


HEADCORN HEADLINES







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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS
<p data-bbox="119 1160 288 1189">Head's Lines</p> 	<p data-bbox="336 353 1497 707">Sports day was a fantastic day full of fun, skill and effort, encouragement and cheering each other on in true Headcorn style. The morning's events and races for Years R, 1 and 2 were a huge success with very close results! Well done to Shackleton: Green Team who won the YR/KS1 Sports Day Cup for their house by one point! This laid down a challenge for the other houses in the afternoon and for Key Stage 2 classes to see if Shackleton could keep their lead. Throughout the afternoon the leading house changed regularly keeping everyone guessing not only who would win the KS2 Sports Day Cup but also who would win overall. It was another close finale after the class activities, with the leading house changing with each race. Congratulations to Stevenson: Blue House who won the KS2 Sports Day Cup by a narrow margin and were also the overall Cup winners by one point! Thank you to all the friends and family who came to support us for the events and those that stayed for the Family Picnic. I hope you'll agree it was a lovely day.</p> <p data-bbox="336 748 1497 909">Congratulations to three of our pupils who have been awarded an additional trophy from the Primary Fitness Team who came to school in March to teach our children about personal fitness on the giant inflatable that they set up in the main hall. They have analysed all their data from this academic year and personal best times from all of their participating schools and some of our pupils have achieved the fastest times for their ages. Well done to:</p> <p data-bbox="336 949 1050 978">Channing Hayes who is the fastest Year 1 boy this academic year.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1019 1050 1048">Dempsey Hayes who is the fastest Year 5 girl this academic year.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1088 1437 1151">Ella Mappedoram in Year 6 who is the fastest girl ever on record in all the years that they have been running this sporting opportunity!</p> <p data-bbox="336 1191 1497 1285">Well done to Churchill (Red) House for winning this term's House Points with a whopping 3234 points and congratulations to Thompson (Yellow) House for winning the Overall House Points Award for this year with a fantastic 13441 points!</p> <p data-bbox="336 1326 1497 1581">Next Tuesday is a big day for everyone in our school community. Not only does it mark the end of another academic year with all the children moving on to new teachers and rooms in September, but we say Goodbye to Year 6 who are moving onto their new secondary schools. We wish them all the very best for their exciting new ventures and hope that they make the most of this opportunity to meet new people, try new things, take up new opportunities and reach the potential that we all know that they have. You have been a pleasure to teach and we are honoured to have been able to watch you grow into the mature, dedicated and fun-loving young ladies and gentlemen that you are. Keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on!</p> <p data-bbox="336 1621 1497 1877">We are also sad to say goodbye to Mr Hardman, Miss Man and Mrs Graham. Each of these members of staff have made such an impression on our school. Mr Hardman may have only been with us for a year but he has thrown himself into everything we have thrown at him! Not only have Year 4 had lots of exciting learning opportunities such as being Roman's for a day, holding their own Court of Law, drawing in the style, and position, of Michael Angelo - underneath their desks, he has also taken a lead role in our new venture into the world of Young Voices at the O2, played in our staff rock band and run our very first Year 4 football team! Thank you for your hard work, dedication and creativity Mr Hardman - you will be missed. We wish you every happiness and success in your future adventures.</p>

	<p>Miss Man has been with us for 6 years and has taught in Year R, 3 and 4! I hope she doesn't underestimate the impact that she has had on the 180 children that have been taught and cared for by her whilst she has been here at our school. We thank her also for her passion for sport, her love of fun and her infectious bubbly personality that we will sorely miss. Her new school are very fortunate to have her joining their team. Our loss is their gain and we wish her every success and happiness as she moves on to her new challenge!</p> <p>After 10 years of working at Headcorn Primary School Mrs Graham, one of our dedicated Teaching Assistants, will be leaving us to relocate to Scotland to be with her family. I know you will join me in saying an enormous thank you to Mrs Graham for her dedication above and beyond her role as Teaching Assistant, for her consistently high standards and hard work, her care and compassion for every individual in our school community. She will be sorely missed but we wish her all the very best for the move and the future with her family.</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 22 July	Tues 23 July	Weds 24 July	Thurs 25 July	Fri 26 July
	Swimming Gala / Discos	9am Leavers Assembly (Y6 ONLY) End of Term & Year	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday
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	As we approach the end of term please let the school office know if your child is going to have any planned absence, eg holiday/medical appointments. Class teachers will be sending home books, wellies, PE/swim kits etc so that rooms and areas can be fully cleaned and reorganised for the start of a new year. Please send your child in with a strong large bag (Bag for Life or reusable bag) so that we are able to send these items home over the next few days.				
