







# HEADCORN HEADLINES




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| URGENCY  | GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS  |                              |                          |                    |  |
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| <p><b>Head's Lines</b></p>  | <p>The sun has been shining so please be aware that you can send your child in with a peaked cap to protect them from overhead sunshine and sunglasses (plastic lenses only please!) Please apply any sunscreen at home before sending your child in to school. A generous application of good quality sunscreen will last all day. We are not able to apply cream on your child ourselves and will not be allowing children to bring in bottles to apply the cream themselves.</p> <p>Please can I remind parents and carers that ALL applications for pupil absence from school for holidays, specific days, etc need to be made officially in writing addressed to the Head Teacher and sent in via the school office either by letter or by email to <a href="mailto:admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk">admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk</a> It is not appropriate to only share this information verbally with your child's class teacher.</p> <p>Please can we return wellies to school as we may have some days when there has been rain and the ground is wet or muddy. Please ensure that these wellies are clearly named.</p> <p>As we are enjoying more time outside and on the field we would really appreciate any garden games such as Giant Jenga, Connect4, picnic blankets etc that are unwanted and in a good condition.</p>   |                              |                          |                    |  |
| <p><b>The week ahead</b></p>   | <p>Mon 29 April</p>   | <p>Tues 30 April</p>         | <p>Wed 1 May</p>         | <p>Thurs 2 May</p> | <p>Fri 3 May</p>   |
|  |   | <p>Y6 SATs meeting - 7pm</p> | <p>Y1 Balanceability</p> |                    | <p>KS2 Celebration<br/>Assembly Y5/6 sharing<br/>Book Fair</p> |
| URGENCY  | GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS  |                              |                          |                    |  |
|  | <p>Please can we remind all parents and carers that school dinners must be paid for and booked in advance. This is done via your Scopay.com account. Thank you.</p>   |                              |                          |                    |  |
|  | <p>The Book Fair will in school after pick up each day from Friday, 3 May until Thursday, 9 May. Please arrive via the school office from 3.30pm.</p>   |                              |                          |                    |  |
|  | <p>There will be <u>no</u> Cricket Club on <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> as Years 5&amp;6 will be taking part in a Handball competition at The Lenham School. This will commence from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.</p>  |                              |                          |                    |  |
| <p><b>SPORT</b></p>  | <p><b>After School Clubs</b><br/>The majority of our Summer after-school clubs will commence from Monday, 29 April, if you have not yet handed in your sheet stating which club/clubs you would like to take part in, then please do this quickly to ensure that you don't miss out. At present there are spaces in most clubs, so why not sign up and join in with all the fun over the summer terms.</p> <p><b>Cricket Club</b><br/>There will be <u>no</u> Cricket Club on <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> as Years 5&amp;6 will be taking part in a Handball competition at The Lenham School. This will commence from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>The Lenham 5-a-side Football Tournament</b><br/>Over the years this has become a very popular event with pupils and parents at Headcorn School. We have entered into this tournament almost every year since its inception, often helping out last minute if the tournament organisers were struggling to find teams to fill the roster. Recently Lenham Primary School have made the difficult decision to scale back the tournament, and as a result of this, were only willing to offer Headcorn very limited spaces at the event. After some discussion, we felt that this would place us in a position whereby we would have to disappoint a great many pupils and so have decided to withdraw our participation. We wish Lenham Primary School the best of luck with the tournament in its new guise and as our school grows we hope to see Headcorn delivering its own competitive sporting event in the future. For those pupils in our current Year 6 class, please don't worry, as we are looking at an alternative footballing event for you in Term 6 so that you don't miss out!</p> |                              |                          |                    |  |

