










# HEADCORN HEADLINES




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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>We have had a very busy week with Year 5 enjoying Science workshops at Cornwallis Academy. Year 6 get to experience this next week so we won't spoil their experience by sharing details until they have been too.</p> <p>On <b>Wednesday</b> a choir of 37 KS2 children went to the <b>O2 Arena</b> to take part in <b>Young Voices 2019</b>. After months of rehearsal, learning words and dance moves we had a fantastic time singing our socks off to a wide variety of melodies with just over 8000 other children from across the country. This was a phenomenal experience for the adults and children alike. The children's behaviour, participation, singing and ability to have fun even when waiting around and queuing was something to be SO proud of. Take a look at these photos; just a small selection of what is available on Twitter, which was a hive of tweets and video clips all day from both the school and parents who travelled up with us. (If you're not signed up to <b>Twitter</b>, <b>@HeadcornPrimary</b>, then I would strongly recommend it as we regularly share children's work, activities and experiences throughout the week as well as important updates eg weather, club info etc).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 4 Feb</p>	<p>Tues 5 Feb</p>	<p>Wed 6 Feb</p>	<p>Thurs 7 Feb</p>	<p>Fri 8 Feb</p>
	<p>Y6 Cornwallis Science Trip</p>	<p>NO Sensory Circuits <i>Roots to Food Day (see below)</i> Safer Internet Day</p>			<p>EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly: YR sharing</p>
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	<p>There will be <b>NO sensory circuits</b> on Tuesday, 5 February.</p>				
	<p><b>Severe Weather:</b> Please be aware that we will update our school website, Twitter feed and the Kent School Closures website with information and alerts regarding severe weather. You can also find our Severe Weather policy on the website <a href="http://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk">www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk</a> under Key Information &gt; School Policies.</p> <p>The <b>Kent School Closures</b> website <a href="http://www.kentclosures.co.uk">www.kentclosures.co.uk</a> can be used to search for our school to see if we are closed that day or you can choose to sign up to their service to receive email or text alerts which will notify you when there is a change of status. (Please note that you will be charged to receive text alerts but email alerts are free).</p>				
	<p><b>Roots to Food:</b> On Tuesday our caterers, <b>Independent Catering</b>, are coming in for a day of food fun all around healthy eating! In the morning Keys Stage 2 classes will enjoy a cooking challenge similar to Ready Steady Cook and in the afternoon Reception and Key Stage 1 classes will have a bit of a workout and learn about food as a fuel by making their own smoothies. It is guaranteed to be a great day and photos will be shared on Twitter.</p>				

	We are pleased to let you know that we raised £238.16 for the Poppy Appeal. This, added to other collections in the area, made a district total of £6,011.00. Thank you for your donations!
	If anyone has any unwanted <b>Mr Potato Heads</b> , they would be gratefully received for interventions. Thank you in advance. Mrs Robertson.
<b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b>	<p><b>From Monday, 25 February we will be introducing a new way of paying for KS2 dinners.</b> For those of you that already use Wraparound Care, dinner payments will operate in much the same way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add credit to your Scopay dinner account</li> <li>• Use the online system to book the days you wish your child to have a dinner</li> <li>• Without credit on your account, you will be unable to make bookings</li> <li>• Children will select their menu choices on a daily basis in class as they do now</li> </ul> <p>More details to follow.</p>
<b>E-SAFETY</b>	<p>In the lead up to <b>Safer Internet Day</b>, which takes place on <i>Tuesday 5th February</i>, many of our Computing lessons this term are focusing on staying safe online.</p> <p>We have had many interesting class discussions with pupils about their online habits and have talked about strategies we can all use to keep ourselves safe. These top tips include, being careful about how much personal information we share, being kind online and telling a trusted adult if something goes wrong.</p> <p>We encourage you to talk to your children regularly about what they like to do online and share their experiences. If they do encounter a problem they are more likely to speak with you to resolve their issues.</p> <p>This week we have attached a useful guide for parents from the Internet Matters site. We hope that you will take the time to have a look at this.</p>
<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>	<p>The evenings appear to be getting that little bit lighter again and so, weather permitting, our after school clubs will begin to restart. If your child is already attending a club you do not need to sign up again, but do please let us know if they no longer wish to attend. If you would like to start a club for the first time, then permission can be downloaded from the school website or alternatively collected from the school office. Some clubs have already commenced, please check the club application form for further details.</p> <p>Due to an extended staff meeting, please note, there will be no Handball on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p>
<b>DIARY DATES</b>	<p>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – YR &amp; KS1 Celebration Assembly: YR sharing  Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y3 sharing  Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of Term PTFA Discos (more information to follow)  Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of Term 3  Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Start of Term 4  Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term 4  Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Start of Term 5</p>
<b>PTFA</b>	<p>Thank you to those who attended the AGM on Tuesday evening. We are delighted to announce over £16k was raised in 2018 through hosting 9 events and several non-event fundraising initiatives (eg: Christmas cards sales, calendar, Easyfundraising). The PTFA supported purchases and projects to the value of £27k. A new Constitution was agreed. The 2018 Committee was re-elected for 2019 with the exception of Vice Chair which remains a Vacancy; if you're keen to get involved please contact us: <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a>. Full details will be outlined in the Minutes yet to be distributed. Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th February, 8pm. All welcome.</p> <p>Our first event is LETS GLOW DISCO planned for Friday 15th February for Headcorn Pupils only. Taking on board feedback from Parents and addressing concerns raised by Teachers, we are trialling some exciting changes. The school day will be a Non Uniform Day with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS1 Disco commencing straight after school until 4.30pm. Pupils will each receive a snack and a drink at the start and a glow stick. They will play party games with some dancing.</li> <li>• KS2 running from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. The session will include a snack and drinks with neon face art/festival glitter. There will be a few competitions but more dancing/disco.</li> <li>• no need to send 'spending' money as there will not be a tuck shop.</li> <li>• a permission slip to return and payment to be made before or on the morning of the event.</li> <li>• those taking part in the Non Uniform Day Only - £1</li> <li>• those going on to attend the disco - £2.50</li> </ul> <p>Parents are not required to attend however we do require volunteers to assist at both sessions. These changes mean we fall closer in-line with the School's Fire Safety and Safeguarding policies as well as reduce sugar intake without diminishing the fun!</p>

