

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>It's been another activity-packed week and the end of yet another term - soon we will be in the final term of the academic year! Please see below some specific dates for your diaries and information about our Swimming sessions due to commence in Term 6. Please remember Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June are INSET days so school is not open for pupils. The school office will not be open either as we are having some renovation and maintenance work completed across the site. This includes the installation of our new Tryfod climbing frame!</p> <p>This week Year 2 has been completing their end of Key Stage 1 SATs (Standard Assessment Tasks) known to them as their Secret Agent Training! We are all so proud of how calm, mature and super keen they have been to try their very best in every challenge. Like I said last week regarding the Year 6 SATs, 'The SATs do not represent all of what makes each of you special and unique as there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you YOU!' Well done Puma Class!</p> <p>Year 6 have begun the initial stages of preparing for the Leavers' Production. Don't ask them what it's called or what it is about though as they are sworn to secrecy and won't spill a bean - I know I've tried! Some of them have also been taking part in Bikeability this week gaining their Level 1 and 2 Cycling Proficiency certificates. Badges will be given out next term when all groups have completed the training.</p> <p>Years 3 and 4 have had sessions in the Fitness Gym at The Lenham School as part of our partnership with them through Sports Premium Funding. I hope the muscles aren't too sore Jaguars and Jungle Cats! Another opportunity enabled through this funding has been the Year 1 Balanceability sessions which saw its final session this week. It has been lovely watching their confidence and skill on the balance bikes progress and increase over the weeks. Well done Tiger and Lynx classes.</p> <p>Congratulations to our Cross Country Team at this week's event at Cranbrook Rugby Club. We took 16 children along and they all did amazingly well and demonstrated what true sportspeople we have here!</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 03 June</p>	<p>Tues 04 June</p>	<p>Weds 05 June</p>	<p>Thurs 06 June</p>	<p>Fri 07 June</p>
	<p>INSET DAY No Children in School</p>	<p>INSET DAY No Children in School</p>	<p>TERM 6 Y5/6 Athletics @ Greenfields</p>		<p>NO Celebration Assembly</p>
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<p style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px;">2019 - 2020 Academic Year Dates:</p>	<p>Please note that our new 2019-2020 Term Dates will be sent out at the start of Term 6, however, you may wish to note that we will have two INSET days at the start of Term 1 on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September. Pupils will start back at school on Wednesday 4th September 2019.</p>				
<p style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px;">Swimming Sessions</p>	<p>Our Swimming Sessions will be taking place in Term 6 for Years 2 - 6. We will inform you about the days that your child will have their swimming lessons and other details in Term 6. Over half term you please check that you have the things you need ie a one piece for swimsuit for girls and close fitting shorts for boys, a swim hat (also available from the school office) plus flip flops/crocs. For your information and peace of mind you may wish to take a look at the updated Swimming Pool Operating Procedures and Emergency Action Plan available on the website under the Key Information Tab > School Policies.</p> <p>We also provide after school swimming sessions for all the family. The specific days for these sessions will be confirmed early next term. These sessions are limited to 20 pupils per session and are on a daily first-come first-served basis. Pre-school children must be accompanied in the water by an adult and pupils in Years R - 4 must have an adult poolside. A permission form must be completed before your child or other family members can attend these sessions. Please see the school office for this in Term 6.</p>				
<p style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px;">Miss Man</p>	<p>Please join us in congratulating Miss Man who has been Highly Commended in the 2019 Kent Teacher of the Year Awards. Well done Miss Man!</p>				
<p style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px;">Books</p>	<p>A big thank you to Mrs Payne, great grandmother to some of our pupils, for her kind donation of "A Schoolgirl's War" and "Headcorn and The Great War". Two great books that really give an insight into our local area during these conflicts. The children are excited to read them as much as the staff and I am sure they will become an integral part of our history topic teaching. Thank you.</p>				

<p>WRAPAROUND CARE</p>	<p>From next term, we are going to be having weekly themed activities, from Sports, Science, Arts, Outdoor and more! Our first 2 weeks back will be Outdoor activities, with wormeries, planting seeds, seeing if we can make nests and lots of other fun stuff! We'll also have lots of outdoor play time too.</p> <p>Breakfast Club is only £3 and includes a selection of cereals, juices, hot toast and crumpets etc. Afterschool Club starts at £5 and includes activities and snacks! Booking via www.scopay.com</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>This Father's Day buy a 'breakfast in a bag' for your superhero!</p> <p>Trying something new to celebrate the special men out there! When we return after half term a booking form will be sent out via bookbags for the children to purchase 'breakfast in a bag' for a special man in their life. This coincides with Father's Day, but they can be purchased for dads, grandads, uncles... These will be priced at £1.50 per bag. More details to follow.</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>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 Fri 14th June: KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y5 sharing Mon 17th - Fri 21st June: Science Week Fri 21st June: YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y2 sharing Wed 26th June: Class Photographs Fri 28th June: KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y4 sharing Thu 4th July: Headcorn School Transition Day Fri 5th July: YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y1 sharing Thu 11th July: Y2&Y4 trip Thu 11th July: Y6 Leavers' Production @ 7pm: Performance 1 Fri 12th July: YR trip Fri 12th July: Y6 Leavers' Production @ 7pm: Performance 2 Fri 12th July: KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y3 sharing Sun 14th July: PTFA Boot Fair on Headcorn Airfield Mon 15th July - Sports Day: am - YR/KS1 events/picnic pm - KS2 events Tue 16th July: Sports Day Rain Off Day Option 1 Tue 16th July: Reports out to parents & carers Fri 19th July: YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: YR sharing Mon 22nd July: Sports Day Rain Off Day Option 2 Mon 22nd July: Summer Discos (information to follow) Tue 23rd July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly from 9am (Y6 Parent/Carers only) Tue 23rd July: End of Term 6 / End of Academic Year</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Thank you to all the parents who sent in their child's learning journey book. These books have now been returned to you in your child's bookbag.</p> <p>We have really enjoyed starting our growing topic over this past term. We will continue to learn all about the germination of seeds and growing plants next term. We have recently planted some Sunflower seeds and some Runner Bean seeds. The children are hoping for an enormous beanstalk which they can climb up to meet the Giant!</p> <p>Please could we ask for every child to bring in some dressing up clothes and/or some accessories so that they can pretend they are Jack disguising himself from the Giant. The children will then write a lost or wanted poster for Jack. The items needed may include sunglasses, hats, scarves, wigs etc. Please could these be sent in to school in a named bag at the beginning of next term. Everything will be returned to you.</p> <p>PE bags will be sent home so that PE kits can be checked and washed. Please ensure that trainers and plimsolls still fit as we have had some complaints about sore toes!</p> <p>We hope you all have a restful half term ready for our final term when we come back.</p>

