

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>We have enjoyed a fantastic Science week! We have had a Science teacher in from Cornwallis leading an interactive assembly on a variety of experimental tasks, bunnies and other small critters visiting classes, activities involving testing liquids for alkalis and acids with purple cabbages, explosive Alka Seltzers in film canisters and the grand finale of Rocket Day! A big Thank You to you all for the many, many plastic bottles, to Ms Woodgate for organising the special events and for all the staff involved in creating activities and learning opportunities throughout this week. It has been fun.</p> <p>Well done to our Football and Cricket Teams for their valiant efforts on Friday last week and this Monday. Please see the sports report below.</p> <p>Next week is our Class Photos day on Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their purple cardigan or jumper with them for this photo even if the weather is warm as the photos do not look quite as effective if they are just in their white shirt or polo shirts. Summer dresses are fine.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 24 June</p>	<p>Tues 25 June</p>	<p>Weds 26 June</p>	<p>Thurs 27 June</p>	<p>Fri 28 June</p>
	<p>Athletics at Julie Rose Stadium</p>	<p>Residential Meeting at 7pm for Y5 families only</p>	<p>Class Photos</p>	<p>History Day</p>	<p>KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y4 sharing Y6 trip to Kent Police Open Day</p>
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	<p>Please could we ask that children are very well supervised when waiting to come into the main playground in the morning. We have received a call from the nursery and are extremely disappointed to hear that that children have been ringing their bell, knocking on the door and even throwing stones at the window. This is not the behaviour we expect from our children at Headcorn Primary School.</p>				
	<p>KM Charity Walk: This Sunday 23rd June the KM are holding their 24th charity walk at Mote Park in aid of The Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex and Kent Road Safety Department. You can choose between the 5 mile or 10 mile routes. All parents and children are able to support this charity walk for free and join in the 5 mile scarecrow trail on Sunday, along with activities from Kent Wildlife Trust. Look out for our School Scarecrow Bob along the way!</p>				
	<p>There will be no Athletics Club on Monday 24th June due to our participation in the Athletics Festival at The Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford.</p>				
	<p>Could all kit borrowed for the recent football and cricket competitions please be returned to school by the end of the week please.</p> <p>There will be no Athletics Club on Monday 24th June due to our participation in the Athletics Festival at The Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford.</p>				
	<p>This week Headcorn has embraced all things science. On Chemistry Monday – Years 2 to 6 had an amazing assembly presented by Mrs Hatch from The Cornwallis Academy. She showed us the magic of Chemistry, with flames, pops and all sorts of wondrous chemical reactions. Every class also experimented with red cabbage water, which changes the colour of a liquid according to its acidity.</p> <p>Throughout the week classes have been looking at the book “Moonshot – The Flight of Apollo 11” to inspire their learning. All in advance of the 50th Anniversary of this momentous event. They have written poetry and made some amazing models and art..</p> <p>Year 1 had a more down to earth visit when staff from New Line Learning Farm, came to share and talk about some animals that visited each class. The children had the chance to handle the animals and ask questions. A real treat!</p> <p>Rocket Friday has been a chance for the children to design and fire rockets across the school field. It was a blast!!</p> <p>The children and adults have had a fantastic fun and learning experience this week and thank you to all the people who brought in bottles and helped make this week so much fun. It was Out of this world!</p>				

	<p>On Wednesday 19th June, four children from Year 5 represented the school at “The Primary Speaks Competition” held at Invicta Grammar. This involved a morning of workshops on how to create and research a speech which the children had to individually deliver from a stage and podium to a sizable audience including parents. Elliot, Mia, Emily and Lucas had an amazing, albeit nerve-racking time. This was a massive undertaking and our pupils did us proud! Well done.</p>
	<p>Messy Church will be back on Saturday 22nd June at 2:30pm - 4:30pm, 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>WRAPAROUND CARE</p>	<p>It is going to be a hot week next week. Please remember hats and sunscreen. We will provide the ice pops!</p> <p>Here are a couple of photos of the children meeting a friendly toad and our wonderful wormery!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <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>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>Ladies night at the Krishna, Summer style - Saturday 20th July</p> <p>Due to its popularity over the festive season, we’re hosting a Summer Ladies Night to include a welcome cocktail, a lighter summer menu and a disco! Tickets are £20 each (£5 of each ticket sale comes back to the PTFA). Tickets will be sold on a first come first served to parents of children at school. Please see Maz Stack or Lizell Williams at both early years & KS2 playground from today (Friday 21st June). Added Bonus: Each ticket purchased will be entered into a draw for the chance to win a pamper session at Masons Hair & Beauty!</p> <p>Boot Fair - Sunday 14th July at Headcorn Aerodrome: Would you like free Tea/Coffee, pastries and the chance to wear jaw-dropping Hi-Viz apparel? We require volunteers to direct cars or take payment and donations at the gate or walk the field after lunch to ensure it's litter free. If you can help for a couple of hours during the morning or early afternoon, please contact Lizell, Maz or Karen or email info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p> <p>Open Air Cinema Event - if you're keen to be part of the Event Planning Team for this event, please get in touch!</p>