	We are getting an increasing number of dogs coming onto the KS2 playground at pick up and drop off. Please either tie your dog up in the small car park or let your child walk in unaccompanied from this area.. At collection time please let your class teacher know if your child will need to be handed over at the gate by the class TA whilst the teacher dismisses the rest of the class.				
	Please remember that you must not return your child to school if they have had a sickness or diarrhoea virus until 48 hours have lapsed after the last episode. This will help minimise the spread of infection in class. School staff will encourage children to drink plenty during the hot weather - please provide your child with a sun hat and water bottle and ensure sun cream has been applied before school.				
	Pierced Ears: If you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced the please do this at the start of the Summer holidays. Your child will not be able to participate in any Sports or PE activities unless they can remove their earrings. We are not allowed to tape ears any longer for Health and Safety reasons.				
	Year 5: There are still a few spaces available for Bikeability which will commence on Thursday, 5 September until Friday, 13 September (excluding 11+ day on Thursday, 12 th). The children will attend 3 x 3 hour sessions each over the course of these days. Please return the permission form and pay online via scopay.com				
	Year 5: The Bowl Water residential trip is available online where you can make payments via scopay.com. If you would like to spread your payments, the first instalment is due this month with the second due by the end of August.				
	Buying New School Uniform: Please take a look at our School Uniform List on the website to remind yourselves of our requirements before buying any new school uniform. Please remember: black or white socks or tights, no jewellery apart from small plain stud earrings or watches. No nail varnish. Any hair accessories must be small, inconspicuous and in school colours otherwise your child will be asked to remove them.				
	In-school Guitar Lessons: Would your child like to learn the guitar? Andy Davis is now enrolling for this year. Spaces are limited so please pick up an information letter from the school office or contact Andy andydavisguitar@fastmail.net or 07973 680227				
SPORT	<p>Children from both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two enjoyed Sports Day, on Monday 15th July at Headcorn School. Pupils were joined by their families, as our four houses of Churchill (Red), Thompson (Yellow), Shackleton (Green) and Stevenson (Blue) took part in competition both on the track and in the field. At the end of the morning the winners of the Key Stage One sports were Shackleton house, narrowly pipping Churchill house to the win by one single point.</p> <p>The whole school then had a family picnic on the field with music and entertainment.</p>				

	<p>It was then the turn of the older children to compete with all four houses again in action against each other for the honour of lifting the house cup. The lead changed hands many times during the afternoon's events leaving two houses with a chance to lift the cup based on the results of the last relay race of the day.</p> <p>When all the points were totalled up the winners of Sports Day 2019 were Stevenson House. Well done to all those involved, to our Sports Council members who helped during the Key Stage One activities and big thank you to all the parents who came along to support the event.</p> <p><u>A big thank you!</u></p> <p>On behalf of Mrs Collins, Mrs Stroud, myself and all the teachers who have given up their free time to make it a possibility, I would like to sincerely thank all those who have been involved in school sport over the last 12 months from the bottom of my heart. Whether it be the children who have diligently attended clubs, those who have bravely represented the school at the various festivals we have taken part in or simply those parents who have supported the school with help with transport. To those children who are leaving us to start their new adventures at a new school keep it up, you truly are a gifted bunch.</p> <p>We have had a fantastic year of sport and we couldn't have done it without you. Have a great Summer and here's to doing it all over again in September!</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>Thank you to the small group of parents and children who helped or hosted a pitch at the Boot Fair on Sunday 14th July. Despite the event being quieter than previous years, we raised around £750!</p> <p>So far we've had a fantastic year with many new events and fundraising opportunities. Together we have raised a whopping £8800!</p> <p>Please take a look at the attached flyers for details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Fundraising summary • Open Air Cinema - 'The Greatest Showman' (important discount code) • Volunteers Needed • How you shop can make a big difference: clothing labels, easyfundraising • Your School Lottery - be in it, to win in it <p>Ladies Night at the Krishna - Saturday 20th July, 7.30pm: We're looking forward to seeing the ladies who've reserved a ticket. Should you have a query or can't attend please call Maz Mob: 07970 535790.</p> <p>Our last event of the year: Summer Discos on Monday 22nd July 2019 Reception/KS1 pupils 5.30pm to 6.30pm (includes party games, water/squash and a cookie) and KS2 pupils 7pm to 8pm (festival glitter, water/squash, a portion of hot chips) Drop Off and Pick Up via the School Office. Only parents who have volunteered to assist at the discos will be permitted to stay.</p> <p>Have a super summer from the PTFA!</p>