<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>Thank you for your continued Phonics support at home. We hope you have found the pack in your child's book bag which will give you some addition practice materials. Our Phonics Check will take place during the week beginning 10th June.</p> <p>The children have now completed their Balanceability course and we are sure they have been telling you all about their newly acquired balance and road skills.</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning about halving, so if you find any real-life opportunities to talk about this, this will help to cement their knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>We hope you have an enjoyable half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in June.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Puma class have made me one proud teacher this week with their hard work and enthusiasm during the final week of our Secret Agent Training. They have demonstrated all core values and their positivity has shone through. We loved ending the week with a celebration party which we planned for during the afternoon. Posters were made, party hats created, bunting designed and streamers made to decorate the classroom. The children worked so sensibly in groups to create all of these amazing accessories. And as our DT topic is 'Dips and Dippers' it only seemed right that we celebrate with 'school-made' dips and dippers. What taste sensations we created – delicious!</p> <p>Alongside this hard work we have also been learning about the special stories that Jesus wrote as we start our RE topic on 'What can we learn from Sacred books?'</p> <p>Thank you again to the PTFA for helping us have such a fun celebration party and the wonderful graduation pack.</p> <p>We wish all our Puma families a great, restful half term break.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The Jaguars really enjoyed experiencing the fitness suite at The Lenham School on Monday morning, it was a bit touch and go as they all tried to find their own pulse to compare how hard they had worked before and after using the equipment! This week we have finished our work based around our book, The Stone Age Boy by writing our own Stone Age stories, the children used the ideas from their amazing story maps to help to fuel their imaginations. They enjoyed experimenting with Editing Stations where they decided which area of their writing needed improving and moved around different areas of the classroom to share their knowledge and expertise with each other. We have finished our maths topic of fractions this week by comparing them and ordering them. Next term we will be looking at telling the time in maths, any practice with this over half term will be very beneficial for the children! We have decided to spend our very generous class donation from the PTFA towards a Stone Age history day, letters went home on Monday and the children are very excited about the idea of spending the whole day experiencing different activities, we have asked for an extra donation of £1.50 per child (on scopay) to help to cover the full cost of the day. It will be a great end to our history topic. Have a lovely half term, we will do times tables upon our return to school in term 6 but I have not set any spellings this time.</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Year 4 have had a fantastic week this week playing extremely well in lacrosse and quidditch (all flying on brooms was properly supervised!) against the year 5's and have been working just as well in the classroom. We have been working on some tricky division in mathematics and have finished off designing our own settlements in geography.</p> <p>Next week will be half term so please take time to make sure, alongside a well earned rest, children are reading and completing work on Mathletics when possible! The children have also been given spellings for the first week back after the half term so these should be practised too.</p> <p>I wish everyone a great half term and look forward to our final term of Year 4!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Year 5 have been working hard on improving our outdoor area on the school field. If anyone has any spare pots, plants or soil all contributions would be gratefully received.</p> <p>Next term we will be having our final RSE lesson – Puberty and Hygiene- looking at the impact of puberty and the importance of physical hygiene.</p> <p>The Maths Mammoth has become rather comfortable in the Year 5 classroom, please remember to try and get a 1000 points over the break so that he can keep his space on our windowsill. There is no other home learning so you should have some time to dip in (it takes on average 30mins to get sufficient points). Have a lovely break and look forward to our final term together.</p>

<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>It's been a good week over in Year 6 as we ready ourselves for the half term. We worked exceptionally hard during our auditions for the play and I would like to congratulate every single pupil who took part in that process for having the courage to speak, or in some cases sing, in front of their peers. The standard was naturally very high, as one would expect from this current crop, and I thank everyone for pouring their hearts and souls into it and making the final casting as challenging as it was.</p> <p>The homework over this holiday is to learn the lines for your part so that we are ready to begin the real rehearsals after the break. Furthermore, I would like everyone to think in more detail about their character. Although they are all comedy parts in essence, we can begin to formulate ideas concerning how they talk, how they move, how they interact and how they stand in a resting state while others deliver lines. Keep experimenting until you find a winning combination. In addition, I have also set each pupil a few props to design and create over the holiday. (Any parental assistance would not be discouraged!)</p> <p>Finally, for the parents, please don't forget to fill in the questionnaire about your child's transition into secondary school and remember that swimming will commence in the new term.</p> <p>I wish everyone an amazing holiday with their families and I look forward to seeing you all in June.</p>
<p>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Discuss with your child problem solving ideas – “what would you do if.....?”</p> <p>Who would you ask for help if you were unsure about something? Talk about how you have asked people to help you in different situations, emphasise that everyone needs help sometimes.</p>
<p>Year 6 Diary Dates</p>	<p>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>