SPORT

Football Tournament @ Greenfields Community School...

Wow! What an amazing performance from our football team on *Friday 14th June* as they took part in a tournament organised and hosted by Greenfields Community School. Headcorn were placed in Group B and played matches against West Borough, Park Way and Egerton. The team started against Egerton and played some excellent football eventually winning 3-0. They then beat Park Way 2-0 and finally drew 0-0 with West Borough to finish winners of Group B. During the group stages Headcorn played some scintillating football scoring some fantastic team crafted goals. The quarter finals saw us play Hunton Primary School and although Headcorn dominated most of the match and took an early lead, Hunton scored a late equaliser to take the game to extra time. This led to a tense golden goal period whereby both teams came close to getting a winning goal. With the end of extra time finishing without a goal the game went to penalties. Headcorn won convincingly with Theo in Y5 saving three of the Hunton penalties to give the team a convincing 3-1 win and see them through to the semi-final. Our semi-final was against the tournament hosts Greenfields. Again, Headcorn played a calm and efficient game brushing away the opposition with some incredibly skilful play and a brilliant hat-trick scored by James in Y6. This led us to the final where we faced West Borough again. By this time Headcorn had started to run out of steam and found the final hard going, eventually losing out 2-0. The team finished as runners-up of the whole tournament which consisted of 18 schools from around the Maidstone area. I am so proud of everyone who took part and represented our school so fantastically well! (Action from the day can be seen on our Twitter feed). CONGRATULATIONS TEAM HEADCORN!!

Kwik Cricket Festival @ Mote Ground, Maidstone

Headcorn took part in a regional cricket festival on Monday 17th June hosted at the Mote Ground in Maidstone along with 12 other schools from the local area. This year we were again able to take two teams to the event, which totalled 20 pupils from Years 5&6. The children represented the school marvellously and played a lot of good cricket throughout the day.

When all the matches had been played both teams finished a very respectable 3rd in their respective groups, this unfortunately placed the teams just outside of the qualification zone for the semi-finals of the competition. The final was played between Brunswick House and Loose and was eventually won by Loose Primary School.

Well done to all those who took part and to all the parents who stayed and supported in the June sunshine. Below is a list of results for both teams that took part.

Team A

Home	Score	Away	Pts
Headcorn	232-232	Palace Wood	1
Harrietsham	229-237	Headcorn	3
Headcorn	238-221	Oaks	3
Tiger	224-232	Headcorn	3
Egerton	241-218	Headcorn	0
Headcorn	n/a	Loose	n/a

Team B

Home	Score	Away	Pts
Headcorn	213-244	Greenfields	0
Kingswood	216-245	Headcorn	3
Headcorn	205-218	East Borough	0
Brunswick	231-192	Headcorn	0
Headcorn	221-214	Holy Family	3
Palace Wood	246-249	Headcorn	3