<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>We've had another great week in Early Years.</p> <p>In phonics we have been learning the sound 'v', 'y' and 'w'. We have been having a big push on applying sounds to read and write sentences independently. Please continue to help your children by giving them lots of opportunities to write at home, such as shopping lists, birthday cards and even short stories. It is really important for children to try and apply their sound to spell unfamiliar words, even if they are not completely accurate. Next week we will be beginning to introduce more digraphs, such as 'th' and 'ch' where two letters make one sound.</p> <p>In maths we have continued to develop our adding skills and recording our work in number sentences. We have had fun using a variety of equipment, such as dice and playing cards, to generate numbers for us to add. We have even begun to add 3 numbers.</p> <p>We would just like to take the opportunity to say how proud we are of how much progress all the children have been making and thank you for your continued support.</p> <p>Again please can you ensure that all of your children's things are clearly named, particularly hats, gloves and scarves so we can try to limit missing items. Can all completed PE kits now be in school. Thank you</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>Next week in Maths we will be looking at length and height, so any discussion about things that are shorter/taller/longer at home would really develop your child's confidence in this area.</p> <p>The children have been enjoying their work on the history of Lego and next week will be creating a fact file all about the inventor, Ole Kirk Christiansen.</p> <p>In Science the children will be looking at waterproof materials and will be designing and testing ideas for a suitable material for a scuba suit for Traction man.</p> <p>We have had a lot of hard plastic water bottles breaking when they are accidentally dropped, so please bear this in mind if you are considering replacing a water bottle.</p> <p>Now that the weather is very wintery and children are bringing more items into school please can you make sure they are labelled so that any lost items can be reunited with their owner.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>We have been working really hard this week on improving our handwriting. The children have taken great joy in using handwriting pens to prepare work for a display. Using our amazing maps we painted last week, we have used prepositions and descriptive language to describe the journey the princess would have made as she was lead to the Bear's palace. We also loved watching a clip from 'Beauty and The Beast' to inspire us writing a description about what the Bear's palace would have looked like.</p> <p>In Maths we have started our new topic on Statistics. We had great fun wearing our coats and boots and going on a microhabitat minibeast survey. We used a tally chart to record the number of different mini beasts we observed. There were lots of woodlice – far more than I had anticipated! We then represented these results in a pictogram.</p> <p>Thank you so much for all the shoe boxes coming in. The children have started to design their habitat and over the last couple of weeks we will be creating 3D habitats in a shoe box. If the children have any bits and bobs that they would like to bring in eg cardboard tubes, cotton wool...then they are more than welcome!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>We finished 'The Great Kapok Tree' this week which led to lots of discussions about dilemma stories and different resolutions they might have. The children explored some different story dilemmas and decided how the characters might resolve their problems. Next week, they will be planning and writing their own stories based on the Rain Forest. Whilst some of the class were off having a blast at Young Voices, the rest of the class used The Great Kapok Tree as an inspiration for some fantastic art work using oil pastels, have a peek at the pictures on Twitter, we even got a retweet from the poet and writer, Pie Corbett!</p> <p>In maths we have continued with our division work, having used place value counters and partitioning the numbers, the children decided which method they preferred to use and applied their new skills. We will be moving onto looking at using money and giving change next week, any practical experience of using coins at home will be really helpful.</p> <p>They have really enjoyed working with Mrs Morris from The Lenham School to create some creative and lively dance pieces in PE. Well done Jaguars!</p>

<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>In Jungle Cats this week we have been working on finding the perimeter of 2-D shapes and developing our fluency in times tables! In English we have been preparing persuasive texts ready for a discussion on the actions of characters in The Firebird. Guitar lessons are in full swing, however, due to an event at the school <b>there will be no guitar lessons next Tuesday (05 Feb).</b></p> <p>Please ensure all children have suitable clothing for the weather as we are still having outdoor play. They require a suitable coat with gloves and hats if possible. PE will run as normal next week with outside PE on the Wednesday and indoor PE on Friday.</p> <p>A huge thank you to all the parents that joined us on the Young Voices trip this Wednesday! Having so many parents there was amazing and the children were all excellent!</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>What a wonderful week we have had with so many of our class having a fantastic experience at the O2 for Young Voices, and going to The Cornwallis Academy for a very interesting science Lesson (check out twitter to see what we got up to).</p> <p>Please could you try and bring a small cardboard box into school (approx 15cm by 15cm), a washing tablet box is about right. The more the better. Thank you in advance.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>It promises to be an exciting beginning to next week as Year 6 are off to Cornwallis Academy on Monday for an inspiring science lesson. I will aim to take lots of pictures and shall endeavour to upload these to the school's Twitter account at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Just a reminder that homework (including Mathletics) is always due for Wednesday, with spellings being tested on Thursday and tables on Friday. For next week, I would like the class to continue the science theme by writing a biography on either Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison or Alessandro Volta as our current (pun most definitely intended!) science topic is on electricity.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>