








# HEADCORN HEADLINES




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<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p><b>Congratulations</b> to all of our <b>Year 1 children</b> who have taken their <b>Phonics Screening check</b> this week. We have been very impressed with how calm and grown up they have all been about this assessment. A big thank you to Miss Gelder and all the staff involved in ensuring that this week has run smoothly and not overly impacted the children and the daily running of the school. These assessment week's can be very stressful for all involved and we try very hard to ensure that everyone's wellbeing is considered and anxieties are kept to a minimum but we could not do this without everyone's support and co-operation so <b>THANK YOU</b>. The results will be shared with Year 1 parents and carers in the end of year report.</p> <p>We have also had our welcome meeting for the new families joining us in <b>Early Years next academic year</b>. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this evening the success it was. This is the first year that we have had taster samples from a catering company and <b>Independent Catering</b> did us proud by laying on such a feast! There were many people who enjoyed two dinners - one at home and another at Headcorn Primary School!</p> <p>This week has also seen our <b>Swimming Lessons</b> finally begin. One or two sessions were rained off but some classes have had their first session in the pool and now it really feels like Summer has come even if the changeable weather keeps trying to tell us otherwise! This year, on Tuesday 11th June, saw our <b>20 year anniversary</b> of the pool being reopened. 20 years ago 20 people linked to the school were sponsored to cycle to France to raise at least <b>£1000 each</b> (£20,000 in total) towards significant renovations to reopen the pool that had not been used in a long time. <b>The use of the pool to this day is their legacy and shows the impact that fundraising like this can mean not only for your child but for future generations.</b></p> <p>Next week we are looking forward to <b>Science week!</b> So far we have crazy experiments planned (don't worry they are safe!). A Science teacher from Cornwallis is coming in to share creative ideas with the children, and much more including <b>ROCKET DAY</b> on Friday! Please keep collecting 2L fizzy or water bottles so that your child can design their own rocket to fire across the field on Friday.</p>														
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	Swimming Hats must be worn in the pool and they are available from the School Office. Old stock is now sold and new stock hats are £2.00.														
	<p>Science Week is coming to Headcorn Primary School - 17th -21st June.</p> <p>The Science of the Moon Landings, an early celebration of the 50th anniversary of this historic event. Starting with Chemistry Monday, there will be a range of activities for all the classes throughout the week. Part of this celebration will involve designing and launching our very own rockets. It would be great if we could have donations of 2litre plastics bottles, washed and with labels removed. Please help us make this the best Science week ever, and bring a bottle to your class teacher. Many thanks in advance.</p>														
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	<p><b>Messy Church will be back on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2:30pm - 4:30pm</b>, in the Andred Hall (Headcorn Village Hall).</p> <p>There will be a varied selection of art and craft to occupy the children, followed by the usual 'tea', including sandwiches and desert. The Bible story this time is about Ruth.</p> <p>Everyone's welcome, so we look forward to seeing you all again soon. From Jane Hatley and the Messy Church Team</p>														

