









HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>What a fantastic first week of Term 4.</p> <p>The Primary Fitness Challenge over Wednesday and Thursday was a huge success with so many children beating their PBs (personal bests) not only over the times in their session but from the times that they recorded from last year. We are aware that some children have times that will rank them within the Top Ten across the county! Once we have confirmation we will let you know.</p> <p>We are all revving up to Book Week next week. Hopefully everyone is getting creative with their book character costumes for Thursday's dress-up day. Please do not feel pressured to spend lots of money. Some of the most effective and imaginative costumes are homemade with resources gathered from the recesses of family attics, cupboards and wardrobes!</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming Richard Dijkstra in on Thursday morning. Signed copies of his book Tigeropolis are available via Scopay or can be purchased on the day.</p> <p>On Friday we are inviting parents and carers to join us for our Story Circles. This is where the children will be sharing their mini stories written on bananas and other forms of stories from across the week in small circles. Parents and carers can bring in their own 'banana story' or favourite short story or poem to share in the circle. KS2 will be doing their circles at 9am in place of Celebration Assembly and YR and KS1 will be gathering from 2.15pm.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 4 March</p>	<p>Tues 5 March</p>	<p>Wed 6 March</p>	<p>Thurs 7 March</p>	<p>Fri 8 March</p>
	<p>Book Week Begins!</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Book Character Dress-up Day <i>Author Visit</i></p>	<p>Story Circles: KS2 @9am YR/KS1 @ 2.15pm NO CELEB ASSEMBLY</p>
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	<p>The majority of parents and carers are now adding credit to their dinner account and booking dinners in advance. Please remember to check at the weekend that you have made dinner bookings for next week.</p>				
	<p>As part of our celebration of World Book Day, on Friday 8th March we are inviting parents and carers to come into school to read and share stories with their children. KS2 will have Story Circles starting at 9.00am and children will be sharing their creative writing. However, we would like to encourage parents to bring in your own compositions which can be written on bananas or other fruit and vegetables of your choice! KS1 and EYFS will have a Reading Afternoon at 2.15pm and parents are encouraged to bring in a book to share. Please arrive via the school office for both events.</p>				
	<p>We have received comment from Juniors Nursery that their bell is often rang whilst children are waiting to go through the KS2 gate some mornings. Please ensure that children are supervised and not making a nuisance of themselves.</p>				
INDEPENDENT CATERING	<p>The majority of parents and carers are now adding credit to their dinner account and booking dinners in advance. Please remember to check at the weekend that you have made dinner bookings for next week.</p>				
SPORT	<p>Handball will take place on Monday, 5 March, but will return to its regular Tuesday from the following week and beyond.</p> <p>We have two home football fixtures in the coming weeks, the first of which is against Coxheath Primary School on Thursday, 7 March. While the second fixture sees us welcome Greenfields Community School on Wednesday, 13 March. Spectators are welcome to stay and help cheer on the team.</p>				
DIARY DATES	<p>Fri 5th April – End of Term 4 Tues 23rd April – Start of Term 5</p>				

<p style="text-align: center;">PTFA</p>	<p>DISCOS: Our 209 attendees had a super time on the last day of term! Thank you Parents & Carers for supporting the non uniform day and discos raising over £500! Thanks also goes out to our enthusiastic dancing teachers, our resident DJ Mr P, Independent Catering team for baking and donating the yummy cookies, Mr Drury & Miss Symonds for frying & serving the chips and our four parent helpers from Reception Class and Y4!</p> <p>PTFA News: We have exciting fundraisers on the horizon!</p> <p>As we no longer have curtains in our main hall and the days becoming sunnier, our Film Friday scheduled to take place after school on Friday, 15 March may have to be postponed. We'll supply details as soon as we can!</p> <p>At the end of March, there will be a secret shopping event during the school day giving pupils a chance to purchase a small present for the Wonder Woman in their life, details to follow.</p> <p>We're planning to host an Open Air Cinema event on the school field at the end of September! We'd love to hear what your favourite movies are, email info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p> <p>Finally, You've got to be in it to win it!</p> <p>We are excited to announce that we have launched our own SCHOOL LOTTERY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets cost £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of ticket sales are donated to our school. • A GUARANTEED cash prize to someone on our supporter list every week • A further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw EVERY WEEK! • Tickets purchased in this term also have a chance of winning 1 of 5 £50 restaurant vouchers • Our first draw will be on SATURDAY 23RD MARCH <p>Anyone who wishes to support our school can buy a ticket, please share with your friends and family!</p> <p>To buy your ticket please go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for "Headcorn School PTFA" GOOD LUCK!</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 27 March 2019, earlier time of 7.30pm. All Welcome!</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Welcome back to Term 4!</p> <p>It has been a very exciting week at school this week with the Primary Fitness Inflatable company offering children lots of physical fun and extremely active ways to exercise. All children enjoyed navigating their way around a number of physical activities in what can only be described as a huge bouncy castle! A lot of fun was had by all!</p> <p>This week we have been recapping lots of letter sounds after the holiday but in particular, practising the digraphs we learnt such as sh and th (two letters that hold hands to make one sound). We will be learning the letter sounds z, qu, ch and x next.</p> <p>We have also been conducting ice melting experiments to see what causes ice to melt. We needed to melt the ice cubes as our little bears had got stuck in the ice whilst playing in the freezer over night! We placed one ice cube outside in the sun, one inside next to the heater and the final one was blasted with hot air from a hairdryer. The children made some super predictions and were able to record their work well.</p> <p>Next week will be World Book Day week with a fruit and vegetable theme. As part of the activities lease could all children bring in a green'ish banana on Monday. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children such as designing their own vegetable superhero and writing about them, decorating pancakes with fruit salad faces and dressing up as a book character on Thursday. We are also looking forward to a visit from the author, Richard Diktras. Richard's Tigeropolis books are available to purchase via scopay.com and will be signed on the day. This special week is to encourage the love of books and reading, so please be sure to read all the letters sent out as there will be a competition and some lovely prizes to be won for home learning activities!</p> <p>Please ensure that all PE kits are in school as soon as possible and that any earrings are removed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for PE.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>

