

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>This week Year 6 pupils have sat the Key Stage 2 end of primary phase SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests) in Reading, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning. I have been so impressed by their mature approach, their integrity and their sheer grit and determination during this week. Thank you Year 6! You have done yourselves, your parents, carers and your school proud regardless of what the results may say. Here is a snippet of some thoughts we shared with them in a letter last week (and this applies to ALL children): 'The SATs do not represent all of what makes each of you special and unique! The scores you will get from these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you YOU!'</p> <p>A BIG thank you to all the other staff and pupils for accommodating us during the KS2 SATs week: for giving up your TAs, for tiptoeing around the vicinity of Keeler House, for use of the Y3/4 classrooms - I think they all enjoyed being promoted to the upstairs rooms and for being our cheerleaders! I genuinely love that our school community really rallies and pulls together at times like these - thank you!</p> <p>The end of next week / this term is the cut off point for the Parent/Carer survey. Thank you for the 62 responses we have received so far. Please take the time to complete this short survey as we genuinely want your honest feedback to continue to improve the school.</p> <p>We sent out a staff-related email on Thursday to inform you that Mr Hardman and Miss Man will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. They will be moving on to new opportunities to further their careers and we wish them all the very best in these exciting ventures. In response to this and the continuing school expansion, we have recently been through a very successful recruitment process and have appointed three new teachers to join our staff team from September. More information about teacher allocations for next year's classes will be shared in early July on our transition day.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 20 May</p> <p>Bikeability Y6 <i>Y3 to Lenham School Fitness Gym am</i></p>	<p>Tues 21 May</p> <p>Bikeability Y6 <i>Cross Country Festival – Cranbrook Rugby Club</i></p>	<p>Wed 22 May</p> <p>Bikeability Y6 <i>Balanceability Y1</i></p>	<p>Thurs 23 May</p> <p>Bikeability Y6 <i>Y4 to Lenham School Fitness Gym am</i></p>	<p>Fri 24 May</p> <p>Bikeability Y6 <i>YR & KS1 Celebration Assembly YR Sharing END OF TERM 5</i></p>
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	<p>The majority of KS2 parents are paying and booking school meals online. Bookings made in advance allow the kitchen to plan ahead and ensure that there is enough food ordered and cooked for all children eating on a particular day. This is done via your Scopay.com account. Thank you.</p>				
	<p>We are in the process of ensuring the pool is up and running for the warmer weather in Term 6. The documentation regarding procedures, risk assessments and Health and Safety are on the website and in the process of being updated for this current year. Each class will have two set days for their sessions. This and more detailed information will be coming out soon. If you have any queries or concerns about these sessions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Symonds or Mr Drury via the school office.</p> <p>The swimming pool will be open after school on some days for fun, friends and family sessions. More information will come out about this soon.</p>				
<p>SPORT</p>	<p>After School Clubs</p> <p>If your child is unable to attend an after school club for any reason please encourage them to let the club leader know that they will not be present. This really helps in keeping our club registers. Likewise, if your child no longer wishes to attend, please let us know so that we can offer the place to another child.</p> <p>Handball Club</p> <p>Marvellously, Handball Club is now full and we are currently unable to accommodate any more pupils at this time.</p> <p>Clubs with Spaces</p> <p>Mrs Robertson still has a few spaces in Rounders Club after school on Thursdays for Yrs 4-6. We also still</p>				

	<p>have spaces in the Athletics and Cricket Clubs and would like to encourage some more girls from Yrs 5&6 to join. Please contact the office if your child would like to join the fun!</p> <p>Upcoming Events We will be taking part in Cross Country event at Cranbrook Rugby Club this coming Tuesday and a preliminary Athletics festival hosted by Greenfields Community School, early in Term 6. If your child has been selected and wishes to take part in these events then please make sure that all correspondence is signed and returned to school promptly. This really helps us to organise transport and offer places to other children if we have spaces that can't be filled.</p> <p>E-Safety Games In our continuing effort to keep Headcorn pupils safe online we would like to introduce you to a new resource entitled the Digital Passport.</p> <p>The Digital Passport is a collection of games from Common Sense Media and brings together fun activities for primary aged pupils based around password safety and sensible vlogging, among a number of other hot topics.</p> <p>The resource can be found at the link below and is well worth a look...</p> <p>https://www.digitalpassport.org/</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>All parents and carers are invited to join us at next week's PTFA meeting on Wednesday, 22 May 2019. Please meet at the School Office at 7.30pm</p> <p>The May Fair is over but we have many new and exciting events we hope to run with your assistance and support. Your School Lottery is offering the chance to WIN an Amazon Echo, Fire TV stick, Echo Dot and Fire HD8 for all tickets bought this term. You have to be in it, to win it! Visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk, search for Headcorn.</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>This week the children have really enjoyed prepping the planting area ready for growing a range of plants and vegetables. We have started planting some sunflower seeds and will shortly be sending out information regarding a sponsored sunflower competition. Please can you ensure that your child has gardening clothes that can be left in school.</p> <p>We have been continuing to learn our sounds and have been focusing on digraphs, such as ay and ee. Please continue to support your child at home by practising reading, writing words and sentences or even attempt some short stories. In maths we have been learning about money. We have been learning to recognise different coins and adding money. Next week we will be moving on to doubling.</p> <p>As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a sun hat in school and that sun cream is applied before school.</p>