	<p><b>KEY BEHAVIOUR TALK - "SOS SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!"</b>  <b>THE CHALLENGE TO HELP PARENTS SURVIVE!</b>  Friday 21st June 10.15 am - 11.40 am at Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone Kent, ME16 8NL</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to hear Pam Stephens who is very experienced with children's challenging behaviour, ADHD etc. There is no need to book and it is FREE! Just turn up.  Any queries, please speak to Amanda Robertson</p>
SPORT	<p>There will be no Athletics Club on Monday 17th or Monday 25th June due to our participation in Kwik Cricket at the Mote Ground, Maidstone and our involvement in Athletics at The Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford. Please add these dates to your diary.</p> <p>Good luck to our football and cricket teams who will be in action at Greenfields Community School and the Mote Ground, Maidstone, today and Monday.</p> <p>We are taking two teams to the cricket tournament on Monday and are in desperate need of some help with scoring our second squads games. If anyone is willing to give up the day to help us then please contact Mr Peters.</p>
WRAPAROUND CARE	<p>We've had a fun week with our wormery with lots of digging for worms - who knew they were so elusive?! There was lots of time playing with our new badminton net too! Next week we'll have 'Construction' activities!</p> <p>Join us for Breakfast Club (£3, including breakfast), and After School Club (starting at £5: including activities and snacks). Please collect a registration form from the school office.</p>
PTFA	<p>We are thrilled to finally announce an <b>open air screening</b> of the highly popular <b>The Greatest Showman</b> on Saturday, 14 September 2019 at 7.15pm on the school field.</p> <p><b>A limited number of discounted tickets have been made available for our Pupils, Parents and Teachers. Our unique code is HCPTAGSM:</b> Adults £7.50 Children £5.50. Children aged 5 and under do not require a ticket.</p> <p>Advance Purchase Tickets can only be reserved via the online box office (subject to availability):  <a href="https://billetto.co.uk/e/the-greatest-showman-open-air-screening-at-headcorn-primary-school-tickets-344874">https://billetto.co.uk/e/the-greatest-showman-open-air-screening-at-headcorn-primary-school-tickets-344874</a></p> <p>There will be food, drinks and treats on offer.</p> <p>Similar to the Fireworks, this will be a Community Event so please help spread the word.</p> <p>We are recruiting a team to assist with marshalling, set up and clear down, bar, food and mini activity stalls. Please chat to Lizell, Maz or Karen if you're keen to get involved with this new and exciting event!</p>
DIARY DATES	<p>Mon 17th - Fri 21st June: Science Week  <b>Fri 21st June: YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y2 sharing</b>  Tues 25th June: Y5 Meeting for next year's Y6 Residential Visit at 7pm  Wed 26th June: Class Photographs  <b>Fri 28th June: KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y4 sharing</b>  Thu 4th July: Headcorn School Transition Day  <b>Fri 5th July: YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: Y1 sharing</b>  Thu 11th July: Y2&amp;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  <b>Fri 12th July: KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y3 sharing</b>  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 &amp; carers  <b>Fri 19th July: YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: YR sharing</b>  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)  <b>Tue 23rd July: End of Term 6 / End of Academic Year</b></p>

<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>Next week will be our exciting Science week at school. We will be learning all about Space and the Moon. We will be looking at simple chemistry and trying out some fantastic experiments. Please be sure to send in a 2 litre bottle so that your child can make a space rocket and then launch it on the field which they are going to love!</p> <p>Please could we ask for all PE kits to be sent back to school as we are still missing quite a few and would like to get PE lessons back underway.</p> <p>If you haven't already sent in some items for your child to wear as a disguise please do so as soon as possible. We will need these items to dress up in when we pretend to be Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk and write a missing poster.</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning how to double and halve numbers to 10. We will be learning to add and subtract using a number-line, counting jumps forwards and backwards, so please be sure to ask your child to show you their learning over the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Thank you, have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>We have now completed our phonics check and would like to say how proud we are of all the children for trying their very best and putting in so much effort. Thank you also to our Year 1 families for supporting them in preparation for this!</p> <p>Next week in Maths we will be working on numbers to 100 and grouping them into tens. Please use any opportunity you can to practice counting forwards and backwards at home.</p> <p>We are very excited about Science Week and we look forward to getting involved in some cool experiments and finding out more about the world around us.</p> <p>Please don't forget your 2 litre bottles for our big experiment for next week (they do not need to be named).</p> <p>Have a fabulous weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>The children have really impressed me this week as we concluded our text, 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk,' by writing our own version of the text. The children invented some novel ideas and used some great descriptions in their final written pieces.</p> <p>In Maths this week our focus has been measurement and we have had practical sessions, measuring liquids, weighing objects and reading a range of different scales. We also started our new Science topic, 'Materials' and had an enjoyable session randomly selecting materials and then objects to create quite odd mixtures. For example a 'paper playground' stimulated some great discussion and the children had to explain why the materials were not suited to the objects.</p> <p>We also started our Term 6 PE session with The Lenham School on ball skills; the children thoroughly enjoyed controlling the ball with their hands, using rackets and then lacrosse sticks. For Term 6 we will continue to have outdoor PE on a Tuesday and swimming on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon (weather permitting).</p> <p>We are really looking forward to Science Week next week - please remember to bring in a 2 litre plastic bottle so we can make rockets.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>Next week is our eagerly anticipated Science Week when the children will have the opportunity to carry out several experiments and some different activities linked to the amazing book, Moonshot. We still need some empty 2l plastic bottles if you have any lurking at home. They do not need to be named, just clean and without a label if possible please. There has been lots of time telling taking place in Year 3 this week as we have explored what appears to be the mysteries of the idea of minutes past and minutes to the hour! Lots of the children are finding using an analogue clock much more unfamiliar than a digital one so an extra practice with this at home would be really helpful. In English this week, the children had great fun creating Kenning poems to describe the new creations of a mouse or a bird linked with our class book, 'Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf.' As part of our topic about plants in Science, Year 3 had an opportunity to investigate the different parts of flowering plants by dissecting them to see which ones they could find!</p> <p>The Jaguars were all very prepared (and excited) for our first swimming lesson this week but unfortunately the weather stopped play, this did lead to quite a thorough discussion about air temperatures and rules to follow for safety reasons, followed by some great attempts to persuade me to break those rules!</p>

