








# HEADCORN HEADLINES




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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>Well done to our <b>Basketball Team</b> for playing so well this week. Having won 4 games, drew in 2 and losing only to the overall winners, our team came second in the league. They now progress to the area play-offs to represent Maidstone in the Kent School Games Finals. Congratulations to everyone who played and for all the parental support!</p> <p>We also had success in the <b>Spelling Bee</b>. Last year we came in 4th place but this year we are the winners! Well done to the year group representatives from Years 2 - 6: Victoria, Macy, Olivia, Ellie and Ben. We are very proud of your spelling prowess.</p> <p><b>Termly Learning Conferences</b> begin next week. Thank you to everyone who has booked online. Please note that each of the sessions with the teacher are 10 minutes long, even though allocated time slots are at 15 minute intervals. This is to allow valuable transition time between appointments for teachers, pupils, parents and carers.</p> <p>I can't believe next week November draws to a close and we begin <b>Advent!</b> Where has this term gone? Please read the Headlines carefully for information on Christmas events and how to ensure you have tickets.</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Mon 26 Nov</p>	<p>Tues 27 Nov</p>	<p>Wed 28 Nov</p>	<p>Thurs 29 Nov</p>	<p>Fri 30 Nov</p>
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<p style="background-color: red; color: white;">URGENT</p>	<p>This week (week commencing 26 November) will be the last week for ALL <b>extra curricular clubs</b>.</p>				
<p style="background-color: red; color: white;">IMPORTANT</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 style="background-color: red; color: white;">GOOD NEWS</p>	<p>Congratulations to all of the <b>Headcorn Spelling Bees</b> who went to Harrietsham this week! There was an amazing amount of correctly spelled words. The winning year group with 537 correctly spelled words was Year 4 and they have earned a bonus break time. You represented the school with such enthusiasm.</p>				
<p style="background-color: yellow; color: black;">GOOD NEWS</p>	<p>There's a special <b>Messy "Christingle" Church to round off the year on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2:30pm - 4:30pm</b>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, when there's also an all-day Christmas Market on the Saturday (8<sup>th</sup>) and a Christmas sing-a-long at 4pm on the Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p>We hope to see you there. Matt Dredge, Benefice Administrator <a href="mailto:secretary@handschurches.org">secretary@handschurches.org</a></p>				
<p style="background-color: green; color: white;">GOOD NEWS</p>	<p>The Staplehurst Monarchs <b>U8 Girls Football</b> Team is looking for players in years 2 &amp; 3 to come and join the squad. Matches are played on Sundays. All abilities are very welcome. If you would like to try football, please contact Staplehurst Monarchs Youth via our Facebook page or email <a href="mailto:ghaywood@tiscali.co.uk">ghaywood@tiscali.co.uk</a></p>				

