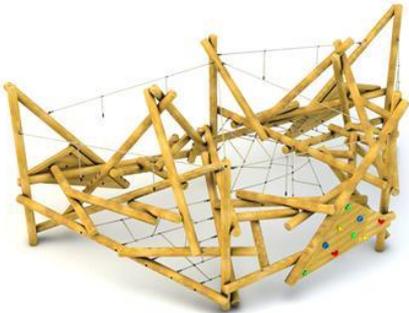


HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Our first day of Termly Learning Conferences went well this week. We look forward to Day 2 on Tuesday. Please note that KS2 TLCs will take place in the school hall so please come in via the main entrance. YR and KS1 TLCs after school will be based in your child's classrooms again.</p> <p>Congratulations to our Hockey Teams for their participation in the Sutton Valence Tournament and the Kent Games competition this week. Again we are proud to say that not only was your talent, skill and effort on show but also your sportsmanship and you were phenomenal in all areas representing the school so well. Thank you and well done. (Look out for the Sports Report next week). Well done also to our Year5/6 Football Team with their 3-1 win against North Borough Primary School. We are very proud of all of our sports teams.</p> <p>Next week holds two new PTFA fund-raising events: 'Someone Special' Gift Shop and The KS2 Film Friday. Thank you to the PTFA for thinking so creatively in putting on such a variety of events for your child to participate in. (See below for more information.)</p> <p>Lastly GREAT NEWS HOT OFF THE PRESS: we have secured a significant Lottery Grant to have a large abstract climbing frame installed on site! We are SO excited and hopefully this will be installed as soon as possible this academic year so that all of our current pupils as well as future children can enjoy this! This image is the kind of activity climbing frame we will be installing on an area of the school field.</p> 				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 25 March</p>	<p>Tues 26 March</p>	<p>Wed 27 March</p>	<p>Thurs 28 March</p>	<p>Fri 29 March</p>
		<p>TLCs</p>	<p>Y4 Lenham Sports Workshop <i>PTFA Meeting 7.30pm</i></p>	<p>Y3 Lenham Sports Workshop</p>	<p>YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y1sharing <i>Someone Special Pop-Up Gift Shop</i> KS2 Film Night 5.30pm</p>
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	<p>Do you have any games or puzzles that are no longer being used? Wraparound Care children would really appreciate a few extra games and would love to give them a new lease of life! Thank you in advance.</p>				
	<p>Amendment to Date: The Easter Church Service will be on Tuesday, 2 April.</p>				
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	<p>School of Rock (Years 3 to 6) and Nature Club (Years 2 and 3) will be commencing from the first week of term. Please return a permission slip to school if your child would like to attend. These can be found on the school website http://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk/extra-curricular/club-permission-letters/</p>				
SPORT	<p>North Borough: 1 Headcorn 3 Headcorn played away to North Borough on <i>Thursday 21st March</i>. This was our last league game of the season and we await the results of other games to find out where we will finish in our group. The team played well despite the difficult pitch conditions and the smaller goals, opening the scoring midway through the first half. Headcorn scored again after a mistake by North Borough led to a free kick to Headcorn and the scores being 0-2. North Borough then pulled a goal back before Headcorn rounded out the first half with a good third goal from Ellis (Y6). The second half was a much tighter affair with neither team scoring but Headcorn going close through Alex (Y6) at the very end of the match. Well done to everyone who took part and a massive thank you to all those parents who stayed to support and cheered us on.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cont'd...</i></p>				

	<p>KIT Could you please make sure that all kit is returned to school promptly as we would like to do a stock check of our current equipment over the Easter break in readiness for the Summer.</p> <p>CRICKET AT GREENFIELDS We will be taking a Y5&6 cricket team to Greenfields Community School on <i>Thursday 4th April</i> to take part in a small tournament. This will be taking place during the school day.</p> <p>We hope to use this as a springboard into the summer and inspire some more children to play a new sport with a view to entering into a few competitions later in the year. Sign up sheets are in class and this activity is open to boys and girls.</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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) Tue 2nd 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>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>GOOD LUCK to everyone who has purchased a ticket in our first Your School Lottery draw this Saturday, 23rd March 2019!</p> <p>PTFA 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). Once all the pupils have had an opportunity to purchase a gift, any children with money to purchase more gifts will be given the opportunity subject to availability and time permitting.</p> <p>KS2 Film Friday - new release BUMBLEBEE (PG) Friday 29th March 2019 from 5.30pm 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). PAY CASH ON THE DOOR (to assist with catering, pls let your class rep know if your child will be attending)</p> <p>If you can help at either of the above events please contact your class rep or the PTFA team.</p> <p>May Fair 2019: pitches are still available for craft stalls, please spread the word! Info and booking forms at www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p> <p>You can now follow us on:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Headcorn School PTFA </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  @PTFAHeadcorn </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  headcornschoolptfa </div> </div>

