

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>It is unbelievable that we are in the last week of Term 4 already! This has been such a busy term that it has sped by at a rate of knots however it has been packed with lots of fantastic experiences and learning opportunities. Another of these is happening on Monday!</p> <p>The Fantastic Fred Experience is coming to our school! This is part of the Good Mental Health Matters campaign, launched in 2016, to help raise awareness of mental health among young people in Kent, and equip children at a very early age to improve their lifelong emotional resilience.</p> <p>The 'Fantastic Fred Experience' is a live, interactive and educational mental health resource delivered in a touring, pop-up inflatable classroom. During each 30 minute performance, Fantastic Fred will teach children in Years R to 6 simple and memorable ways to look after their mental health - with the letters in Fred's name representing the areas of educational focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food - Eating the right foods • Rest - Getting enough sleep • Exercise - Being active • Digital - Managing time spent online. <p>Please ensure that you talk to your children about what they have learnt from this experience. Mental health, anxiety and pupil wellbeing is really important to us all. We want to follow this up next term through assemblies, PSHE lessons and partnership with parents and carers through a variety of adult education sessions being held at school during the Summer terms.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 1 April</p>	<p>Tues 2 April</p>	<p>Wed 3 April</p>	<p>Thurs 4 April</p>	<p>Fri 5 April</p>
	<p>Fantastic Fred Presentation (see above for info)</p>	<p>KS2 Easter Service @ 10am in church</p>	<p>YR/KS1 Easter Service @ 9am in hall</p>	<p>Greenfields Cricket / Netball Match v Coxheath</p>	<p>KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y3/4 sharing <i>Last Day of Term</i></p>
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	<p>Easter Services: Please look out for the email that came out yesterday (Thursday) confirming our Easter events next week. We recognise that time is short and whilst we would not want to discourage anyone that is already busy getting creative, if you do not have the time or finance for this please don't worry! Children will have an opportunity to make their own Easter bonnet or crown in school.</p>				
	<p>If you have any teddy bears that need a new home, Amy Pendrich (Lily Arnold's mum) is collecting them to sell on the Brownies stall at the May Fair. Please make sure they are clean and not too worn out; you can drop them off at the school office or give them to Amy directly.</p>				
<p>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Week 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can they perform self-help skills that they would be expected to do at secondary – tie a tie? Tie shoe laces? • In the community - do they go out alone? Do they handle money? Have they ever travelled by bus or train? Look out for any community events at your child's new school – check the school website and local press. • You may be asked to sign a weekly homework diary – try to get into the habit as many secondary schools have sanctions for students who forget to ask their parents to do this. • Ask who else is going to the same school and encourage friendships – these may not be the children your child usually hangs out with but it is always good to have a familiar face in the first few weeks. Remind your child that they will make new friends when they start their new school. 				
<p>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</p>	<p>Terms 5&6</p> <p>As Term 4 draws to a close so does our after school club provision for the Winter months. We are currently putting together a timetable of clubs that will run through Terms 5 and 6. This is a great opportunity to try something new. There are lots of competitions/festivals coming up over the summer and it is always great to see teams from Headcorn involved in this. However, if there is currently not a club on offer that you would like to see on the timetable, then please speak to Mrs Collins, Mrs Stroud or Mr Peters and we can try and organise something to accommodate.</p>				

