

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>What a week packed full of Book Week antics! From writing on bananas to dressing up as favourite book characters. Writing, making and designing their own mini books to working alongside children from other year groups. It has been a busy week! Thank you to everyone who was able to pop in for our Story Circle time today....especially to those brave adults who composed their own poems or mini sagas on a banana or other piece of fruit. We really appreciate your support and participation with these eccentric but fun and 'outside the box' ideas we have - it's certainly been a memorable one!</p> <p>Next week in assemblies and class time we will be focussing on Safeguarding with the children. This will include all sorts of different areas discussed at an appropriate level such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-safety - online safety and social media Stranger Danger Who Can I talk to? - ensuring pupils know who they can talk to if they need help or just someone to listen Be Kind and Listen - ensuring pupils know how to listen well to each other and how to respond Looking Out for Each Other - discussing ways we can support our friends/classmates if they are hurting or lonely I Need Space - understanding that sometimes everyone needs a bit of space, peace and quiet Everyone Deserves Respect - how to treat everyone well even if we are from other classes or are not always friends <p>If you have any questions about any of these areas then please do not hesitate to talk to myself, Mrs Robertson or Mr Drury who are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads.</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 11 March	Tues 12 March	Wed 13 March	Thurs 14 March	Fri 15 March
		Parent/Carer "Book Look" (see below for more info)		Y2 Small Steps Warburtons visiting Y3	YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: YR sharing
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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>Celebration Assemblies: This coming week is another of the YR/KS1 Celebration Assemblies as our Story Circles for Book Week took the place of our usual KS2 assembly. We have deliberately kept with the pattern of every other week as parents have had these dates in diaries for a long time and also it fits with the teacher's availability. Every class still gets the same number of planned assemblies so no-one misses out.</p>				
	<p>Parent/Carer "Book Look": Tuesday 12th March is an opportunity for you to come into school straight after pick up and look through your child's books with your child before meeting the teachers for your TLC. The teacher will be available in class for any general questions, however, this is not a suitable opportunity for 1:1 discussions about your child. Please save this for your TLC appointment where the books will be available again.</p>				
	<p>If you haven't already booked your TLC appointment, please don't forget to do this online via Scopay.com.</p>				
	<p>Headcorn are playing a home football match with Greenfields School next Wednesday which means there will be no Football Club this week. Football Club will resume week commencing 18 March.</p>				
	<p>Friends of Headcorn Church Quiz Night Saturday 16th March, 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start in the Andred Hall (Headcorn Village Hall) Teams of 6 (max 8). Tickets £5 each, available from Jenny Munt (Tel: 01622 891724), Headcorn Deli or Sweet William Florist</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>Headcorn: 13 Coxheath: 0</p> <p>Despite very windy conditions and occasional sideways rain Headcorn put in a comprehensive performance against a visiting Coxheath side on Thursday this week. Coxheath kicked off the first half, but Headcorn dominated much of the ball thereafter, scoring quickly after the kick off. The team added a further 4 goals during the half. Headcorn made a few changes to the team during the half time break, however, the second half continued much the same way as the first. Headcorn added a further 8 goals making the final score 13-0. A great performance from a very talented football team!</p> <p>We welcome Greenfields School to Headcorn on Wednesday, 13 March for our next league football match. Therefore, there will be no football club this week, however this will return next week.</p> <p>Due to lack of uptake, there will be no afterschool Handball Club this term.</p>
DIARY DATES	<p>Mon 18th March - Termly Learning Conferences Fri 22nd March - Celebration Assembly: Y5/6 sharing Tue 26th March - Termly Learning Conferences Fri 29th March - Celebration Assembly: Y1 sharing Fri 29th March - Present Room (see PTFA section below for details) Fri 29th March - Film Friday for KS2 (see PTFA section below for details) Mon 1st April - Easter Service at St Peter and St Paul's church Fri 5th April - Celebration Assembly: Y34 sharing Fri 5th April - End of Term Tue 23rd April - Start of Term 5</p>
PTFA	<p>SCHOOL LOTTERY has been launched (flyers to follow via book bags)</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 • To buy your ticket please go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for "Headcorn School PTFA" • Open to everyone, please share with your friends and family! <p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2019, earlier time of 7.30pm. All Welcome!</p> <p>Something Special for Someone Special pop up shop - Friday 29th March during the school day. Pupils will have the opportunity to select and purchase a small gift for their mum / grandma / aunt / sister / female carer which will be wrapped/bagged, ready to take home. The cost is £1.50 (cash on the day).</p> <p>KS2 Film Friday - Friday 29th March 2019 from 6pm to 8pm. £3.50 per child includes a hot dog, popcorn and a sweet treat. Pupils are encouraged to bring their drink bottles (filled with water or squash). Teachers have been taking suggestions from pupils and over the coming week, pupils will vote for their favourite movie and the most popular choice will be announced at the end of the week.</p> <p>Gift Amnesty: If you received any gifts at Christmas or on a birthday that aren't quite to your taste (or you got two the same) we'd love your donations which will be re-gifted at our pop up shops or used as prizes or at future events. Please hand to Maz, Lizell or School Office.</p> <p>We aren't hosting an Easter Hunt this year, apologies for any disappointment but hope to arrange for our Bunny to make an appearance!</p> <p>May Fair 2019: pitches and advertising opportunities are available, please spread the word! Visit the PTFA website for more info and booking forms www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p> <p>Any queries or comments, please email info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk or chat to your Class Rep.</p>