<p>INDEPENDENT CATERING</p>	<p>Please be aware that from Term 1 in September the price of a child meal will be increasing to £2.30.</p> <p>We do operate a no debt policy in school and there has been an increase in the number of lunch bookings not being pre-booked online. Please make sure that credit is added to your account and dinners are booked in advance. Any credit on your dinner account at the end of term will remain in place until September.</p> <p>Menu Change: Tuesday, 23 July – Sausages will be served with chips and beans NO PASTA OPTION</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>Mon 22nd July: Summer Discos (information attached) 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>Wow what a wonderful year we have all had in Early Years!</p> <p>We are so proud of all the children and their wonderful achievements. We have thoroughly enjoyed this year and have loved watching them grow into such independent young people.</p> <p>For your information next year your entrance for drop off and collection for Year 1 continues to be the same main EYFS gate but you head straight down the path in front of you to the Year 1 classrooms instead of turning right to the EYFS classrooms. You collect from the classroom door at 3.10pm but the main gate opens from 3pm for you to queue up earlier if you choose.</p> <p>We would also take this opportunity to thank you all for your on-going support and help throughout the year!</p> <p>We hope all have a fantastic Summer and wish you the best of luck as you move forward into Year 1.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</p> 	<p>For your information next year your entrance for drop off and collections for Year 2 is the KS2 playground entrance which is by the Road Crossing Patrol and the Juniors Daycare Nursery. This gate opens at 8.30am in the morning and closes at 8.50am. It then opens at 3.15pm for collection at the end of the day.</p> <p>We cannot believe that we are almost at the end of such a fantastic year. We are so proud of all the children and how much they have grown during Year 1. It has been a privilege to get to know them and their Year 2 teachers are very lucky to have such lovely classes. Thank you for being so supportive this year, keep on reading and doing Athletics over the holidays to make sure transition is smooth.</p> <p>The whole Year 1 team would like to wish you a lovely holiday and well-deserved rest.</p>
<p>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</p> 	<p>Wow!! What a week to end our final full week as Pumas. We enjoyed sharing Sports Day with so many of you and what a fantastic experience it was. We were so proud of all the children and their sportsperson attitudes. This week we also had our last PE session with The Lenham School and competed in further athletic challenges.</p> <p>In English this week we have read more about the rather boastful Olga da Polga. We have written poems using a range of powerful vocabulary, similes and repetition of lines to create suspense.</p> <p>In Maths we have been solving a range of problems consolidating all our Mathematical understanding of the year.</p> <p>We have also had a creative week, making pom poms and clay Olga da Polga's – I'm sure you'll be pleased to see these coming home.</p> <p>We also wanted to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud we are of our lovely Year 2's They have been an absolute pleasure to teach and we have loved our year with them</p> <p>Enjoy the last weekend before the Summer Holidays -stay safe and keep smiling Pumas.</p>
<p>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>I can't believe I am writing the last Headlines of the year already and what a fantastic week it has been for the Jaguars! We were so proud of their performance on Sports Day particularly in the way they embraced the atmosphere of the whole event with great sporting attitudes, including some cracking House races too. Great stuff Year 3, I really enjoyed watching them all participate and thank you all very much for your brilliant vocal support! Back in the classroom, 3D shape work in maths has seen some of the children become origami experts, they have really enjoyed creating their own shapes from 2D nets in order to investigate the number of faces, edges and vertices each one has. Food Technology is the focus for the end of term with some fruit kebabs being created in French this week and more culinary treats to follow on Monday. Wasps nearly stopped play for our swimming sessions this week, luckily through the power of Pest Control we were able to enjoy our last session of the term on Thursday. Although the sun wasn't shining, the children's progress in both their water confidence and swimming technique was apparent as they enjoyed their final fun session. Swimming Gala will take place on Monday and those children who are participating in it will need their swimming kits please. Hopefully your children have brought most things home by now, on Monday I will be sending home their wellies too so they will need a bag to put them in please.</p> <p>Thank you for all of your support this year and I hope you all have a wonderful Summer.</p>