<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>We are very proud of the Year 1s for the progress they are making in their Balanceability sessions. Next week will be their last session. Many of them are now learning traffic skills such as stopping at roundabouts and overtaking safely. Well done children! We are also very proud of the writing that they are producing as part of our book focus on Beegu and they have written some very persuasive letters to the manager of the stray animal home to convince him not to throw out Beegu! In Maths we have been learning about grouping equally and doubling. We have been very impressed with their skills in this area of maths, especially for those who have been practising online Mathletics. Keep up the good work!</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>What a great week we have had enjoying the beautiful sunshine as we have progressed through our sequence of cricket sessions - we have some super bowlers out there. In History we have also been exploring how to play Victorian games and designing our own. In English this week we have started reading, 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk' and used our knowledge of adverbs to write a soundscape to describe the burger van scene.</p> <p>Our Secret Agent Training has been going well and we are looking forward to celebrating our passing out graduation next week. We will be making our own hummus dips and tortilla dippers that we look forward to sharing.</p> <p>Next week we will also be starting our next RE topic, 'How can we learn from sacred books?'</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The children have really enjoyed creating their own story maps based on The Stone Age Boy this week, ready to share their ideas with you all in assembly on Friday. They are now moving on to planning their own adventure story based on the events of the main character in the book. In maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions where the denominator remains the same, the Jaguars have produced some very accurate work in this area. As part of our Stone Age topic we have begun to explore Stonehenge by creating our own artwork inspired by this phenomenon, I was really impressed with their concentration and focus when painting and blending their colours for the background.</p> <p>Next Monday Year 3 have another opportunity to go to The Lenham School for PE, please make sure the children have their full PE kit in school on this day, they will also need a snack and their water bottles. This visit takes place during the school day so the children will need to be dropped off and collected at the normal time.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>This week in Jungle Cats we have been working on our multiplication of two and three digit numbers using different methods to help us make sure we gain the correct answers. We have also had time to finish our amazing writing stories for display! These will be put up on display soon. Children have also spent time learning about famous artists such as Monet and Banksy and recreating some of their artwork.</p> <p>As the weather continues to be (mostly) bright and beautiful please make sure children are bringing in water bottles and a snack for break time. Children can also bring in hats to help keep them protected from the sun. Can I also please remind parents that PE kits should be in all week as we have had a few children without them and next week there will be an exciting lacrosse tournament on Tuesday they do not want to miss!</p> <p>I hope everyone has a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>As the weather continues to improve could you please make sure you bring in water bottles. Hydration is very important.</p> <p>Year 5 have started to work on their nature area in the school grounds. This is a lovely space with flower beds, tubs, digging area and stepping stones. If you have any spare plants, all contributions would be gratefully received to help brighten the area. Thank you in advance.</p> <p>Please remember to diarise the 11+ information evening on Tuesday 21st May at 7pm.</p>

<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Massive congratulations to all the Year 6 from everyone at Headcorn for conquering the challenge of SATs. The pupils worked hard in preparation, focussed on the task at hand over the course of the week, and are due an enormous pat on the back for their attitude and positive approach throughout. Thanks also to all the parents for your support during this time. Now, let's wash our hands of that particular episode and move on to more fun things such as the Leavers' Play, which was unveiled for the first time on Thursday. Without giving away any spoilers, it looks mightily promising! For homework, please decide on a part you would like to audition for and practise the relevant scene. Remember, try to make whatever role you choose stand out by using lots of expression and just have fun experimenting with different approaches when you are rehearsing at home. The more memorable you make it, the better. For those who signed up to Bikeability next week, please make sure you have the appropriate clothing and biking equipment for your allocated days and we will plan the auditions around this. Have a fantastic weekend!</p>
<p>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</p>	<p>This week in school your child will be discussing lunch time. Will your child be having packed lunch or using the canteen? Most schools use a cash-less system which will mean that parents trust that their child will not spend it all on one day! Discuss healthy meal options, budgeting and problem solving (eg what to do if the card gets lost, money runs out etc.)</p>
<p>Year 6 Diary Dates</p>	<p>Mon 20th - Fri 24th May Bikeability 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</p>