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|                           | <p><b>Trainers</b><br/>Please make sure that your child has a good quality pair of trainers for games lessons during PE. Plimsolls are adequate for dance and some indoor activities but do not provide the support needed while taking part in vigorous exercise outside on the playground or field.</p> <p><b>The Daily Mile</b><br/>Over the course of terms 5&amp;6 we will be again encouraging pupils to keep active by taking part in the daily mile. This involves children running, jogging or walking a set distance around the school field until they have reached a mile. It is hoped that over the next 26 days pupils and staff will have run their own marathon.</p> <p><b>Upcoming events for Term 5</b><br/>Netball Match @ St Johns<br/>Orchard Run @ Sutton Valance Prep<br/>Handball @ The Lenham School<br/>Tag Rugby @ Cranbrook Rugby Club</p>   |
| <p><b>PTFA</b></p>        | <p>We had fantastic support and lovely feedback from both parents &amp; pupils who participated in our two new events (Mothers Day &amp; Film Friday) at the end of March raising £330! Inspired by their success, we are looking at hosting a Fathers Day event and a Film Friday in the winter term.</p> <p><b>10 days til the Headcorn May Fair! We still require your help</b> to sell raffle tickets, man stalls and clear up on the day. Please <b>check book bags</b> for your book of 5 x raffle tickets accompanied with a newsletter regarding the event!</p> <p>If your employer offers <b>Match Funding</b>, the May Fair is the perfect opportunity to get involved with the added incentive of earning extra funds to support our projects!</p> <p>Did you have a Spring Clean over half term? Do you have any <b>unwanted teacups or mugs</b> (no chips or cracks) lurking in your kitchen cupboards?<br/>If so, please pass them over to us for our new Teacups Treasure stall. Contact Jen Davey or Vikki Nesbitt or email us to arrange a drop off point.</p> <p><b>Bring A Bottle Non Uniform Day in Aid of the May Fair Bottle Tombola - Friday 3rd May.</b> A donation of a bottled beverage (eg: wine, squash, beer, spirits) will be collected at drop off in both the Early Years and KS2 playgrounds. Volunteers are needed on Friday morning to assist with collection, checking and labelling the bottles, please chat to your class reps or Lizell Williams.</p> <p>So far, we've had some film requests: Back to the Future, Mamma Mia, Greatest Showman, Trolls, ET, Sing to name a few. Keep your <b>movie suggestions</b> coming in for our Open Air Cinema in September. We'd like to announce the film soon!</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a></p> |
| <p><b>DIARY DATES</b></p> | <p>Tues 30th April @ 7pm - KS2 SATS Meeting<br/> Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bring a Bottle non-uniform day<br/> Mon 6th May - Headcorn May Fair on Days Green<br/> Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May - Y1 Celebration Assembly<br/> Mon 13th - Thu 16th May - KS2 SATs Week<br/> Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May – Y3/4 Celebration Assembly<br/> Mon 20th - Fri 24th May - Y6 Bikeability<br/> Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5 Kent Test Meeting at 7.00pm<br/> Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – YR Celebration Assembly<br/> Fri 24th May - End of Term 5<br/> Mon 3rd June - INSET Day (No pupils in school)<br/> Tue 4th June - INSET Day (No pupils in school)<br/> Wed 5th June - Start of Term 6<br/> Tue 23rd July - End of Term 6</p>  |

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| <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p>  | <p>Welcome back to Term 5, we hope you all had a lovely Easter.</p> <p>This term we will be learning all about healthy eating. We will be planting and growing lots of plants and observing the different stages of growth from germination to harvest.</p> <p>In maths we will soon be moving on to learning all about telling the time and different measures such as measuring weight and length.</p> <p>Thank you to all that have sent in their child's Learning Journey book, they look great. We will add to our evidence and return the books to you shortly. If you haven't yet sent in your child's Learning Journey book, please do so as soon as possible as they make a valuable contribution towards your child's end of year assessments.</p> <p>Please ensure that all PE kits are back in school as soon as possible.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>   |
| <p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p>               | <p>We hope you enjoyed your Easter Break and made the most of the lovely weather. The children have had an exciting week back with Balanceability on Wednesday, these sessions will continue every Wednesday this term.</p> <p>In Maths we are focusing on counting in 10s, feel free to practise this at home as it will really benefit their work in class, well done to everyone who has been amazing us with their Athletics scores.</p> <p>PE days will remain the same for this term with Lynx Class on Tuesday and Thursday and Tiger Class on Thursday and Friday, please ensure that all jewellery is removed on these days and hair is tied up.</p> <p>As we have been doing whole-class phonics this week, there will be no spellings. We will give out spellings next Thursday for the following week.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend.</p>   |
| <p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p>    | <p>Welcome back to all Pumas – we do hope that you all had a great Easter. This week the children have been excited to take on their Secret Agent Training, creating their Agent names and completing our first task; a Maths Treasure hunt.</p> <p>This term we will be focussing our English work on the new text, 'Jack and the baked beanstalk.' We started this week by creating a story-map for the traditional version and then thinking about the changes we could make to inspire our own writing.</p> <p>We also started our Local History topic and compared photographs of Headcorn high street. If you have any photographs of Headcorn in the past or any other historical information on Headcorn then please feel free to bring it in.</p> <p>This term PE will be Monday and Tuesday again, and both will be outdoors weather permitting. Book change days continue to be on a Monday and Thursday, but we will make every effort to change them on other days where possible. The children have also come home with the new homework grid for this term. If they could complete at least one task before half term alongside regular reading and Athletics tasks, that are usually set on a Friday.</p> <p>Next TUESDAY we have our exciting forest school morning where we will be enjoying our outdoor space camp building and habitat creating. If the children could come in wearing their school uniform, but bring in appropriate footwear and clothes that they can change into that they don't mind getting dirty.</p> <p>Please could the children also make sure that they return their wellies to school – especially as the weather is still very changeable.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p> |
| <p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p>    | <p>Welcome back to term 5 (how is that possible already??) The children jumped straight back into finishing our topic on the Iron Man by comparing the book to the film of The Iron Giant. They are also in the middle of writing their own robot story inspired by what they have read and watched. In maths we are continuing our fractions topic by exploring the idea of equivalence and in science they have started a new topic looking at light.</p> <p>PE will continue to take place on Mondays and Tuesdays but please make sure the children have their kits in school all week as we will be trying to do the daily mile as often as possible. Thank you very much for all of the fantastic home learning which has come into class, the children really do enjoy sharing their creations with the class. This term's home learning grid will be sent out next week.</p>   |