<p>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>What a fantastic way to end the academic year in year 4, we had an excellent day Monday on sports day (thank you parents and family members for all of your support!) and we have been finishing off work around Charlotte's Web as well as looking at different European artists. Jungle Cats have enjoyed their last day with Mrs Hutchison on Thursday and created fruit kebabs in French!</p> <p>We are planning on having our swimming gala on Monday weather permitting, so please can swimming kits be brought in for Monday please. We will not need PE kits for the rest of the term so these should be at home now or be going home in these last few days. School work will be coming home over the last couple of days and hoping to stagger the amount so there is less to carry each day!</p> <p>Finally just to say a big thank you to all the members of Jungle Cats this year, I have truly enjoyed teaching every single member of the class and feel well and truly thankful to have such a great class this year. A BIG thank you to all parents and carers and families for their support as well with events throughout the year! I wish you all a lovely Summer and all the best to Jungle Cats now moving up to year 5!</p>
<p>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</p> 	<p>This week year 5 have been bringing home their fantastic work. If you have signed up to do the 11+ in September, all your school books have been placed into storage in case they are required for appeals. These will be returned by Christmas. Hopefully you can see how much hard work they have done throughout the year and I am very proud of all their achievements.</p> <p>Thank you also for all the kind gifts and cards, I have been very touched by your generosity and kind words.</p> <p>Have a fantastic summer break, and if you get bored, don't forget the Library's Summer reading scheme. It's all about space! Enjoy.</p>
<p>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</p> 	<p>Well, here we are with the final Headcorn Headlines of the year and I must say I'm quite emotional about it all. I shall miss these weekly musings and fast fact bulletins, as I am sure you will too dear readers, but we must nonetheless valiantly strive to find some other outlet to fill this sense of hollowness during the summer holidays.</p> <p>Year 6 performed most admirably for their last Sports Day and also enjoyed a grudge match of Quidditch the following day against Year 5, from which we emerged victorious as one would expect. Just a quick reminder that we are planning to hold the Swimming Gala on Monday so please come with swimsuits ready if you are involved with this.</p> <p>On Tuesday, we shall of course have our Leavers' Assembly. Judging by the recent rehearsals, I would strongly recommend coming with an industrial amount of tissues! It will no doubt prove to be a bit of a tearjerker. Children usually like to partake in shirt signing on the last day of term. If you</p> <p>Finally, may I just say a great big thank you to all the Year 6 pupils, who continue to inspire me with their interest in learning, enthusiasm and blossoming individuality. And thank you also to every one of you, dear parents, who have always been incredibly supportive and kind throughout our time both this year and in Year 3.</p> <p>Have a fantastic holiday one and all and best of luck in the future!</p>
<p>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Acknowledge any sadness about leaving but remember to stay positive about the exciting new school. Remember to keep talking about secondary school over the Summer and to look through any of the transition information completed. Revisit any travel plans if needed.</p> <p>We are sure that both you and your child will have some feelings of anxiety and trepidation about the forthcoming change. It is completely understandable and natural to have these feelings, so please do not worry! Try to be as calm and hide any of your personal anxieties from your children as they may pick up on these. Encourage your child to verbalise their worries (if any!) as we are sure that they can be easily eased! Positivity is key!!</p> <p>We wish you all the very best with this exciting new chapter in your child's life!</p>
<p>Year 6 Diary Dates</p>	<p>Mon 22nd July: Leavers Disco Tues 23rd July: Leavers Assembly from 9am</p>