<p style="text-align: center;">SPORT</p>	<p>Hockey We have recently attended two hockey tournaments. The first took place at Sutton Valence Prep School where both of our teams came joint 3rd. Congratulations to all those who took part. A great afternoon's hockey! Our second tournament, held at Maidstone Hockey Club, involved Years 3 and 4 in the morning, then Years 5 and 6 in the afternoon. A big thank you everyone who volunteered, especially those who had never played hockey before, as without you we couldn't have competed. The Y3 and 4 teams came 3rd whilst the Y5 and 6 teams came 4th in their respective groups. A huge thank you to the parents for not only your support, but also transporting the children there and back to these matches.</p> <p>Football Our Year 5&6 team were not in action this week but we await other results in the league to find out if we will go through to the next phase of the competition. You can see the progress of all the teams involved by following the link below. http://www.greenfieldscps.kent.sch.uk/league-tables-201819-2/ Well done to all the Y4s involved in football against visiting school Boughton Monchelsea. This was very well supported by parents from both teams and I believe that the final score ended at 3-3. This bodes well for the future with so many children ready to compete and represent the school so well.</p> <p>Kit We are still waiting for a great deal of kit to be returned after it has been borrowed for our recent matches and tournaments. Please make sure that this is before the end of this term.</p> <p>Cricket Attached to the Headlines email, you will find information from Staplehurst and Leeds & Broomfield Clubs.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PTFA</p>	<p>Congratulations to the winner of the £20 cash prize in our first Your School Lottery draw last weekend. Thanks to those that made it to the PTFA meeting, it's great to have these opportunities to share views and exchange ideas!</p> <p>PTFA / Open Air Cinema event will take place at 7pm on Saturday 21st September 2019 on the school field, tickets prices will range from £8-£14, under 6 years are free. We need to decide on a movie before 12th April!</p> <p>At the PTFA meeting we decided to brainstorm for a family/PG rating that would suit a wide audience. A recent FB poll revealed an almost 50/50 split between screening a classic vs a new release. A huge selection of films are available to choose from https://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/ Please note there are a few films that cannot be shown this year: https://www.filmbankmedia.com/about/holdbacks-special-permission-titles/ We'd love to hear your favourites so please tell your class rep or email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p> <p>To those of you receiving 'something special' this weekend, we hope your child enjoyed their shopping experience and you're delighted with their thoughtful selection!</p> <p>We're looking forward to our 1st Film Friday later today for KS2 Pupils: The Night At the Museum 3 (PG). There is still time for them to join us. Drop off 5.30pm, Pick Up 8pm. £3.50. Pay on the Door. Includes hot dog, popcorn and a sweet. Please remember their drinks bottle! They are welcome to bring a bean bag or cushion on from home. May Fair Volunteers - We Need You please remember to return your forms by the end of term! Thank you!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DIARY DATES</p>	<p>Tue 2nd April - Easter Service at St Peter and St Paul's church Fri 5th April - Celebration Assembly: Y3/4 sharing Fri 5th April - End of Term Tue 23rd April - Start of Term 5 Tues 23rd & Wed 24th April - Year 5 Residential at Kench Hill Wed 24th April - Y1 Balanceability starts in school Tues 30th April @ 7pm - KS2 SATS Meeting Mon 6th May - Headcorn May Fair on Days Green Mon 13th - Thu 16th May - KS2 SATs Week Mon 20th - Fri 24th May - Y6 Bikeability Fri 24th May - End of Term 5 Mon 3rd June - INSET Day (No pupils in school) Tue 4th June - INSET Day (No pupils in school) Wed 5th June - Start of Term 6 Tue 23rd July - End of Term 6</p>

<p>WRAPAROUND CARE</p>	<p>We are really looking forward to our Easter Egg hunt next Thursday (4th). Please make sure you book your session early so that we can calculate our numbers.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>This week we have been finishing our Penguin topic, ready to start learning all about Easter and Spring next week. We will be telling the Easter story and explaining the true meaning of Easter. Of course for 4 and 5 year olds, Easter is all about that special bunny who hides chocolate eggs for them to find but the true meaning will also be explained and the children will be learning that Easter is all about celebrating new life. The children have really enjoyed the Blue Penguin topic and have produced some super independent work which hopefully you saw in their books at your child's TLC.</p> <p>We would like to thank everybody who attended the TLCs as this was a great opportunity to develop partnerships in order to work together to ensure that your child receives the very best start to their education in Reception and to know how you can support their learning at home. It really does make a huge difference when a child is encouraged at home with their learning.</p> <p>The letter sounds that we have learnt this week include qu (queen and her umbrella), x and ng (thing on a string). We have also spent some time recapping the sounds sh (snake and the horse), ch (caterpillar and the horse) and th (tower and the horse). These digraphs are quite difficult for children to remember and spot in words that they are reading. We call them special friends and both of the letters need to stand together and hold hands to make the new sound.</p> <p>In Maths we have started to learn all about 2D shapes. We have been spotting different flat shapes around the environment and describing how many sides (straight or curved) they have and how many corners we can see. We have also made some super shape penguins by using circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, pentagons and octagons. The children then labelled their penguin to say what shape they chose to use.</p> <p>Please could we ask for all menu choices to be returned each Monday to school so that we know what your child would like for lunch. Also, as we will shortly be entering Term 5, please ensure that your child knows each morning what they are having for their lunch so that they can answer the lunch register and be more independent.</p> <p>Journal Books- A number of parents have asked when their child's Journal book, which was issued at the beginning of the school year, will be collected in. Please don't panic over this learning log but if all books could be updated (or even started) over the Easter holiday and be sent into school within the first week back in Term 5, that would be super. We use these Home Learning Journals to contribute to each child's final assessment records. In Early Years it is crucial that 'Parent Voice' and 'Child Voice' are both included when making judgements about your child's learning. These books are to be completed by parents and are a record of the lovely things that your child can now do. They might consist of photographs, your child's work, pictures, writing etc. Please remember that there are 7 areas of learning in Early Years consisting of Language and Communication (talking and expressing themselves), Literacy (Reading and Writing), Personal, Social, Emotional Development (getting on with others), Understanding the World (Science), Expressive Arts (creative skills), Physical Development (pencil control and large movements such as riding bikes and climbing) and Maths (numbers, shapes and measures) so everything and anything can be added and will support at least one or more areas of learning. If there are any problems, please speak to myself or Miss Man.</p> <p>Finally we would like to wish you all a lovely Mother's Day. You will find a Mother's Day card made by your child in their book bag. Have a lovely restful day!</p>

