of school to go, we're starting to get seasonal! We've been making and decorating trees or hats, depending on our mood, and will start making snowmen to go in the hall to decorate for the Christmas bazaar next week!</p> <p>The weather hasn't been that nice, but we are still getting outside to run around and get some fresh air as much as we can! Please make sure the kids have hats and gloves with them - and that they are named!</p>
<p><b>PTFA</b></p>	<p><b>Our Christmas Trees</b> are up and looking really lovely, each year these are funded by the PTFA. Thank you to Y4 parents, Mr Button, Mrs Jefferson and Mrs Bennett for helping to put them up and decorate.</p> <p><b>Saturday 1st December 2018 12pm - 5pm:</b> Banish the winter chills with our deliciously warm mulled wine and festive punch, and grab a bag of our wildlife friendly reindeer mix and cookie recipe at our stall near the Post Office on the High Street. All money raised will support the playground improvement projects.</p> <p><i>*** we still need helpers from 2-3pm &amp; 3-4pm on Saturday. Please text Lizell on 07399 407814 if you can ***</i></p> <p><b>Friday 7th December 2018:</b></p> <p><b>Non Uniform Day:</b> Pupils are encouraged to dress in their favourite festive clothing in exchange for a bottle of something drinkable (wine/spirits/soft drink - unopened and in date). Collections will take place in Early Years and KS2 playground at morning drop off.</p> <p><b>Sweet or Savoury donations for the café:</b> to be brought to the morning drop off points or the school office.</p> <p><b>Christmas Bazaar from 3.30pm to 5.30pm:</b> We are looking forward to seeing all our families at the Christmas Bazaar. There will be games, tombolas, great prizes, café, Bake My Day will host mini cupcake decorating sessions, handmade crafts by Y2 and Y5 young entrepreneurs, Elfridges present room where children will be helped by personal shoppers to select a gift for Mum/Dad/Nanny/Grandad, face painting, balloon modelling, a little singalong with the choir and announcing the winner of the Paper Chain Challenge! 50% of the money made at each class stall directly benefits every pupil in that class/year group!</p> <p><b>Santa's Grotto:</b> everyone who has returned their booking form and paid has been sent email confirmation. Please check your spam folder, email: <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a> should you have any queries.</p> <p><b>Donations:</b> we are still collecting items for Dads and Grandad's for Elfridges secret present room. Please hand these to your class rep or to the School Office</p> <p><b>Paper chains:</b> still time to buy a lucky link to decorate yourself or predecorated. £1 a strip. Contact Maz Stack, School Office or on the day.</p>

<p><b>DIARY DATES</b></p>	<p>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>SPORT</b></p>	<p><b>Basketball Play-Offs – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>  Our brave Basketball Team took part in the Maidstone School’s play-off this week to decide who would go through to represent the area at the Kent School Games later this year. This event was held at Maplesden Noakes School and Headcorn were joined by the winner and runner up of the other Maidstone group. These schools included Palace Wood, St Michaels and East Borough.</p> <p>The standard of Basketball certainly went up a few notches and all the games were very tough and quite physical and below is a list of results from the event. At the end of the tournament Headcorn finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. This means that we are considered the fourth best basketball team in the whole of Maidstone, which includes approximately 50 schools from the area. This is an amazing achievement, for a school of our size, and everyone involved can be extremely proud of themselves for their performances over this and the last tournament.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 909 1497 1059"> <thead> <tr> <th>Home</th> <th>Score</th> <th>Away</th> <th>Pts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>4 – 12</td> <td>St Michaels</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Palace Wood</td> <td>16 – 9</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>4 – 8</td> <td>East Borough</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Please be aware that after-school clubs have now finished and will resume in February.</b></p>	Home	Score	Away	Pts	Headcorn	4 – 12	St Michaels	0	Palace Wood	16 – 9	Headcorn	0	Headcorn	4 – 8	East Borough	0
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<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>Another fantastic week of learning in Early Years. The children have continued learning their sounds and are beginning to blend sounds to read and write words, and even sentences. Please keep supporting your children at home; some fun activities that you could try are: ‘I hear with my little ear’ and sound out simple words or using magnetic letters on the fridge.</p> <p>We would like to thank everyone who attended the first round of TLCs. We hope you enjoyed coming in to share your child’s work and the progress they have made since starting school. The Early Years Team are very proud of all the children’s achievements to date. The next TLCs will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Thank you to all those who have already brought in their Nativity costumes. Please can you ensure that all others are with us by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.</p> <p>This week, as a home learning project to enjoy with your child, we would like you to make a Christmas Decoration that incorporates some writing or numbers or even both. Enjoy getting creative with the glitter and sparkles! Please bring your decorations into school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.</p>																