<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>We have had a terrific week in Jungle Cats! Swimming, art, starting our new class book, Pok-Ta-Pok... a really busy week for us with lots of enjoyable activities (check the twitter page for photos!). We have been exploring division in mathematics and looking at different characters as well within our new class book: Charlotte's web. A real great time for our first full week back.</p> <p>Next week is Science week in school so we will be focusing on all things science! Please could children bring in 2 litre plastic bottles for later next week (the more the merrier!) and make sure swimming kit is in for Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting). Spellings and times tables will run as normal next week as well so these have been given out ready.</p> <p>Hope everyone has an excellent weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Science Week is next week. You need to bring in a 2 litre plastic bottle, washed and label removed to be able to build rockets. It will be a blast!!!</p> <p>As the weather continues to be so unpredictable, swimming on Monday and Wednesday is not always certain. Please bring in your swimming kit (swimsuit/shorts, named towel, swim hat and shoes) on those days, but make sure you also have your full PE kit as a backup. The latter can stay in the locker.</p> <p><b>Please be aware that next year's KS2 SATs week will be Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2020. Please do not book any holidays over this week.</b></p> <p>We are in the process of booking for next year's Year 6 Residential visit. We would like to hold an initial information and expression of interest meeting on Tuesday 25th June from 7pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting information will be sent out to you on the following day.</p> <p>Thanks in advance.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Year 6 have been exceeding all expectations with the quality of their writing over the last two weeks. From fairy tales to mystery stories, they have shown themselves to be extremely adept at producing some barnstorming page turners.</p> <p>The focus now goes to the Leavers Play and thanks once again must go to parents and pupils alike for the steady trickle of amazing props arriving each day. The stage was erected at the beginning of the week and it now feels like we can give rehearsals our full attention. For those with the larger parts, if you can make sure you learn the remainder of your lines for next week that would be fantastic. For all others, please try to learn the song lyrics off by heart now and start to pay more attention to the stage directions concerning when to come on stage and where to stand.</p> <p>Next week is of course Science Week at Headcorn and we will undoubtedly have a few experiments up our sleeves for this. Keep your eyes peeled for pictures relating to this on the school Twitter account later in the week.</p> <p>Finally, please remember to bring swimming costumes for Mondays and Fridays as well as the normal PE kit for lacrosse on Tuesdays.</p> <p>Have an amazing weekend!</p>
<p><b>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</b></p>	<p>Allow plenty of opportunities for your child to talk about their induction days. Some children will be chattier than others! Try to ensure that if there are any negatives, they can be turned into a positive (eg "no one I know is going to be in my class/school" "That's a great opportunity to meet new people, you will still get to see ..... on weekends")</p>
<p><b>Year 6 Diary Dates</b></p>	<p>Thu 20th June: Magistrates visiting  Fri 28th June: Kent Police Activities Day Visit  Mon 1st - Fri 5th July: Homewood Transition week  Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July: Highworth and The Lenham School Transition Days  Thu 4<sup>th</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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>