<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>Our potatoes are now planted outside our classrooms and we are waiting to see what happens next. We are writing potato diaries about what we observe. We have also been finding out about food chains and trying to work out where the bee from our story would fit into a chain. We had fun using our art and DT skills to create a hanging food chain mobile. Thank you for all your wonderful designs on the egg heads. We have sown our cress seeds and will watch to see if the heads grow cress hair! The children have become art historians, learning about Monet's life, paintings and style, and trying to create our own Springtime blossom pictures in a similar way.</p> <p>Next week we will be having a picnic on Wednesday as we are learning about healthy eating and sensational salads. The children will be making their own sandwich, so please could you send in (in a named bag/box), two slices of bread, a few salad ingredients, and a slice of cheese or ham if your child likes these. Please send in items that the children can cut easily with a table knife. We will supply spreadable butter or margarine, but if your child has an allergy to dairy spreads, please supply an alternative. Because our story is set in France, and the main character takes a croissant on her adventure, we will treat the children to a croissant at the end of our picnic. Please let us know if you would prefer your child not to have a croissant.</p> <p>On Wednesday we will be covering our next RSE topic. In Maths we will be working on counting in 2s and 5s, so please practise these at home.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>We started this week with a non-fiction writing unit looking at features of a non-chronological report and then using the iPads to research an animal to create our very own reports. The children then used all the features that we had identified and their research, to create their own animal fact files. It's amazing some of the facts that they found out.</p> <p>In Maths we started our new unit on Position and Direction and the children have impressed us all so much with their understanding of direction and movement, including quarter turns, clockwise and anti-clockwise.</p> <p>Geography was very exciting this week as we looked at aerial photographs of major landmarks around the world and then tried to identify which continent we would find them in. This was a very challenging task for us all but we were great detectives.</p> <p>Next week we will be learning about Islam in our RE Topic and also covering our second RSE session.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Year 3 had a great time at The Lenham school for their PE session this week, they were excited to see a different school and represented Headcorn very well. In English the children are still really enjoying exploring The Iron Man, this week they have become roving reporters - ready to write their own newspaper article about the Space-bat-angel-dragon landing on Australia. They have been busy identifying the different features of newspaper recounts and have thought about the ones they can include in their own writing. They also had the opportunity to create their own Iron Man Heads out of clay with some fantastic results! In Maths, I have been really impressed with their work on fractions as they have been working hard to find fractions of different amounts. It has been great to see how much time and effort the children have been putting into Mathletics and Times Tables Rocks, it really helps to boost their confidence in class. Next week we will be looking at our second RSE lesson. I'm on the playground in the mornings if you have any queries.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>A big thank you to all parents who attended the TLCs this week; it was great to see you all and discuss the progress of the children. A lot has happened in the last few days including looking at multiplication strategies, continuing to read Varjak Paw and exploring Viking lifestyles and homes! We had an excellent time at The Lenham School on Wednesday participating in badminton and were very fortunate to use their facilities (check the twitter page for some photos!).</p> <p>Next week children will be participating in a RSE lesson looking at changes in the human body and what happens when we get older. Next week children will be bringing PE kits home for a wash over Easter and ready for next term. Spellings will be given out at the end of next week for children to look at over the holidays as well to keep them busy! I also wanted to say thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support the football match on Wednesday, a fantastic game and every child played extremely well!</p> <p>I hope everyone has a great weekend and is ready for the final week of term four!</p>

<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>In the coming week you will be receiving a kit list for Kench Hill. One item is wellington boots. I will be sending the wellies we have stored here home with the children, on the last day of term. Please bring in a carrier bag to put them in. We will also be covering our next RSE topic.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>It was wonderful to see everyone at the TLCs to discuss our recent learning and I hope you will find some of the handouts useful in preparation for the SATs. In advance of the imminent move to secondary school, we have signed up to a Year 6 Transition Project and will thus be working on some new things in class to help pupils ready themselves for the transition. This will be complemented by some Parent Top Tips that will be sent out by the school via Headcorn Headlines (Week 1 above) and Parentmail. The first thing I would like to ask the pupils to do also forms their homework for Wednesday (in addition to the usual Mathletics). I would like everyone to visit their prospective school's website to gather as much information as possible and present an information brochure on their findings. This should include several subheadings such as Sports, Curriculum and so on, which can be based around the website itself. Please try to put as many ideas as possible in your words. This will be one of many activities we undertake to help familiarise Year 6 with the brave new world outside the gates of Headcorn. Our next RSE lesson will take place this coming week and the topic will be Understanding Relationships. Have a fantastic weekend!</p>
<p>Year 6 Diary Dates</p>	<p>Tuesday 30th April from 7pm: KS2 SATs Information evening in the main hall Mon 13th - Thu 16th May: KS2 SATs week Mon 20th - Fri 24th May: 24 spaces for Y6 Bikeability are available. Information coming out next week. Mon 10th June: Graduokee recording day Thu 20th June: Magistrates visiting Fri 28th June: Kent Police Activities Day Visit Mon 1st - Fri 5th July: Homewood Transition week Thu 4th July: Kent Y6 Transition Day (please let us know asap when your secondary school transition visits will be) Thu 11th & Fri 12th July: Leavers Performances @ 7pm Fri 19th July: Y6 Leavers Party after school Mon 22nd July: Leaver Disco Tues 23rd July: Leavers Assembly from 9am</p>