<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>Thank you to all those who have already brought in their Nativity costumes. Please could all remaining costumes be in school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We are looking forward to seeing all your Christmas decorations for our class Christmas trees and we have loved the individuality shown so far. In Maths we are focussing on the ‘teen’ numbers, including writing the number words and splitting them into a ten and some ones, for example 14 is 1 ten and 4 ones. Next week we will begin to send home spellings – more details will follow in their green spelling books which will be sent home in book bags at the end of the week. Thank you for all the reading you are doing at home with your child; it is having a huge impact on their progress. If your child is choosing to do any writing or number work at home, please send it in so that we can celebrate and recognise their achievements.</p>																

<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>It was lovely to see so many of you at the TLC's this week and I look forward to seeing more of you next week.</p> <p>This week the children have been refining their fine motor skills by taking part in some hand exercise and making some Hama bead decorations and jewellery. In Maths this week we started our new topic on Multiplication and Division. The children have been recognising equal groups as well as making groups equal. We are continuing to learn the 10 times table till the end of the term and then we will be moving onto the 2 times table. In English we have been discussing the key events in Halibut Jackson and creating an emotion graph reflecting the changes in his feelings during the key events.</p> <p>Next week we will be doing our first RSE session on 'Differences.' We will also be practising our Nativity performance in preparation for the shows. Please can we remind all children to have their costumes in by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and to let us know if you have any problems sourcing these.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>What a packed week in year 3 it has been! In maths we have been busy applying our understanding of multiplication and division to solve worded problems and, as predicted, there were plenty of Mathematics certificates to hand out this week. Well done Jaguars! The children have further explored our book, 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by creating a story map to plot the journey of a pebble from millions of years ago, they have used these to create some fantastic written descriptions of its journey. They enjoyed preparing lines to share in assembly.</p> <p>We have been really impressed with how well they have been doing with learning the words and actions for our upcoming Nativity; we have also had a steady stream of costumes arriving in school, thank you very much for these, please make sure they are in all in school by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November and in named carrier bags. Don't hesitate to let me know if we can help in any way with this. The children will need to know their lines off by heart as this will make our rehearsals go much more smoothly! They have come home with a letter which describes how to request your tickets for the performances.</p> <p>It was good to have the opportunity to meet with some of you at the TLCs on Tuesday and I look forward to seeing everybody else next week.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>Hello! In Jungle Cats we have been continuing our work on column subtraction whilst looking at word problems and relating real life problems to our mathematical methods. We have also been writing some great in character stories from our class book 'The Wolf's Footprint'. We have also looked at some mosaic style art to link to our history learning about the Romans. We are looking forward to Victrix coming into school for a whole day of Roman activities on Monday, 17 December. Please return any outstanding letters and pay your donation online for by Friday, 7 December.</p> <p>As the weather is definitely getting colder please make sure children have warm coats for break and lunch time and a suitable PE kit (Jogging bottoms, extra jumper, gloves...).</p> <p>Spellings are back to normal now after last weeks spelling bee (which ALL of year 4 did amazing in!) so if a new list is needed please let me know. It was really great to see lots of parents this week for TLC's and I am looking forward to meeting all other parents next week!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Thinking about stocking fillers? Why not splash out on some handwriting pens or even a nice set of colouring pencils.</p> <p>As the weather is getting colder please bring a coat everyday, and if you are bringing hats and gloves remember all items should be labelled with your name.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in being a Personal Shopper in Elfridges Present Room at the PTFA Christmas Bazaar please let Miss Symonds know. Any offers to cover a 30 minute slot would be gratefully received by the management of the store: Mrs Stroud and Miss Bushen!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Year 6 have enjoyed another action-packed week. After working hard on adding proper and improper fractions in Maths, we are now one step further on the journey to mastering the entire subject. In English, we spent time discussing the role of the media and have written emotional poems based on our class book. On Thursday, we also enjoyed another amazing visit to Lenham School, this time for trampolining. Everyone commented on how well we represented the school and we can be proud of our acrobatic efforts! For homework this week, I would like us to think about decorating the classroom for the festive season and have asked the class to design various ornaments for hanging from our ceiling. I might see if I can borrow the trampoline from Lenham to put them all up!</p> <p>If anyone is interested in being a Personal Shopper in Elfridges Present Room at the PTFA Christmas Bazaar please let Miss Symonds know. Any offers to cover a 30 minute slot would be gratefully received by the management of the store: Mrs Stroud and Miss Bushen!</p> <p>Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the start of Advent.</p>