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| <p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS:<br/>JUNGLE CATS</b></p>  | <p>A big welcome back to everyone it has been great hearing about many adventures over the Easter break! We have also got straight back into our work with Varjak Paw and looking at multiplication in mathematics. We have also begun looking at the Mayans in history for our topic! Some exciting work to look forward to this term!</p> <p>Homework sheets have been given out for this term and is on the school website if extra copies are needed. Alongside this weekly spellings and mathletics should be practised. Please make sure children have brought their PE kits back and should be in school ready each week. Can we please have wellies in school as well, the weather may have improved but we need them in case of rain to still use the field!</p> <p>Now that class guitar lessons have finished we are aware that there are some keen guitarists wanting to continue playing. Andy Davis will be sending out letters for private group lessons but in the meantime any Year 4 child who would like to continue to borrow the school guitar to be able to carry on practising and learning at home then please email to school and we will arrange to extend the agreement.</p> <p>Hope everyone has a great weekend!</p> |
| <p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS:<br/>CARACALS</b></p>     | <p>What an eventful start to the term for Year 5. We had an amazing time at Kench Hill and once again Year 5 showed what delightful children they are with lovely manners and excellent behaviour. Please check out Twitter to see the photos.</p> <p>Please could wellie boots be returned to school, the weather is improving but you cannot rely on it! PE will also commence again next week, please check kits fit (including trainers) and that you have suitable outdoor and indoor outfits. We will be doing some sessions with a teacher from The Lenham School learning Lacrosse.</p> <p>We will be holding our Kent Test (11+) Information evening on Tuesday 21st May from 7pm. It will be a brief meeting for parents/carers to share the procedures for applying for the Grammar Entrance test before the online application process opens in early June.</p> <p>The home learning sheet has been sent home and is also on the school website. Have a great weekend everyone!</p>   |
| <p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS:<br/>LIONS</b></p>       | <p>It was great to hear everyone's stories and experiences from the holidays and it sounds like we are all refreshed after a fantastic Easter break. Well done to all for completing the Easter SATs revision packs. I can see it has already made a great difference to our sharpness at the beginning of this new term!</p> <p>For homework, aside from the usual spelling and 1500 points for Mathletics, I would like the class to continue a lesson we had this week based on mindfulness and write a positive meditation unique to them based on the format we looked at: "Breathing in, I see...Breathing out I feel/am..." The children should then decorate a pebble based on their own verse.</p> <p>Finally, could I request that all pupils double-check that they have their PE kits ready and in school for every weekday now as we will now be doing more regular mile running/walking sessions, added to the fact that PE lessons can sometimes be changed or initiated at short notice.</p> <p>A reminder that there is a Year 6 SATs information meeting being held this coming Tuesday 30th April from 7pm in the main school hall. This meeting is open to parents, carers and children.</p> <p>Have a fantastic weekend!</p> |
| <p><b>Y6 TRANSITION<br/>TOP TIPS FOR<br/>FAMILIES</b></p>   | <p><b>WEEK 3</b></p> <p><b>Travel</b></p> <p>Research bus passes – how to use and discuss the need to keep safe and what to do if pass is lost/what to do if miss stop/ what to do if bus doesn't come or is full up/ who to tell if you or someone else is being bullied on the bus. Discuss how long their journeys will take. What will they do to help that time pass?</p> <p>Travel planning – How will your child get to and from school every day? The half term break may be a good time to start rehearsing the journey as the roads and possibly buses are generally quieter. Can they read a bus timetable? Do they have access to the Arriva Bus App which gives them up to date information about the buses they may need to use. You may probably need several attempts before your child (and you!) are confident that he/she will be able to find the correct stop, know when to get off and know what to do if there is a problem (if the expected bus doesn't arrive, if it is full by the time it reaches the stop, or if they lose their bus pass). Ensure that all these, and others are discussed fully.</p>  |

**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