

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Well done to the fantastic HP Singers (our Christmas choir) for their very many carol singing gigs this week. They have sung at Yew Tree House, Eldercare and Culpepper Court. The elderly members of our community have thoroughly enjoyed their festive songs. Thank you to you all. You have brought smiles and joy to many faces this week - including mine!</p> <p>If anyone was watching the UEFA Champion's League recently they may have noticed a familiar face as the Referee's mascot. Congratulations to Jake White for being selected to go to Valencia and appear on TV for the Valencia v Manchester United match!</p> <p>Earlier today we enjoyed a Christmas Musicial Extravaganza in which we were entertained by performances from the Lynx Handbell group, by the recorder group, some guitarists and clarinetists and the Year 6 Choir soloists. We do have a talented bunch of musicians! The morning was rounded off by magical performances by the Headcorn Staff Band who were <i>enthusiastic</i> participants if in need of a little more rehearsal next time!</p> <p>I hope that you all have a fabulous Christmas together with family and friends. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement throughout this year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2019!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 17 Dec</p>	<p>Tues 18 Dec</p>	<p>Wed 19 Dec</p>	<p>Thurs 20 Dec</p>	<p>Fri 21 Dec</p>
	<p>Y23 Afternoon Performance 1.45pm <i>Cake Decorating 1</i></p>	<p>Y456 Church 10am <i>Cake Decorating 2</i> Choir's Carols by Candlelight 6pm</p>	<p>Party Day! <i>End of Term 2</i></p>	<p>HOLIDAY</p>	<p>HOLIDAY</p>
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	<p>Party Day is on Wednesday 19th December! This is a non-uniform day and the children can come to school in their party clothes ready for a fun-filled day. In response to parental concern and health and safety considerations we will not be providing a tuck shop during the disco as previously mentioned so there is no need for any money to be brought to school on the last day.</p>				
	<p>Exchanging Christmas Presents: Please can any gift exchanging between pupils take place outside of the school day as we are finding that it is causing upset between friends and some children and families are feeling pressured to buy gifts at a time of year when there is already financial pressure.</p>				
	<p>Y4, 5 & 6 Church Service: If any Y4, 5 & 6 parents are able to accompany their classes to the church on Tuesday 18th December we will be leaving school from the main entrance at 9.30am.</p>				
<p>PTFA</p>					

	<p>We had such a fantastic turnout with lots of lovely compliments for our first ever 'after school' Christmas Bazaar last Friday! 2 hours jam packed with festive games and activities hosted by the Class Reps and assisted by our Teachers, TAs and Y6 personal shoppers, talented Y2 and Y5 Young Entrepreneurs crafts, delicious cakes, snow family & reindeers crafted by Wrap A Round Care decorated the hall, a snow blizzard in the Courtyard, and a jolly Santa in our cosy Grotto. Your support raised £1300, thank you! Winners announced by Santa:</p> <p>Paper Chains - £26, Frazer Family Y2 shooting gallery - 2 Kino cinema tickets, Georgia (Y5) Y4 reindeer hoopla - £10 Gravity gift card, Finn (Y4)</p> <p>The Ladies Night at the Krishna was another success last Saturday raising £350! Thanks to Ebony Drewett for co-ordinating the party night.</p> <p>These funds will go towards remarking the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds with 50% of the class stall profits being allocated to the year group teachers.</p> <p>2019 Wall Calendars: Lizell will make contact with volunteers this weekend to co-ordinate distribution to homes across Headcorn over the holidays.</p> <p>Date for your new diary: PTFA AGM will be held Tuesday 29th January 2019, 8pm at the School. Agenda to follow.</p> <p>As the term draws to a close, we wish you safe travels and a very Merry Christmas.</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Another term has come to an end and what a great term it has been. The Early Years Team are so proud of your children and the huge amount of progress they have made since joining Headcorn Primary School. Thank you all for your continued support, it really does make all the difference to your children's learning. Please continue to practise reading, writing and maths with your children over the festive period to ensure their learning stays fresh in their minds.</p> <p>We would like to thank everyone who attended The Nativity Story. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Year 1 team to put on a fantastic show. The children were absolutely brilliant and we definitely have some budding dancing and singing stars in the ranks.</p> <p>We hope you all have a fantastic break over Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!</p> <p>PS if you haven't already done so, please ensure you send in one white sock and one coloured sock, by Monday, for your child to take part in one final festive craft activity.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>We were so proud of the children's performances in the Nativity and we are sure that you are too. They all showed such confidence and blew us away with the effort and maturity they put into learning their lines, dances, instruments and songs. Next week we will enjoy the run up to the end of term with art and craft activities and Christmas stories. The children have worked so hard this term, so rest, have fun and enjoy spending time together over the holiday. The Year 1 Team would like to wish our families the happiest of Christmases and we look forward to welcoming you all back in January.</p>

