

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>So, unbelievably we close yet another term. It started with Primary Fitness, then we had Book Week, World Book Day and Termly Learning Conferences. This last week has seen us get a visit from a giant inflatable tent for our Fantastic Fred presentations on Mental Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>We've then enjoyed two lovely Easter celebrations. KS2 held their service at the church with a talk from Reverend Fiona Haskett, sharing the meaning behind her 'uniform' and bravely dressing up Ms Woodgate in her robes! YR and KS1 enjoyed a lovely assembly in the hall parading their Easter bonnets and sharing the meaning behind Easter symbols such as Hot Cross Buns etc. Our Twitter feed has some lovely photos of these events.</p> <p>We have also had quite a few sporting events to celebrate too, with netball matches, football and cricket. Have a read of our Cricket report below.</p> <p>I hope you all have a lovely Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back here after the Easter weekend for a start date of Tuesday 23rd April.</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 22 April	Tues 23 April	Wed 24 April	Thurs 25 April	Fri 26 April
	EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	Start of Term 5/Year 5 residential	Year 5 residential		Yr R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
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	<p>Our pond is looking a bit bare and in need of plant life. If anyone has a pond with any pond plants that they could separate and donate, Miss Gelder would be very grateful!</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>				
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	<p>A new Summer club schedule will be issued during the first week of Term 5. Clubs will commence during week commencing 29 April.</p>				
SPORT	<p>Headcorn took part in a Kent Teach Games cricket event organised and hosted by Greenfields Community Primary School on Thursday 4th April. Our two teams were placed in groups A and B, facing off against Greenfields and Wateringbury School.</p> <p>20 children from Years 5&6 were involved in the competition - some with cricket experience from the club last year. Both teams did very well, winning one game and losing one. These results meant that Headcorn A faced Headcorn B in the 3rd/4th play-off. When the last ball had been bowled Headcorn A had narrowly beaten Headcorn B by 10 runs. This bodes very well for the upcoming summer season and it would be great to see all these children carry on the great work at Cricket Club next term.</p> <p>Well done to all those involved and a big thank you to parents who helped with transport and stayed to support the teams despite the very cold weather.</p> <p>Have a great Easter! Mr Peters</p>				
PTFA	<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! At the PTFA meeting we decided to brainstorm for a family/PG rating that would suit a wide audience.</p> <p>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/</p> <p>Please note there are a few films that cannot be shown this year: https://www.filmbankmedia.com/about/holdbacks-special-permission-titles/</p> <p>We'd love to hear your favourites so please tell your class rep or email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p>				

	<p>May Fair Volunteers - We Need You please remember to return your forms by the end of term! Thank you!</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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 Fri 26th April – Yr R/KS1 Celebration assembly Tues 30th April @ 7pm - KS2 SATS Meeting Fri 3rd May – Bring a Bottle non-uniform day 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>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Another term over and what a fabulous term we've had in Early Years.</p> <p>We hope all the Mummy's liked their Mother's Day cards and were thoroughly spoilt over the weekend.</p> <p>This week the children have really enjoyed learning about the true meaning of Easter. We have learnt all about the Easter Story and created some fabulous Easter Bonnets for our parade. We have also been on the lookout for signs of Spring, such as buds and blossoms on the trees, daffodils and lambs. We were also very lucky to receive an exciting visit from Fantastic Fred, who taught the children all about how to keep our minds healthy by having a balanced diet, exercise, a good night's sleep and limiting time on electronical devices, such as tablets. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance.</p> <p>In phonics we have continued learning the sounds, ng and nk. This has been a really rewarding term as the children are really beginning to apply their knowledge and skills more independently. We will soon be coming to the end of the first set of sounds and will soon be starting to introduce Ditty Books to lessons. Please continue to practise letter formation, reading and writing over the Easter break.</p> <p>In Maths, we have been learning all about 2D shapes and how to subtract by taking away. The children have enjoyed going on shape hunts and using 2D shape to create pictures.</p> <p>Please remember to add to your child's Learning Journal Book over the Easter break and send back to school in the first week of Term 5. Remember this does not have to be just writing or maths that your child has completed but the experiences your child has had, such as trips to the zoo, swimming lessons, baking or even riding their bikes.</p> <p>We really appreciate the donation from Mrs Young for the donation of a fabulous pirate ship and other toys. Thank you.</p> <p>Finally we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you back for term 5.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>We have had an enjoyable and busy last week of term, with Easter bonnet making, gymnastics, learning about the Easter story, counting in 2s and 5s and our sandwich and croissant picnic. We were very impressed with the children's sandwich-making skills – watch out Masterchef contestants! Thank you all for sending in some items for this activity – it was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Easter Assembly and to watch the children parading with their 'eggselelent' Easter bonnets.</p> <p>Please keep up the reading and Mathletics over the holiday, and if you have time to practise any phonics, for example by playing some of the games on phonicsplay.co.uk, this will benefit the children ready for their return.</p> <p>There will be no spellings to learn over the holidays. We hope that you have a 'cracking' Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new term.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p>	<p>What a great week to see in our Easter holidays! We have completed our English work on 'Meerkat Mail' by writing a final draft of our non-chronological reports on a chosen animal and are looking forward to starting our new text after Easter.</p> <p>In RE this week we have enjoyed developing our understanding of the Islamic religion and created some</p>

