











# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>Is anyone else amazed that we are already halfway through the academic year? We have had so much to celebrate from the last three terms but also many things planned to look forward to in the next three. Term 4 begins with us welcoming back the <b>Primary Fitness Challenge</b>. For two days our main hall will be filled to bursting with a giant inflatable athletics course. The children will get the opportunity to hone their skills before attempting to beat their 'personal best' in completing a cycle around the course. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school for the start of the term.</p> <p>The second week of term is our <b>Book Week</b>. This week will hold many activities including our <b>dress up day on World Book Day</b>, Thursday 7th March, when we will also be inviting in an author to work with us. More information can be found below.</p> <p><b>Termly Learning Conferences and AEN Meetings</b> are happening nearer the end of term. There are a few changes to these this time around. This is in response to suggestions made by pupils, parents, carers and the staff team. Please read the information carefully that will be coming out later today. Booking for appointments opens via Scopay at 9.00am on Tuesday 26th February.</p> <p>In the last week of term we will have our <b>Easter celebrations</b>. Watch this space for updates about these so you can put them in your diary.</p> <p>But before all of that happens, we have our <b>Let's Glow Spring Discos</b> this afternoon. We are trialling a few changes this time around to ensure that these are even safer, even more organised and therefore even more enjoyable events for all involved. I want to say a big thank you to the PTFA and staff team who work tirelessly to provide these opportunities for our children. Please never underestimate the time taken, sacrifices made and effort put in beforehand, during and after these events by this volunteer workforce. If you see any of these wonderful people please make sure you thank them because a positive word and moment of recognition goes a long way!</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your Spring Half Term break.</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Mon 25 Feb</p> <p>Start of Term 4: Pupils back to school Y2 <i>Small Steps Volunteer Parent Training</i></p>	<p>Tues 26 Feb</p> <p>TLC Booking opens via Scopay</p>	<p>Wed 27 Feb</p> <p>Primary Fitness Challenge (PE kits required)</p>	<p>Thurs 28 Feb</p> <p>Primary Fitness Challenge (PE kits required)</p>	<p>Fri 28 Feb</p> <p>YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y2 sharing</p>
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	<p>A reminder that <b>from Monday, 25 February the new dinner booking system will be in place for KS2</b>. The system is ready to use now. For those of you that are yet to make bookings, please look out for the email containing further details later today.</p>				
	<p><b>Book Week is from 4th - 8th March</b> (second week of Term 4). We are busy planning lots of exciting activities and workshops for our pupils to enjoy and some that parents and carers can get involved with. <b>Thursday 7th March</b> is World Book Day and we have a visiting author called Richard Dijkstra visiting. He has written the Tigeropolis series. This day will also be an opportunity to <b>get dressed up as a character from a book</b> so perhaps you could use Half Term to get creative!</p>				
	<p>As a reminder, if your child has sickness or a tummy upset, they should <b>stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode</b>.</p>				
	<p><b>Messy Church will be back on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2:30pm - 4:30pm</b>, in the Andred Hall (Headcorn Village Hall). There will be a varied selection of art and craft to occupy the children, followed by the usual 'tea', including sandwiches and desert. The story this time is about Jonah and the Whale. Everyone's welcome, so we look forward to seeing you all again soon.</p>				
<p><b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b></p>	<p>A reminder that <b>from Monday, 25 February we will be introducing a new way of paying and booking KS2 dinners</b>. The system is ready to use now and for more details please refer to the email sent earlier this week.</p>				

