









HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>Well done to our wonderful choir who sang at the village Christmas Event last Saturday. Not only did they brave the disappointing weather but they battled our technical difficulties resulting in no sound and sang unaccompanied to a large audience. I am very proud of their resilience in situations such as these to not give up, push through and still enjoy the opportunity to entertain. We are looking forward to five more gigs coming up in the remaining week and a half! Thank you also to the PTFA for running their stall at this event and raising more money towards the remarking of our school playgrounds which, weather permitting, is being done next week!</p> <p>We are looking forward to the PTFA's Christmas Bazaar later today. Thank you to everyone for providing bottles for the tombola and cake for the cafe. Thank you also to everyone for all their hard work in preparing for this event, setting up, running stalls and ensuring the school community have a lovely festive afternoon.</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 10 Dec	Tues 11 Dec	Wed 12 Dec	Thurs 13 Dec	Fri 14 Dec
	Choir to Yew Tree House	1.45pm YR/Y1 Nativity	Choir to Eldercare 5.30pm YR/Y1 Nativity	Choir to Culpepper Court	NO Celebration Assembly <i>Christmas Jumper Day</i> Christmas Dinner 6.00pm Y2/Y3 <i>Performance</i>
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	<p>Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch: On Friday 14th December we are having our Christmas lunch where the staff serve the children their traditional Christmas dinner, we sing festive tunes and pull the crackers generously provided by our PTFA. On this day we would also encourage everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers and Christmas headbands / hats etc. This is not a non-uniform day so the jumper is just replacing their purple jumpers and cardigans. Please ensure your child is in uniform for everything else.</p>				
	<p>E-Safety: It's that time of year again where you may be considering a new electronic device as a gift for your children. In the following week we will be posting some useful technology guides related to the Xbox One, Play Station 4 and Nintendo Switch, among others, for your consideration. These guides contain lots of useful information on how to set up and be safe, whilst also having fun over the festive period. Our first guide entitled 'A Merry Techy Christmas' is attached to this week's issue of Headlines. Please have a look and stay e-safe this Christmas.</p>				
	<p>End of Term Parties: On Wednesday 19th December (the last day of term) we have our Christmas party day. This is a non-uniform day when your child gets wear whatever they would normally wear for a party. The parties take place in Key Stages (ie YR,1&2 together and Y3,4,5&6 together) and consist of traditional party games such as pass the parcel, musical statues etc and a disco. The PTFA will be providing a small tuck shop selling mini bags of sweets, popcorn and glowsticks so if you would like your child to buy from the tuck shop please send them in with a maximum of £1.</p>				
	<p>End of Term DVDs: On party day we usually show a Christmassy DVD whilst Christmas activities go on for the other half of the day. These DVDs will be carefully selected and be either U or PG certificate. If you do not want your child to watch these please inform the school office as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you then we will assume that you give your permission for your child to watch these movies.</p>				
INDEPENDENT CATERING	<p>Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday, 14 December which is also Christmas Jumper Day. All children will be added for a Christmas meal unless you let the office know otherwise. You will find the menu attached to the Headlines email.</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>				
WRAPAROUND CARE	<p>We have spent this week helping to make figures for the hall. We have snowmen and reindeer. Come and admire them when you visit the Christmas Bazaar! We are also preparing for our Christmas party on Thursday, 13 December. Please book spaces early so that we can ensure we have enough games and party food.</p>				

<p>PTFA</p>	<p>A huge thank you to the 11 mums who braved the rain and cold to assist on our stall at the Headcorn Christmas Fair. Despite the weather, it was a great deal of fun sharing our pitch with Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent, raising some extra pounds towards the remarking of the playgrounds.</p> <p>We have been busy putting the finishing touches to our 2019 Wall Calendar which has been very well supported by local businesses.</p> <p>We are looking forward to seeing our families at the Christmas Bazaar this afternoon and seeing some of you at the Krishna Ladies Night on Saturday from 7.30pm (please remember to bring your tickets!).</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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>SPORT</p>	<p>Attached to the email is a Maidstone Cricket Academy Coaching form for any boys and girls who would like to attend the coaching programme. It is designed to give fun and enjoyment in playing cricket, learning batting, bowling and fielding skills as well as playing Kwik Cricket</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Please could all home learning Christmas decorations be sent into school as soon as possible so that we can display the children's work and make the classrooms look very festive!</p> <p>Next week we will be making special Christmas gifts that each child will make, then wrap and bring home, so that they can give you a present for Christmas. Please could each child bring in two socks, (one preferably white and the other one a coloured sock). Please send the socks to school in a named bag. If the socks could be in school on Monday, then the Christmas making fun can begin!</p> <p>The letter sounds that we will be learning next will be l, h, sh and r. Please continue to practise writing with your child at home, concentrating on the formation of letters and using all the letter sounds covered to date to blend words. We will be writing more sentences over the coming weeks and knowing each letter sound is the key to confident blending.</p> <p>We will be starting to learn all about addition after Christmas, so accurate careful counting is a must to avoid making any silly errors. Children could count lots of different things at home, and if Father Christmas has been kind to them this year, they could even count the presents that he delivers! Matching different amounts to the correct numeral will also encourage children to recognise and remember their teen numbers.</p> <p>Thank you for attending your child's TLC this week. It has been very rewarding hearing lots of lovely comments about the amount of progress that children have made so far in just two terms of school and how happy they all are. We would like to thank you for all your support as this really does make a big difference to your child's learning.</p> <p>Next week Christmas Nativity shows will start. Please ensure you bring your tickets to your allocated performance and arrive at the main reception. On the evening performance, children need to return to school by 5pm / 5.15pm and enter through the main reception, where teachers will be ready to receive them. For this performance, children need to turn up to school already dressed in their Nativity costumes. The costumes will be sent home with them on the previous day when school finishes. Please check all costumes before leaving school to make sure your child has everything that they need.</p>