<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>Tues 25th June: Y5 Meeting for next year's Y6 Residential Visit at 7pm 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>What an exciting week we've had in Early Years!!!</p> <p>For science week, we have really enjoyed learning about Space and Apollo 11's voyage to the moon. In class we have been designing and making our own aliens, which look fantastic, and writing sentences about them. We have used a marbling technique to create our own planets and make space pictures. On Thursday afternoon we launch our rockets on the field and were amazed at how high and far they flew. We have conducted a magic trick using red cabbage juice and different substances.</p> <p>We have also planted our beanstalks in the tyre planters in preparation for beginning our topic on Jack and the Beanstalk.</p> <p>In phonics we have been learning the ow sound, for example, snow, show, blow. We have been focusing on sentence writing and encouraging the children to make up their own sentences. In Maths we have started learning to add and subtract by jumping forwards and backwards on a number line.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>We have all really enjoyed science week. The children have made and launched some spectacular rockets and have found out about acids and alkalis using red cabbage! They have also explored our moon and it's phases, creating mobiles to show their understanding.</p> <p>On Wednesday we had an exciting visit from the New Line Learning School Farm who brought with them rabbits, a guinea pig, a dog, a cockerel and a chicken which we got to pet!</p> <p>Next week we will be looking at Fairy tales for our writing! Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Puma class have loved our Space themed Science week. We've shown our creativeness by making clay aliens as well as designing and making rockets. We've developed our Maths skills by breaking space codes and measuring and ordering aliens. In English based tasks we've written out astronaut job applications and writing haunting poems about being on the moon. And inspired by the fantastic chemistry assembly at the beginning of the week, we have made indicators using red cabbage, made popping rockets with film canisters and Alka Seltzer and made flying and shooting rockets. We really have all had a wonderful Science week. As always the children have impressed me with their maturity and enthusiasm during the week.</p> <p>As well as this assortment of Science we have also developed our ball and racket skills in PE, been swimming and even had a whole class lesson; playing the ocarinas. I think the whole school might have overheard some of our tuneful pieces.</p> <p>Thank you to all that have volunteered for our joint school trip with Year 4 for later in the term. We have been overwhelmed with your kindness to help and are fortunate to have had these places now filled.</p> <p>Have a fabulous weekend!</p>

<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>What a great week we have had in Year 3 for Science Week! We experienced a great range of activities, including a 'Chemistry is Magic' assembly, practical science experiments, creating clay aliens and finishing with the grand finale of our very own rocket launch! The children really enjoyed such a varied week and responded positively to all the activities on offer. Luckily the weather held out for us this week too and after much anticipation we managed to dip our toes in the water for our first swimming lesson of the term! It was definitely worth the wait, I was very impressed with the Jaguars' behaviour, attitude and effort they put into this session - keep it up Year 3. Next week we are really looking forward to our Stone Age history day on Thursday, this means that for next week only our spelling test will be on WEDNESDAY instead. Also, please remember that it will be class photos on Wednesday too.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>In Jungle Cats children have really embraced all things science and worked tremendously hard! They have enjoyed experiments with red cabbage as a pH indicator and our rockets were amazing! The children have also looked at the Apollo 11 moon landing and the Saturn V launch with some excellent writing around this. Next week we are mostly back to normal! We will be continuing swimming lessons on Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting). Please make sure children have swimming kit in throughout the week as well as PE kit for outside activities on Monday. We also have class photos on Wednesday (26/06/2019). Please make sure children have jumpers or cardigans and smart uniform. Finally we are sharing in celebration assembly on Friday (28/06/2019) Please come along and support us!</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Due to unforeseen circumstances Year 5 will not be swimming on Monday, but will instead do their session on Thursday. Sorry for the inconvenience. We will still do swimming if it is raining; only cold temperatures and thunderstorms will stop us!</p> <p>Please check out twitter. Year 5 have been having a wonderful time during science week and there are plenty of pictures to prove it.</p> <p>Please remember the meeting on Tuesday 25th June at 7pm about next year's residential. We are going for something a little different next year to keep costs to a minimum and to ensure we are as inclusive as possible for all pupils and situations so please come along to find out more. If you are unable to attend information will be sent out on Wednesday.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 had an absolute blast with Science Week, exploring pH indicators and experimenting with various flying objects. We also had the pleasure of a visit from the Magistrates on Thursday, where we learnt all about crime and punishment. I have uploaded some photos on Twitter for your perusal. Next week of course involves more play rehearsals (please learn lines!) but also we have the excitement of a class trip to the Police Headquarters in Maidstone. So between the Magistrates and the Police visit, we are guaranteed to know all the inner workings of the legal system by the end of this week! It promises to be an amazing experience!</p> <p>Please ensure that your child has their purple cardigan or jumper with them on Wednesday as well as their hoodie as we take a class photo in the purple uniform as well as one in their hoodies so you can choose which photo you would like as a memento.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>
<p>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Think about what else your child could do more independently – do they know how to cross roads safely? Can they make simple meals? Could they do something in their community to develop their sense of self, and belonging? If not, now is the time to start teaching them!</p> <p>If your child doesn't already do so, let them go to a local shop and buy something which requires them to ask for the item and be given change. You may want to practise what they could say beforehand.</p>
<p>Year 6 Diary Dates</p>	<p>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>