<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>It's been a busy week with our build up to Christmas. Not only have the children impressed me with their great behaviour and delivery of our Year 2 and 3 Nativity but they have continued to work hard in class as we complete our units. In English this week we have been writing newspaper reports and book reviews on Halibut Jackson and in Maths we have moved on from multiplication to division, using number lines to help us find equal groups. This week we have also been covering our RE topic and learning about celebrations, focussing on Christmas.</p> <p>And to add to the Christmas spirit we have been making our amazing Christmas tree decorations – get ready for these colourful decorations to be hung from your trees at home. Please can we ask that next week the children come in with a named plastic bag to take home these wonderful creations.</p> <p>NO homework will be set this weekend – so have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy some quality time at home with your families!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>We have been very busy preparing for our nativity this week, the children performed with great enthusiasm at our dress rehearsal and are looking forward to showing you their final performance on Friday and Monday. We will send their costumes home with them after Monday's show, thank you so much for all of the effort that went into these, they all look fabulous on stage. The children have been enjoying making and painting their own volcanoes, we will be creating our own eruptions before the end of term. There has been a great range of Home Learning this term, lots of very creative minds in Year 3, some of the models will be kept in school for a while next term to display around the school. For part of our topic work next term, the children will need to bring in a shoe box each, this is just an early request before anybody recycles any over the festive period.</p> <p>The children are looking forward to a well deserved holiday and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing break.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>This week in Jungle Cats we have been finishing off our book 'The Wolf's Footprints' whilst enjoying Christmas activities as well as enjoying creating Roman mosaic tiles and learning about Roman life (so much to fit in, so little time!). We have our Roman day on Monday next week and we are super excited! Children are encouraged to dress up and get into character and this will be a whole day event with lots of activities planned. As we are only in school until Wednesday with lots going on, children do not have spellings for next week. Please make sure children to continue to bring in coats daily as the weather is becoming colder. Next Wednesday is Christmas Party day and children are wearing party clothes for the day.</p> <p>If any Y4, 5 & 6 parents are able to accompany their classes to the church on Tuesday 18th December we will be leaving school from the main entrance at 9.30am.</p> <p>I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope you have an amazing holiday!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>We have had a wonderful term once again, learning so much about Shackleton and his great adventure. Thank you for all the hard work you have put into your home-learning. The new term's home-learning will be given out on the first day of next term. Remember if you ever lose this, it will also be published on the school's website. All PE kits have been sent home. Please have a look to check that you have only got your kit. A few items have gone astray and may have been packed in wrong bags. Remember to name all items to help them to return to their correct home.</p> <p>If any Y4, 5 & 6 parents are able to accompany their classes to the church on Tuesday 18th December we will be leaving school from the main entrance at 9.30am.</p> <p>Have a truly wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>It's unbelievable how quickly time has flown by this term. It seems only yesterday that we were gearing up for a trip to Parliament and now here we are, about to hold our annual Christmas church service. I am certainly looking forward to hearing our readers perform and hope that it will set us off in good spirits for the festive period. With good cheer in mind, I shall not be setting any Christmas homework over the holidays, although a bit of regular reading and a spot of Athletics would be welcome to keep us all sharp.</p> <p>If any Y4, 5 & 6 parents are able to accompany their classes to the church on Tuesday 18th December we will be leaving school from the main entrance at 9.30am.</p> <p>I wish everyone a fantastic Christmas holidays with your families and loved ones and hope you enjoy a wonderful entry into 2019.</p>