<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>It was wonderful to spend time with you all during your TLC and what a delight it was to see the children so proud of all they have achieved so far. Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning. We are still finding that some personal items, such as water bottles and jumpers are not named. Please could you make sure that all items, including hats, gloves and scarves are clearly labelled.</p> <p>The children have been rehearsing their Nativity and we are looking forward to performing it for you next week. Our dress rehearsal is on Monday so please ensure that any remaining costumes are in school. On the evening performance, children need to return to school by 5pm / 5.15pm and enter through the main reception, where teachers will be ready to receive them. For this performance, children need to turn up to school already dressed in their Nativity costumes. The costumes will be sent home with them on the previous day when school finishes. Please check all costumes before leaving school to make sure your child has everything that they need.</p> <p>As next week will be very busy for the children, we will postpone spelling home learning until next term.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Thank you to all parents and carers for the wonderful costumes – you have gone above and beyond our expectations. For the children wearing a Christmas jumper we will make sure that the children come home with them next Thursday (13th) so they can wear them again on the Friday (14th) for Christmas jumper day. We would then appreciate it if the children could then wear them back in for the production on the Friday evening.</p> <p>We have been working hard this week writing our very own versions of Halibut Jackson. I have loved reading the variations from name changes, to changes in suits, to change of party venue.</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning about arrays and how it doesn't matter which way round the numbers go; the commutative law of multiplication.</p> <p>Christmas has also been slowly introduced into Puma class with our first decorations being made and more excitingly a fantastic afternoon with Mrs Whittle putting Mary Berry to shame.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Nativity rehearsals are now in full swing in year 3, please help your children to practice their lines as loudly as possible!! We have had some fantastic costumes appearing in Jaguar classroom this week, we very much appreciate the effort and imagination that goes into this, the children are certainly very excited to get the chance to rehearse in full costume this week. For the children wearing a Christmas jumper we will make sure that the children come home with them next Thursday (13th) so they can wear them again on the Friday (14th) for Christmas jumper day. We would then appreciate it if the children could then wear them back in for the production on the Friday evening.</p> <p>As lots of you saw in TLCs, we have been busy finishing our story of the journey of our pebble, I have been so pleased to see how well the children approached this activity with some fantastic description and super presentation. This week we also embraced whole class paper mache volcano making, a brave decision to make but one which the Jaguars approached with their usual enthusiasm! Whilst I was busy during TLCs, Miss Collins introduced Christmas to Year 3 by making some beautiful decorations - a very creative week for Year 3.</p> <p>We will be having our first RSE lesson this week (w/c Monday, 10 December).</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>In year 4 this week we have been working tremendously hard in our mathematics, looking at word problems and using estimation to check our answers. Within our English lessons children have been getting into writing in role for our book 'The Wolf's Footprint' and using some great vocabulary in their descriptive writing! We have also completed our termly RSE lesson looking at changes throughout the human life cycle and changes that happen to the human body when growing up.</p> <p>We have begun looking at our MAF advent adventure this week with the hopes of continuing this in the lead up to Christmas learning about the charity and the work they do for isolated people in need.</p> <p>As the weather becomes colder please make sure children are bringing in coats for lunch times as they will be expected to wear suitable clothing outside. Please make sure these have names as well to avoid losing or mixing up coats!</p> <p>Thank you again to all parents that attended TLCs this week it was great to meet lots of you and spend some time discussing the settling in period of Year 4.</p> <p>Have a great weekend everyone!</p>

**YEAR 5 CLASS:
CARACALS**



Thank you to all the people I saw for TLCs these past two weeks, it is always a pleasure to talk about the wonderful year 5s.
Next week we will be doing the first RSE lesson, this will be about puberty. If you are bringing in Christmas cards, please remember to put name and class on them so that they may be delivered to the correct people.

**YEAR 6 CLASS:
LIONS**



Year 6 have enjoyed getting festive this week, designing Christmas decorations for church and looking through the MAF calendar to learn about countries far afield. In Maths, we have continued upon the journey of fractions, in particular adding and subtracting mixed fractions. I would recommend everyone to go on Mathletics this week to consolidate some of the learning in this area. I have assigned everyone some activities so please take a look as part of the homework. On the topic of homework, I have also set the pupils a task to design their own animal and describe some of its main features as this ties in with our Science topic where we have been learning about the different characteristics of animal groups such as mammals and so on.
Please also be aware that Year 6 will be having their RSE lesson next week. The lesson for this term will be on puberty and reproduction and we will be splitting the classes into boys and girls for these lessons. As always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask on the playground.
Have a great weekend!