	<p>beautiful art work around this. We have also re-capped on The Easter Story and looked at the important Easter symbols. We loved sharing these with you at The Easter Assembly as well as our creative Easter Hats.</p> <p>Next term we have an exciting outdoor morning planned for Tuesday 30th April and have a Forest school lady coming in to work with Pumas on building habitats and creating dens. Please can the children bring in clothes that they are happy to get dirty for that day.</p> <p>Mrs Yu and myself would like to wish you all a wonderful, restful Easter break with maybe a few Easter Eggs thrown in too!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The jaguars really enjoyed the presentation from Fantastic Fred, looking at how to look after our own mental health. As well as that we also attended the Easter service on Tuesday and definitely wore our Easter hats with pride! We have finished our work with The Iron Man by comparing it with the film The Iron Giant and enjoyed sharing some of our achievements with you all in celebration assembly. The children have loved this book and there was a real sense of disappointment when we finished it this week. Thank you so much for all of the amazing home learning which has come into class this term, a great opportunity for the children to share their ideas and learning with others. I have not set any spellings for the holiday, fresh ones will be issued on Thursday of the first week back. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>'This week in Jungle Cats we have spent time looking at factor pairs in mathematics to really help us quicken our recall of times tables. We have also had a great time at the Easter service on Tuesday and we had some amazing readers from year 4!</p> <p>PE kits will be coming home on Friday for a clean over the Easter break. Children have also been given a spelling list ready for the first week back. Please try to keep up with reading daily and mathematics, just 10 minutes a day can make a really big difference!</p> <p>I hope everyone has a great Easter break and has a well earned rest for the two weeks!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>We have had a very exciting term in Year 5, a highlight being our BTS Dance in assembly. The class were amazing. There have been some technical issues with getting the video on Twitter- but we are working on it!</p> <p>Next term promises to be just as exciting... The first day of term for those attending, will be our visit to Kench Hill. Please drop children off between 9.30 and 10am on Tuesday 23rd April at Kench Hill, collection will be 2.45pm on Wednesday 24th April from the Centre. A timetable and kit list have been sent home, as have wellies which they will need for the river walk. Please pack thinking of the weather as we will be doing outdoor activities both days. This is our first time having an overnight stay with Year 5 and it should be a good one!</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Congratulations to the Lion Class for completing a challenging and gruelling term, albeit one I hope that will ultimately prove rewarding. I feel we are really becoming a well-oiled machine in every respect and look forward to one final push on our return.</p> <p>To keep everyone's minds sharp over the Easter holidays, I have handed out a SPaG and maths booklet for the children to complete. It is designed to be done "little and often" as the exercises are designed to cover two lots of five days with weekends totally free. It should only demand around twenty to thirty minutes of work each day. If anyone is looking for further challenges, I have put a few tasks on Mathematics, although this is by no means compulsory.</p> <p>Beyond that, the only request I have is for everyone to enjoy the Easter holidays and stock up on some rest, relaxation and lots of family time.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing you all again in the new term!</p>
<p>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Week 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After starting to discuss moving to Secondary schools, you may have seen slight changes in behaviour in some students. Acknowledge that their apprehensions are valid and 'normal', but try to avoid saying "...don't worry" as that is impossible! Perhaps say "...the end of the year can be tricky, but we are here to help you through it" • Encourage your child to have a place to keep school work – they might have two or three different coloured folders for different subjects. Do they have a set space/area/room to complete homework? Discuss with your child what in this area/space would make the completion of homework more agreeable (music/no music; away or close to a window; on their own or in the family space etc)

**Year 6 Diary
Dates**

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