<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>	Chess Club and Cookery Club will commence from the first Monday of term.
<b>DIARY DATES</b>	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
<b>PTFA</b>	<p>We are looking forward to our <b>LET'S GLOW DISCOs</b> later today. Reminder: EYFS &amp; KS1 will be ready for collection at 4.30pm via the School Office. KS2 commences at 5.30pm for collection at 6.30pm, with collection and drop off via the School Office. Please note: Children will only be released to the person listed on the Permission Slip. We hope everyone has a super time!</p> <p><b>Minutes to the AGM</b> can be viewed at <a href="http://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk/useful-info/ptfa/">http://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk/useful-info/ptfa/</a></p> <p>Our <b>next meeting</b> takes place: Tuesday 26th February 2019, 8pm. Meet at school office. All welcome.</p> <p>The <b>May Fair Events Team</b> are in place and planning has commenced. If you're keen to be part of the team or can assist with sourcing stock, sponsorship or donations, we'd love to hear from you. Contact: Maz Stack or Lizell Williams, <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Next event</b> proposed: Film Friday - 15th March 2019 after school (details to follow).</p>
<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>Wow halfway through the year already! The Early Years' Team would just like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of the progress the children have made so far. This week we have really enjoyed our topic on 'Superheroes.' We have had lots of fun designing superheroes, making costumes and mixing our own magic super power potions. In phonics we are continuing to develop our reading and writing skills. We have been focusing on using and applying sounds, independently, to read and write new words and sentences. We have also been adding more red words to our repertoire. Over the holiday please could you practise letter formation with your child, particularly adding the lead in and out of letters as this makes learning to join handwriting a much more fluid transition in later years.</p> <p>In maths we have been focusing on adding, and recording our work in a number sentence - making sure we record the greatest amount first. For example: <math>6 + 4 = 10</math>. After the break we will be learning to add by counting on from the greatest amount. Please continue to practise number formation and recognition of numbers, particularly teen numbers.</p> <p>PE kits have been sent home so that they can be washed ready for next term. Please can you ensure all items are clearly named to avoid any lost items.</p> <p>We hope you all have a fantastic holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>This week the children have created some amazing designs for a scuba suit for their favourite book character, Traction Man. They have used their scientific knowledge to develop their ideas for the type of material that would be suitable, and they have trialled different materials through carrying out an experiment. Everyone is very proud of the sequel to Traction Man that they have authored, illustrated and published – complete with pop-up characters!</p> <p>There will be no spellings set for the first week back after the holiday, but please continue to read as much as possible as this has such an impact on the children's love for reading and their phonic knowledge.</p> <p>We have had so much fun In Maths this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed weighing different items. We made balance scales out of a coat hanger with two cups suspended from it. The children were able to put one item in each cup and discuss whether the items were heavier or lighter. The scales were very easy to make and would be a super holiday project, should you want to get crafty!</p> <p>Show and Tell will now take place on Mondays and the children will have a turn in rotation. We will put a note in the book bag when it is your child's turn. It will be a lovely opportunity to develop spoken language skills and increase the children's confidence, especially if, at home, they practise what they want to say. We would appreciate it if you could refrain from bringing in toys and Lego models (these break easily and the small pieces can become lost, which can be upsetting). It is always wonderful when we have a diverse range of items or things of interest as it helps to widen the children's knowledge about the world.</p> <p>The Year 1 Team would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday – fingers crossed for some sunshine!</p>

<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>We ended our Term 3 with an excellent dance session with Mrs Morris from The Lenham School. In pairs and 3's we created our own dance routine using jumps, travelling, balancing, gestures and most importantly our own movement. We have had such a fun term with Mrs Morris exploring different habitats and hope to see her again soon.</p> <p>This term we also finished reading our book, 'The Princess and the White Bear King.' The book inspired us so much that we adapted the story line to write our own versions. In Maths the children have impressed me with their fraction knowledge – they particularly enjoyed thinking of fractions in terms of sharing food. In Science we became creative and started making our shoe box dioramas on different habitats.</p> <p>What a fun week to finish the end of term!</p> <p>Have a great break all the lovely Pumas and their families!! No homework set but keep on reading!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>I can't believe we have come to the end of Term 3 already! The children have been busy preparing to share some of their work with you in Celebration assembly on Friday. Some of their incredible art work based on The Great Kapok Tree is on display in the main hall for you to see too. In maths they have produced some excellent work, imagining that they are the shop assistants and calculating the correct change, they have proved quite hard to catch out on this one! We have spent some time this week in English looking at how some writers manage to show different emotions in their writing, this has resulted in quite a curious range of facial expressions and body language as we try to guess the emotion being displayed. Many thanks for the prompt replies for the Warburton's workshop for next term, I know it is something that the children will really enjoy and it also links seamlessly with our science topic of nutrition. As part of our DT next term, we are going to be making sock monkeys! Each child will need to bring in a pair of socks for this project, any colour or pattern is fine and they do not have to be brand new (just clean!), many thanks. Wishing you all a lovely half term break!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>This week in Jungle Cats we have been finishing off our work on 'The Firebird' writing our own version of the original story and in mathematics looking at perimeter of rectilinear shapes when the original shaped is doubled! (Tricky work!). We have also been continuing our work on Viking kings and this will be continued after half term.</p> <p>PE kits shall be coming home at the end of this week to allow them to be washed ready for next term. Spellings will be given out this week ready for the first week back. Mathletics work shall be available over the half term to keep us ticking along ready for next term.</p> <p>I hope everybody has a great half term and a well deserved break!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Year 5 have had a wonderful term, with lots of interesting work and learning. There is no home learning over the half term, but it would be great if everyone could try and earn a certificate in Mathletics. This will not only boost our chance at winning the Maths Mammoth, but also help with the maths we are doing in class. There will be appropriate activities set, don't forget to use the Hint button if you need further support. Have a lovely break.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>It's been a rather hectic week in the upper echelons of Headcorn before the midterm break. We have been doing a number of creative writing assignments based on "Wonder", which we have now finished, and succeeded in producing some stunning written work; Rowling, Morpurgo and Boyne should be quaking in their boots!</p> <p>For homework over the holidays, I have asked the class to produce a 500 word book report on "Wonder", discussing such matters as plot, characters, themes, favourite moments and so on. This can either be typed or hand-written. Aside from this, I have also handed out spellings and recommended another helping of Mathletics (1500 points or more) to keep us finely tuned.</p> <p>I wish everyone an amazing half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again for Term 4.</p>