<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>We have had a whale of a time this week, especially on Wednesday and Thursday when Year 1s demonstrated their super-fast skills on the inflatable obstacle course. The children were very interested in beating their times from Reception. We have also loved being out in the sunshine and learning some new songs and games. In Maths we have been recapping on accurate addition skills, and we are delighted that the children now have access to Mathletics, so they will be able to continue to practise these skills at home. The children's passwords have been sent home in their book bags.</p> <p>Thank you to those of you who brought in Show and Tell when it was your turn this week. We will be giving out invitations to those whose turn it is on Monday.</p> <p>Please remember to bring in your banana next week for Book Week. We are very excited to see the children in their costumes on Thursday for our World Book Day celebrations – please do not spend a great deal of money on these, but rather use whatever you may already have in a creative way.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Wow! What a great first week back with the sun shining – it has certainly lifted our moods. In English this week we found a suitcase in our room full of a range of items that got us predicting who might own a suitcase like this. It was then unveiled to us that it belonged to Sunny a meerkat from 'Meerkat Mail. We also took Sunny on an adventure around the school and wrote postcards about our visits.</p> <p>In Maths, we finished our topic on fractions by finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of a shape and counting in fractions. Next week we will be measuring in cm and m.</p> <p>We had a brilliant PE session on Thursday with Primary Fitness and the huge inflatables – the children absolutely loved it and enjoyed trying to beat their own score. Next week we will continue to have PE on Monday and Tuesday!</p> <p>Don't forget it's World Book Day next Thursday and that the children are invited to wear a costume of their choice. These can be as imaginative as you wish! The children have also been asked to bring in an unripe banana for a writing challenge.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The Jaguars have had a busy start to Term 4. We have started our exciting new class text, 'The Iron Man' by visualising and illustrating the opening scene and then writing Hogarth's diary entry after he first sees the Iron Man. In maths the children have produced some fantastic work using different charts and graphs, they have worked hard to draw accurate bar charts and begin to interrogate the data by asking relevant questions. We have an exciting couple of weeks coming up, the class really enjoyed the visit from Primary Fitness this week, everybody got involved and showed lots of enthusiasm and determination to beat their own scores. Next week is Book Week and we are looking forward to our 'meet an author session' with Richard Dijkstra. Don't forget to dress up as a book character on Thursday and remember you will need your all important banana for some of our literacy work! Because of World Book Day on Thursday, I gave out spellings on Wednesday this week and they will be tested next WEDNESDAY (for 1 week only). Thank you for bringing in an old pair of socks for our DT project - we are definitely going to have some colourful sock monkeys being created very soon!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>We have had an excellent first week back! We have started our new book 'Varjak Paw' as well as looking at fractions and decimals within mathematics (some seriously tricky stuff!). We have continued our topic of Vikings and this week started looking at Viking gods in more detail.</p> <p>Early next week, Year 4 will be taking CAT tests (Verbal Reasoning and Non-verbal Reasoning). The results of which will be given during the upcoming TLCs. If you have any queries please ask. All students have been given a homework sheet for the term, if these have gone missing there will be a copy on the school website. These are to be completed throughout the term alongside times table practice, weekly spellings and mathletics. Please make sure all children have PE kits as we are starting tag rugby and gymnastics for indoor PE. Please also make sure children are bringing in a snack for break times and have a bottle of water.</p> <p>Here is to a great start to a very exciting new term! Have a great weekend!</p>

**YEAR 5 CLASS:
CARACALS**



Welcome back. Home Learning for the term has been given out, if it gets lost remember there is also a copy on the school website. Any questions or resourcing issues to do with the tasks set, feel free to ask.

Over the break, handwriting pens have been lost or run out. Please check you have a handwriting pen for each day, and a pencil would be useful too.

Early next week Year 5 will be taking CAT tests (Verbal Reasoning and Non-verbal Reasoning). The results of which will be given during the upcoming TLCs. If you have any queries please ask.

Today in KS2 assembly the children were told about St David's Day. In celebration of this day the children have been given a picture of a dragon which they may decorate as they wish. These must be returned to their class teacher before Tuesday and there will be prizes for winner entries. Enjoy.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to log on to Scopay to pay the balance for Kench Hill. This is due by 20 March. Medical Forms also need to be completed and returned to school. These are available from the email sent on Wednesday or in hard copy from the School Office.

**YEAR 6 CLASS:
LIONS**



It's been a case of "straight to work" for Year 6 this week. After a few warm greetings and handshakes, we have begun the SATs preparation in earnest and have been learning about a range of mathematical concepts such as converting between different units of measurement, the properties of different triangles and shapes within coordinate grids. To consolidate this learning, I have indeed set a few Mathematics activities. In SPaG, we have concentrated mainly on different tenses, ranging from the present/past progressive to the present perfect and subjunctive. Prizes to any parents who are able to use all of these in any future communications!

For homework this week, I would like everyone to concentrate on those Mathematics topics set to see if these can be completed for Wednesday. I would also like the class to think of any questions for our guest author, Richard Dijkstra, who shall be visiting on World Book Day on Thursday: it might prove to be a great chance for any aspiring writers to understand how stories are put together.

On a final note, can I just put out a reminder for children to bring in the appropriate PE kits now the weather is beginning to improve. We hope to go outside on a more regular basis now so trainers and shorts should perhaps be added to our inventory.

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and enjoy your weekend.