<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>This week in Early Years we have been learning all about Penguins and The Polar Regions. We have really enjoyed conducting experiments to explore how oily feathers help to keep penguins warm and dry in freezing temperatures. We have also been watching penguins on a zoo live cam to study how they move. Through the story of Blue Penguin, a tale about a lonely penguin who is turned away by his colony because he is different, we have been exploring topics such as friendship, differences and kindness. We really have been astounded by the children’s mature attitudes and responses to the book. They have really enjoyed suggesting different ways that we could help Blue Penguin. The children have loved making cards for Blue Penguin and writing sentences to convince him he is a penguin. We have also enjoyed making non-fiction books full of penguin facts.</p> <p>In phonics we have been learning our new sounds ch and qu. We have also been spending some time focusing on spotting and applying digraphs (two letters that make one sound, such as sh, th and ch) in our reading and writing as this can be tricky for children to grasp.</p> <p>Over the next few weeks in maths we will be focusing on to 2D and 3D shapes and subtracting by taking away. Going on shape hunts around your environment is a great way to support your children’s learning.</p> <p>We would also like to thank those of you who have attended TLC meetings this week. It has been a really positive experience sharing your children’s progress and successes with you. We look forward to meeting with the remaining families next Tuesday.</p> <p>Finally please can you ensure your children come to school with a jacket or coat as although Spring is fast approaching the great British weather can still be very unpredictable.</p> <p>We hope you all have a restful weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>This week the children have “bee-come” super scientists, researching the importance of bees, linked to our new book (<i>The Bee Who Spoke</i>), and using their wealth of knowledge to create PowerPoint presentations on this subject. They were so buzzing about the subject that they created papier-maché bees which will make a beautiful display in our shared area.</p> <p>In Maths we are working on subtraction and will continue this next week, using the skill to reason and problem-solve. Please make the most of any real-life situations where the children could practise this skill, for example if they start with a certain number of items on their plate and then eat some.</p> <p>The children are wowing us with their Athletics scores and we are giving out so many certificates to celebrate their achievements. Thank you for all your support with Athletics. It is becoming evident that all the practice is improving their fluency and skills.</p> <p>It was a pleasure to share TLCs with some of you this week and we are looking forward to meeting with the rest of you next week.</p> <p>Next week we will be growing cress. By Wednesday please could you send in a clean, empty egg shell that has been decorated with a face and any other features you might like to add.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>It was lovely to see so many of you at TLC’s this week and I look forward to seeing more of you on Tuesday to celebrate all the hard work that your children have been doing.</p> <p>This week we have planned, adapted and written our own versions of Meerkat Mail – using a storyboard has proved to be a great stimulus to help us structure our story.</p> <p>In Maths this week the children have started telling the time using quarter to and quarter past. I have loved seeing so many children wearing watches this week and enjoying telling me what the time is during the day. Fantastic time telling!</p> <p>On Tuesday the children had a great PE lesson using different ways of travelling to music on the apparatus. When the music stopped they had to show me a different way of balancing. I was so impressed with the supportive attitude the children displayed and how helpful they were setting up the apparatus.</p> <p>We were completely wow-ed this week by how tall our beans have been growing – check out Twitter to see a photo of their impressive growth. In our topic this week we were inspired by Mrs Whittle’s amazing continent talk last Friday, especially hearing about the different animals she encountered, that we created a world map scattered with the different animals we might see in each continent.</p> <p>Your child should have come home with a log in for Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to log on, choose their rock star name and begin rocking out their times tables!</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>

<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>It was lovely to see lots of you at TLCs last week, a good opportunity to see how hard the children have worked so far this year and the progress that they have made. In English we have continued our work with The Iron Man by writing in role as Hogarth as he apologised to the Iron Man for the part he played in trapping him down the giant pit. The Jaguars were also at their creative best as they began to create a Menu for the Iron Man - from metallic meatballs to bronzed brownies all washed down with lashings of copper cola! The children are continuing to work hard with our fractions topic, this week we have been counting in tenths and included tenths as a decimal for the first time. Year 3 have really enjoyed exploring Times Tables Rock Stars. We have used it a couple of times in class and the children have all been very keen to try it at home too - lots of interesting avatar names have been created! We are still running Mathletics alongside this, remember 1,000 points are needed in a week for a Bronze certificate, 5 bronze certificates equal a Silver certificate.</p> <p>Have a good weekend and keep rocking!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>This week in Jungle Cats we have been continuing to look at fraction decimals in mathematics and reading Varjak Paw whilst writing in role in English lessons. We have also been looking at Times Tables Rockstars and having a great time improving our times tables fluency! In science children are creating an electrical circuit and a face or object that will light up! We have plenty of cardboard however if children want to bring anything else in for their design they are welcome to do so.</p> <p>This weeks TLCs were very positive and a big thank you to all the parents that attended. I look forward to seeing the rest of the parents on Tuesday next week. A letter has been sent home about an extra football training session next Monday (25-03-2019) before the game on Wednesday (27-03-2019). Please make sure this is returned as soon as possible to confirm numbers for the training session. If you cannot make it on the Monday this is fine and can still participate in the game on Wednesday.</p> <p>I hope everyone has a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Congratulations to Year 5 for their fantastic dance in celebration assembly. They really put their heart and soul into that performance and have been absolute stars in rehearsals. So well done. Hopefully a video of the dance will be on Twitter for anyone who missed it! There are often images and updates from year 5 so do keep checking in.</p> <p>Keep going with Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars. Both these maths sites are really beneficial to their learning. Little and often is a good idea.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Well done to Year 6 for providing a captive audience with yet another fine assembly. It's excellent to hear and see those poetry performing skills developing and I look forward to finding out if we can transfer some of this learning into our Year 6 play later in the year.</p> <p>The homework for Wednesday is to write a 200 word story through the use of dialogue. It might be a chat between two old friends catching up or even a family reunion. As long as we are punctuating correctly and providing new paragraphs for each speaker, the scenario itself can be up to the pupils. In regards to Mathletics, the aim is to achieve 1000 points, with the proviso that we also go on Times Tables Rock Stars to improve our recall of multiplication, and perhaps strive to find an equal to Monk Kooper in terms of Rock God status!</p> <p>I wish you all a wonderful weekend.</p>