<p><b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b></p>	<p>On Thursday we will be enjoying a <b>Jungle Party lunch</b> with Silly Snake Dogs (sausage in pastry), Jungle Swamp Tart (homemade vegetable quiche), Beetle Wings (curly fries) and Jungle Cup Cakes.</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 <a href="http://scopay.com">scopay.com</a> 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 <a href="http://scopay.com">scopay.com</a> 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>																																
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<p><b>PTFA</b></p>	<p><b>Helpers Needed:</b> We still require volunteers to sell mulled wine, festive punch and reindeer food at our High Street stall on the afternoon of Saturday 1st December. Slots: 1pm to 2pm / 2pm to 3pm / 3pm to 4pm. Please chat to Lizell or email <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>PTFA Meeting: Monday 26th November 2018, 8pm</b> - all welcome, meet at School Office. The primary agenda will include preparations for Christmas activities and addressing any general matters/queries.</p>																																
<p><b>DIARY DATES</b></p>	<p>Tues 27th Nov - Termly Learning Conferences  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>SPORTS</b></p>	<p><b>Kent School Games, Basketball @ The Lenham School...</b>  Our fleet-footed basketball squad took to the courts of The Lenham School in a Kent School Games competition on <i>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</i>. Teams were organised into a round robin format, whereby each team played the other once before a final league position was announced. Headcorn gave a phenomenal account of themselves; winning 4 games, drawing 2 and losing only a single game to the eventual winners East Borough. Below is a list of results from each of the games played:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1503 1358 1783"> <thead> <tr> <th>Home Team</th> <th>Score</th> <th>Away Team</th> <th>Pts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>2-2</td> <td>Oaks Academy</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kingswood</td> <td>0-5</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>4-1</td> <td>Senacre</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holy Family</td> <td>1-1</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East Borough</td> <td>5-0</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lenham</td> <td>0-6</td> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Headcorn</td> <td>5-1</td> <td>Hollingbourne</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>As Headcorn finished in 2nd place, they will now go through to represent the area in a local play-off. The winners of which will represent the Maidstone area at the Kent School Games Finals later in the year. Congratulations to all those who took part in the tournament. Each member of the 10 person squad played their part to help the team in their achievements. Thank you again to the magnificent support from parents, we cannot do this without you.</p>	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Pts	Headcorn	2-2	Oaks Academy	1	Kingswood	0-5	Headcorn	3	Headcorn	4-1	Senacre	3	Holy Family	1-1	Headcorn	1	East Borough	5-0	Headcorn	0	Lenham	0-6	Headcorn	3	Headcorn	5-1	Hollingbourne	3
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<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>It has been a busy chilly week learning all about Autumn and the different seasons. We have been outside collecting different colour leaves and spotting signs of Autumn in the environment. We will be making Autumn pictures next week and using lots of different media to capture the Autumnal colours. Next week we will start to learn more about how woodland animals such as hedgehogs and squirrels prepare for Winter and what animals actually hibernate (it might be less than we think!)</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning all about number order and solving simple missing number problems. The children have really impressed the Early Years staff with their knowledge of numbers and how confident they approach and tackle, problem solving tasks without giving up. We will be focussing on one more and one less than a given number next week.</p> <p>In Literacy we have been learning all about writing sentences and the things that we need to remember so that we can read our writing back to ourselves (finger spaces, capital letter, full stop and of course, neat letter formation and handwriting). We have learnt the letter sounds 'u' and 'b' and have been using all the letter sounds covered to date to write a wide range of words. Next week we will be learning the sounds 'f' and 'e', so please look in your child's book-bag for letter formation work to support your child's learning.</p> <p>The children are making excellent progress across all seven areas of learning which both myself and Miss Man are looking forward to discussing with you at your child's Termly Learning Conference (TLC) next week. Thank you for your on-going support, it really does make a huge difference to your child's learning. Thank you to everyone who has donated small world toys, we are truly touched by your generosity.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>If you are feeling creative, it would be wonderful if you could make a Christmas decoration for our class Christmas trees – we can't wait to see your festive designs! In Maths we will be practising working with numbers to 20, including writing the number words ('eleven', 'twelve' etc). We are continuing to practise our Nativity preparations. Children in Tiger Class will be singing Away in a Manger; the words have been sent home in book bags for the children to learn. Please could you ensure that all items of clothing and water bottles are named so that it is easier to reunite any lost items with their owner.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>The children should now have come home with a letter outlining the costume that they need to bring in for our Year 2/3 Nativity. Please can they be in school as soon as possible named and also in a named bag. If you have any problems sourcing these please let us know.</p> <p>The children enjoyed taking part in the Beep Beep Day where we learnt about road safety and tested out why we should wear HiVis in the dark.</p> <p>We have also been taking part in Numeracy November and the children have had opportunities during this week to access Mathletics and try to achieve as many points as they could. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their weekly Mathletics tasks set each week.</p> <p>This week we will be starting to work on our Christmas decorations in the classroom and would welcome lots of empty cardboard tubes from toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, gift wrap etc.</p> <p>With the days getting colder; please can we remind the children that they do need a warm coat for playing outdoors. I look forward to seeing some of you next week for TLC's. Have a great weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>Another busy week in Year 3; we have begun to explore our new book by writing some fantastic pebble poems. The children really enjoyed reading their finished work to each other and deciding which part of the poem was their favourite line and why. We are continuing to work hard with multiplication and division by exploring the inverse relationship between the two - great work Jaguars! Our work on Volcanoes and earthquakes has grabbed the children's interest, resulting in lots of lively discussions in Year 3 with some fantastic Home Learning appearing already. The Jaguars have definitely enjoyed Mathletics week where they worked hard to achieve as many points as possible - I think there will be a lot of Bronze certificates coming their way next week!</p> <p>Well done to all the children who made a super effort to learn the Spelling Bee words, it was a tough challenge. Ideas for nativity costumes were sent out this week, please let me know if we can help in any way with these. I am impressed that some of the children have learnt their lines already, proper rehearsals will get under way soon which will be made much easier and smoother if they know their words.</p> <p>Can we please have the blue contact books in school every day please, it makes it easier to record spellings, times tables and reading - thank you.</p> <p>Have a good weekend - I look forward to seeing some of you at TLCs next week.</p>

<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>This week in Jungle Cats we have been making amazing progress in column addition and using different methods to check our answers. Alongside this we have been celebrating numeracy week with some extra Mathletics sessions within school. We have also been super spellers in the Spelling Bee with some amazing results from all children. We are making great progress in our class book and writing some incredible versions of the story.</p> <p>We have normal spellings coming home this week and Mathletics work will be set alongside our termly homework. Any letters that need returning for our visit from Victrix for the full day of Roman activities need to be returned as soon as possible. Please remember to add your £1.50 payment online. I am looking forward to meeting many parents at TLC's! Have a great weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>As the winter weather has arrived could you please make sure that PE kits contain jogging bottoms and jumpers. If you are starting to bring in hats and gloves, remember to name them, as they have a tendency to get lost and they all look rather similar.</p> <p>Thank you for the wonderful home-learning last week. We now have a vast array of art work based on Antarctica, what an imaginative class.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Year 6 have been in great form this week. We are just beginning to get our teeth into the new maths topic of fractions and I am impressed with the start made thus far! In honour of Numeracy Week, I set the class the homework of designing a concept for a maths game and I have been absolutely blown away by the quality of some of these. Please check out the school Twitter account for pictures of the class giving these games a test drive.</p> <p>For homework next week, I have asked the class to get their creative juices flowing to complement the work we are doing in science for our topic of "Animals and Living Things". The task is to copy (or adapt) a famous art work of an animal. They may wish to research some of the offerings from artists such as Albrecht Durer, Henri Rousseau, Pablo Picasso or my personal favourite, Franz Marc but they are not limited to these artists by any means.</p> <p>In the words of Bob Ross, "I would like to wish you happy painting," and have a great weekend!</p>