<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p> 	<p>What an exciting week we've had celebrating World Book Day!!!</p> <p>To link to the fruit and vegetable theme, Early Years have based our learning on the book Supertato by Sue Hendra. The children have enjoyed 'going bananas' by designing their own banana superheroes and writing about them in speech bubbles. We have also been creating our own vegetable superheroes to aid Supertato in defeating the evil pea. We had great fun using our characters to act out our own Supertato story.</p> <p>On Tuesday we celebrated Pancake Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed decorating pancakes with a fruit salad face. They used tools to slice and chop the fruit they wanted to use and then ate their masterpiece for snack.</p> <p>The children and staff loved getting dressed up on Thursday as our favourite book characters. Thank you parents for your creativity and imagination. We had a variety of characters including, knights, princesses, superheroes and even a dragon.</p> <p>On Thursday we were also very lucky to be visited by the author Richard Dikstra. The children really enjoyed listening to Richard read part of his story, Tigeropolis. The children were really inspired by Richard and some have even written their own superhero stories.</p> <p>Don't forget that on Tuesday you are invited to come into school to look at your children's books ahead of the upcoming TLCs. If you haven't already done so please ensure you book a TLC appointment via the online booking system.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>We have had a great week in Year 1, immersing ourselves in a variety of books and talking about our favourite characters. The children looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes – thank you for producing such fantastic outfits which the children were very proud to wear. We were treated to a story from our visiting author, Richard Dikstra and we hope that those of you who bought a copy of his books really enjoy them. As part of our Book Week celebrations, we have been creating superhero characters from fruit and vegetables and writing stories about them on a banana!</p> <p>Year 1 are enjoying having gym sessions with a specialist teacher every Tuesday this term. They have practised forward rolls and a variety of balancing combinations.</p> <p>Spellings have been set and we will be tested on Thursday. We hope the children are enjoying having access to Mathletics – it's great to see so many children challenging themselves to achieve as many points as possible and we are able to celebrate this with certificates. Thank you for your support with spellings, reading and Mathletics home learning – everything you do has a real impact on the progress they make in class.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>The children completely wow-ed us with their amazing book character costumes on World Book Day. We had a thoroughly enjoyable day sharing 'The Tin Forest' with Year 3 and creating nature poems with repeating lines. It was great fun editing them and then writing them on our bananas. In the afternoon we had further fun, being creative and making flowers that would be found in The Tin Forest, using a range of different materials. We also loved having you join us on Friday.</p> <p>In Maths this week we have moved onto our Length and Height topic. We have been ordering and comparing lengths as well as solving length word problems. We had great fun finding out that Usain Bolt could run 100m in just under 10 seconds so we spent an afternoon seeing how far we could run in 10 seconds and then in pairs using metre sticks to measure the distance covered.</p> <p>This week we also started our new PE group rotation on Monday. If your child is in the football group please can we remind all children that jogging bottoms and a warm jumper are advisable as it's still been rather chilly outside. Tuesday PE is now indoors gymnastics and we loved travelling on different parts of the body on a range of apparatus.</p> <p>The children have also been rather green-fingered this week planting our bean seeds in different environments. We made predictions and will be checking on their growth during the next few weeks.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>

YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS 	<p>What a busy Book Week it has been! We started it with designing our own Wanted posters for a missing Iron Man followed with some very effective art work creating an Iron Man head using chalks . Then on Thursday the children all looked fantastic in their costumes and thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the author, Richard Dikstra; they were enthusiastic in their approach to writing their poems on bananas! Thank you to all the parents who created their own fruit / vegetable characters and could come and join our story time - we have some very creative families out there!</p> <p>Some children also had the opportunity to begin to make their sock monkeys this week, we have been very impressed with their sewing skills so far! Home Learning for the term has been given out, a copy can also be found on the school website.</p> <p>PE is on Monday and Tuesday this term, if your child is doing football this term please make sure they wrap up warm with joggers and a hoody.</p> <p>Remember to check Twitter for any recent updates / photos.</p>
YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS 	<p>This week we have been continuing our work on decimals and fractions in mathematics alongside looking at characters from the book 'Varjak Paw' in detail. We have also started this terms ICT project 'we are music makers' and look forward to continuing this next week!</p> <p>Next week we should be back to a (relatively) normal week! Please make sure children have PE kits suitable for inside and outside. Children should also continue to bring in a coat as the weather is unpredictable. The children have been invited to participate in a friendly year 4 football match this term. Children will be given a letter with further information if they have shown an interest.</p> <p>Hope everyone has a restful weekend!</p>
YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS 	<p>Last year the PTFA gave me £200 to spend on the class. That money was spent on a watercolour pallet and brushes for every child in the class to keep. These arrived this week and it has been a real pleasure to use them. I am sure we will produce some amazing artwork.</p>
YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS 	<p>World Book Day was certainly enjoyed by Year 6 this year. Richard Dikstra provided us with some fascinating insights into the life of an author and we asked some very astute questions to find out more about his writing process. Moreover the banana poems, whilst challenging in execution, provided everyone with great entertainment and we certainly enjoyed performing some of these to a captive audience.</p> <p>The homework due for Wednesday next week, in addition to the weekly Mathletics, is grammar related and focusses on the passive and active voice. If you want further information on this, you can go to sites such as the BBC one (https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zktng8). Spellings are back on for Thursday too after a brief hiatus.</p> <p>Have a fantastic weekend!</p>