HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS
Head's Lines	A big thank you to everyone for helping us manage our unexpected evacuation of the school site at drop off time on Wednesday morning! Thankfully it was nothing to be concerned about but I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am **so proud of our pupils.** They knew exactly what to do and showed us that it really is so beneficial doing regular evacuation practices such as **Fire Drills.** The children were so calm, well-behaved and unfazed by the change of routine. Well done Team Headcorn! This week Year 2 have enjoyed a **Forest School experience**. Kitted out in their hardy outdoor gear the class built dens to shelter in to eat their snacks and also created habitat homes. This and so many other experiences can only happen with the support of our **PTFA fundraising** so a BIG thank you to everyone who supports our events throughout the year and special gratitude goes out to all those people who voluntarily give up their time to organise and run events to raise money to provide such fantastic opportunities. (Please see our Twitter feed for photos.) In other news, on May Day we had a surprise visit in assembly from a group of **Morris Dancers**! On Thursday our Netball Teams played matches against Sutton Valence, unfortunately they didn't win but both teams played exceptionally well and were a credit to the school. We are very proud of them. Today a group of KS2 pupils are attending the Cross Country Event being held at Sutton Valence Prep School. More news to follow on this event. Next week we are not at school on Monday as it is a Bank Holiday HOWEVER our amazing PTFA, with the support of an army of volunteers, are running the **Headcorn Village May Fair on Days Green from 12 - 4pm.** Please come along to raise funds for our school which will be spent on developing our **Sensory Garden, Pond and nature area** as well as other Outdoor Education ideas from our **Pupil Leaders** on the **Green Team** and **Learning Council**. There will be a wide variety of stalls, amusements and events in the arena including races, a Dog Show and our very own troop of Maypole dancers who will be opening the afternoon at 12noon. Pop along to the BBQ and Hog Roast stall and say hello to our staff team who are supporting this fantastic event by serving one of the hot food options. **Look forward to seeing you all there!**

The week ahead	Mon 06 May	Tues 07 May	Wed 08 May	Thurs 09 May	Fri 10 May
	BANK HOL PTFA May Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	EYFS/KS1Celebration Assembly Y1 sharing *Book Fair*

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	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.
	The Book Fair is in school after pick up each day until Thursday, 9 May. Please arrive via the school office from 3.30pm.
	There will be <u>no</u> Cricket Club on *Tuesday 7th May* due to an extended Staff Meeting. The club will return the following week as normal.
	Please make a note in your diaries: our **Sports Day will be on Monday 15th July**. Our 'rain off' dates are Tuesday 16th or Monday 22nd July depending on the weather! This year we wish to enable events and races to be more tailored for the year groups and also more varied opportunities to be offered. Therefore we will be holding the **YR/KS1 sports events and races in the morning and KS2 sports events and races in the afternoon**. As usual we are inviting our school families to join us in a whole school family picnic on the school field in between these sessions. More information about this will follow nearer the time.
	We have noticed a rapid increase in the number of calls our office staff are having to make asking for forgotten PE kits, musical instruments, things needed for clubs etc. These items then have to be taken to the classrooms which all adds up to a great deal of time. Please ensure that your child has everything they require for their whole day before you leave home as we are no longer able to continue making these calls now that our school numbers are increasing. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

SPORT	**Handball Club** We have managed to get enough children involved to allow us to run Handball Club after school this term. There are still spaces available. The club will take place on Wednesday's after school from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. **Clothes and Shoes** Could you please insure that all items of clothing, including shoes, are named. We have had a number of incidents this week whereby clothes were left in the changing rooms after clubs with no names on. It has been difficult to track down owners so items have been placed in lost property **Cricket Club** There will be no Cricket Club on *Tuesday 7th May* due to an extended Staff Meeting. The club will return the following week as normal.
WRAPAROUND CARE	We are getting outside more and more, which we all love! Please can you make sure children have sunhats, and have a quality sunscreen applied before school. For those with pollen allergies please complete a medical form at the school office.
PTFA	Final call for all sold ticket stubs and money OR unsold raffle tickets - please bring to the School Office or the Information Tent on Monday. Our Team are looking forward to welcoming all our families, friends and community to the May Fair on Bank Holiday Monday from 12pm to 4pm. It's going to be another fantastic afternoon of live entertainment, lots of prizes up for grabs, games, races and fairground rides! Tasty selection of food including vegetarian and vegan options: Hollamby's Hot Dogs & Burgers, Hog Roast, Thai street food, bagels, cakes & ice creams. A well stocked Bar with soft drinks, water, craft cider, draft, G&T, Pimms and Processco! Huge thanks to all our volunteers and parent sponsors who've helped us so far. Advance thanks to our Headcorn family members and teachers who will be assisting on the day - Together We Can Make a Difference! Keep up to date with all the news via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!
DIARY DATES	Mon 6th May - Headcorn May Fair on Days Green Fri 10th May - Y1 Celebration Assembly Mon 13th - Thu 16th May - KS2 SATs Week Tues 14th May @ 6pm: Music for Schools Parents Meeting (Y2-5) Fri 17th May – Y3/4 Celebration Assembly Mon 20th - Fri 24th May - Y6 Bikeability Tues 21st May – Year 5 Kent Test (11+) Information Evening for parents and pupils at 7.00pm Fri 24th May – YR Celebration Assembly 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 Mon 15th July - Sports Day: am - YR/KS1 events/picnic pm - KS2 events Tues 16th July - Sports Day Rain-off option 1 Mon 22nd July - Sports Day Rain-off option 2 Tues 23rd July - End of Term 6

EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS **EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS** 	Happy May Day! This week we have been focusing on healthy eating and reading a variety of stories linked to the topic. The children have enjoyed designing their own disgusting sandwich and ogres. Over the next few weeks we will be beginning our planting topic which will involve getting outside and doing lots of digging. Please can you send in some old clothes, in a named bag, for your children to use whilst gardening. Please remember to send your child in with a coat for Summer. The weather is still changeable and children should have a coat in school every day. We look forward to seeing you at the May Day celebrations on Monday.
YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS **YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX** 	Happy May! It seems impossible that we are already enjoying the warmer days and spending more time outside. The children now know the name of our new book for this term… *Beegu*. This story is about an alien creature who becomes lost. We have already had so much lovely writing from the children and we have only read the first few pages as we are building up in a slow reveal. Please do not read the whole story to your children yet (for those of you who like to have at home the stories we read at school). Our topic learning for this term will be based around Space, and we have already been finding out more about Neil Armstrong. We would like the children to make junk modelling rockets on Tuesday, so please send in items such as plastic bottles, kitchen roll tubes, bottle tops, tin foil etc for your child to create a model which we will show in Celebration Assembly on Friday. Please keep up the excellent work on Mathletics and any phonics practice that you are able to do will be hugely beneficial. Have a lovely week.
YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS 	Year 2 had such a wonderful morning with Odorimwoods and our Forest School adventure. We made camps which we then sat in to eat our snacks. After break we made habitats around the outdoor area; a wormery, a bug hotel and a frog pool area. Thank you so much to the PTFA for making this possible and for all the children who were impeccably behaved throughout the session. As well as our exciting Forest School experience we have been outdoors trying to regularly complete the 'daily mile' and also started our new PE topic on cricket. On Monday, we received an exciting letter from our main character from our text, Jack, asking the class to write instructions on how to catch the giant. The children first identified features of an instructional text and then wrote their own. I'm sure Jack now has all the advice needed to catch a giant. We then used our instructional knowledge to design our own packet of seeds, with clear instructions on how to plant them. In Maths we have been focussing on arithmetic, using tens and ones to calculate addition and subtraction sums. We hope you all have a great, extended weekend and that we see you at The May Fair!
YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS 	Having finished their exciting robot stories this week, the children then enjoyed reading our new book, The Stone Age Boy, they have been thinking about the questions they would like to ask the main character as well as writing in role. They have worked really hard in maths to identify simple equivalent fractions and are beginning to apply their ideas to solve different reasoning tasks. I have been really impressed with their enthusiastic approach to handball this week, the children have been practising their throwing and catching skills and have demonstrated some feisty defence skills already! PE is on Mondays and Tuesdays this term. The Jaguars worked with Year 6 this afternoon as a focus group so that they could find out what other children thought about a new app they have been designing in Computing, hopefully they gave Year 6 lots of ideas and useful answers to their questions. This term's Home Learning grid has been sent out with the children, a copy can also be found on the school website. I look forward to seeing many of you at the May Fair where we have lots of Year 3 participating in the Maypole Dancing.

YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS	This week in Jungle Cats we have continued to learn about Mayan history and their beliefs. We have also been continuing our work on multiplication and using different methods to check our answers in mathematics. The class really enjoyed the Lacrosse lessons in PE where we are lucky to have a PE specialist in from The Lenham School teaching us how to play! Spellings are back to normal and will be given out each week with children expected to practise these weekly. Can we also please ensure children are bringing in water bottles as the weather is nice and we are performing the daily mile again meaning children need to stay hydrated! 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. I hope everyone has a great bank holiday weekend and looking forward to our 4 day week next week!
YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS	Thank you all for bringing back your wellies. As the sunshine returns…mostly. Please could you remember to bring in hats and wear sun cream. We really enjoyed our lacrosse lesson with our teacher from The Lenham School and that will be happening every Tuesday. Mathletics is still happening, so please try to get a 1000 points each week. If you find any of the tasks challenging please let me know and I will endeavour to help. 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.
YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS	Thanks to all who attended the SATs meeting on Tuesday. It has been another action-packed week for the class and it has proved very useful to have the SATs rehearsals with prompters, readers, quiet rooms and all the rest of it in order to get everyone familiar with the actual test conditions. Any continued feedback regarding pupil preferences in this matter would be very welcome, although I feel it has worked well thus far. For homework, I would like everyone to take their SATs book home to revise the topics we have covered in class. If anyone feels their notes are not quite clear for whatever reason, then try to look the topics up either online, on Mathletics or in SATs revision books. Well done again for those readers in Celebration Assembly, who beguiled us with their character descriptions. I love seeing how our writing has progressed over the year and we really do have some budding authors in Lion Class. Keep up the good work! Have a magnificent weekend!
Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES	Many children already have their own mobile phone. Discuss how, at secondary school, they will need to be responsible for the phone all day and will unlikely be able to be seen with it, particularly during lessons. Discuss security, responsible usage, social media (some may already have active profiles before they are allowed)and what to do if they are bullied or read/see something that is inappropriate. Talk about when it would be appropriate to use it during school hours (it is likely they will be allowed to keep it with them all day but not use it in lesson time or breaks) – if they don't have one, think about whether you are going to provide one and whether it would be good to start practising now. Internet safety and social media use are always worth talking about.
Year 6 Diary Dates	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 Wed 3rd – 4th July: Highworth and The Lenham School Transition Days Thu 4th – Fri 5th July: Cornwallis Academy Transition Days 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