

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>As we near the end of the term and the school year there are so many things to celebrate and mention. We have been busy analysing the results and feedback from the <b>Parents and Carers School Improvement Survey</b>. Thank you to everyone who completed this survey. It has given much food for thought and there were definitely some common themes for us to address to improve our school. We are currently working on a plan of action now and will share the results and decisions made around future changes with you all in the new academic year.</p> <p><b>The Year 2 Puma and Year 4 Jungle Cat classes</b> went on their trip to <b>Bedgebury</b> and <b>Year R Cheetah and Leopard classes</b> visited <b>The Rare Breeds Centre</b>. Both trips were a huge success and enjoyed by all. We have had a performance by the our talented in-house <b>guitarists</b>, two Taster Lunches with many of our new EYFS families and to finish off a busy week, <b>Year 6 Lion class</b> presented two performances of <b>Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits!</b></p> <p><b>The performances were absolutely phenomenal.</b> Every child took the stage with confidence, flair, talent and much humour; delivering lines loaded with expression, perfect comedic timing and a standard of acting that could see any one of them starring on the West End stages! I have either been behind the scenes or front of house at Year 6 performances for well over 20 years now and these were the first performances to receive <b>spontaneous standing ovations</b> from an audience! So well-deserved. Well done Year 6 from very 'wowed', proud and emotional staff, friends and family.</p> <p>Enormous thanks to <b>Mr Andrews, Mrs Hutchison, Mrs Morgan and Miss Wallis</b> for their efforts in directing, rehearsing singing and choreography and gathering props but very special mentions to <b>Mrs Wilson-Jukes</b> who made a glorious throne and to <b>Mr and Mrs Ramsell</b> for the outstanding and high quality scenery and costumes. It was like a professional theatre company production!</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Mon 15 July</p> <p>Sports Day Family Picnic</p>	<p>Tues 16 July</p> <p>End of Year Reports <i>After School Swim</i></p>	<p>Weds 17 July</p> <p>Forest School Y1 <i>LAST After School Swim</i></p>	<p>Thurs 18 July</p>	<p>Fri 19 July</p> <p>YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly: YR sharing Y6 Leavers Party 3.30pm</p>
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	<p>Last <b>after school Swim Clubs</b> will be Tuesday and Wednesday this week.</p>				
	<p>There are still a few spaces available for <b>Bikeability</b> which will commence on Thursday, 5 September until Friday, 13 September (excluding 11+ day on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>). 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 <a href="http://scopay.com">scopay.com</a></p>				
	<p>The <b>Bowl Water residential</b> trip is available online where you can make payments via <a href="http://scopay.com">scopay.com</a>. If you would like to spread your payments, the first instalment is due this month with the second due by the end of August.</p>				
	<p><b>In-school Guitar Lessons:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:andydavisguitar@fastmail.net">andydavisguitar@fastmail.net</a> or 07973 680227</p>				

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PTFA</b></p>	<p><b>End of Term Discos:</b> Monday, 22 July - YR/KS1 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm and KS2 from 7pm</p> <p><b>***Ladies Night open to all***</b> Saturday, 20 July. If you know anyone who would like to join the fun please share the details (they do not have to be a parent!). They can contact Maz for ticket/s 07970 535790.</p> <p><b>The Greatest Showman - Saturday 14th September 2019</b></p> <p><u>PTFA version of A Million Dreams</u>  'Cause every night we lie in bed  The brightest colors fill our head  A million dreams are keeping us awake  We think of what the school could be  A vision of the one we see  Raising funds is all it's gonna take  We need your helping hands for the school we're gonna make!</p> <p><b>If you can display a garden board promoting the event or assist on the day/evening, please visit <a href="https://volunteersignup.org/KPXE3">https://volunteersignup.org/KPXE3</a> to see how you can make a difference!</b></p> <p>A limited number of <b>discounted tickets</b> are available for our Pupils, Parents and Teachers. Our unique code is <b>HCPTAGSM</b> <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 style="text-align: center;"><b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b></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><b>Menu Change:</b> Tuesday, 23 July – Sausages will be served with chips and beans</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WRAPAROUND CARE</b></p>	<p>What a fun week we had! It was lovely to spend time outside, either playing football, searching for worms or playing on the play equipment. Inside, we tried making dragonflies with sticks and seeds, and tried our hand at making strawberry, blueberry and banana smoothies: very tasty!  It's the last full week of term this week and we hope you'll join us for some games and fun!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIARY DATES</b></p>	<p>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 attached)  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>Wow, hasn't this year just flown past! Sadly our time together in Early Years has nearly come to an end and what a fantastic year it has been! It has been so rewarding to see how all children have developed socially, emotionally as well as academically over the past year. Both myself and the rest of the Early Years team have been astonished by just how much progress all children have made and the love they possess for their learning. We are so proud of all the children!</p> <p>Please could we ask for a bag (carrier or fabric) with your child's name on it, to be sent into school as soon as possible, so that your child is able to carry all their work home at the end of term.</p> <p>Reading books will be collected in on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July in order for all books to be counted and replaced, if need be. This will mean that the last book change will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, so please be sure to send your child's book in on Monday, so that it can be changed one last time.</p>

<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS:</b> <b>TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS:</b> <b>LYNX</b></p> 	<p>The children had a big surprise last Monday as the class chrysalides had become butterflies. We had the opportunity to hold them on our hand and then we released them, making a wish as we did so! Huge thanks to the PTFA as we used part of our class donation to provide this amazing experience. On Wednesday we will be having our Outdoor Learning Day (also funded by the PTFA), so your child may come to school in their own clothes that you do not mind getting dirty.</p> <p>This week we will be collecting in reading books, so please ensure these are in book bags. We will be continuing our work on time, including days of the week and months of the year.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS:</b> <b>PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>It was a busy week as we focused on our last RE topic, learning about how sacred books are used across different religions and learning some key stories from them. We also loved using drama to consider the importance of rules, not only in religion but in our society.</p> <p>In PE we participated in a very active Football rounders game where we revised our ball skills with a touch of competitiveness. We were certainly all puffed out by the end too. We also practised some sports day activities in preparation for the big day – fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us!</p> <p>Year 6 also performed their fantastic end of year production and we were completely wow-ed by their performances, singing and dancing. What fun we had watching it.</p> <p>We also had our wonderful school trip. We were all so impressed with all the childrens' super behaviour, den making skills and team work. What a fun but exhausting time we all had!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS:</b> <b>JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>The children produced some fantastic comic strips based on our class book, 'Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf' – they plotted the story well and used detailed illustrations too, we were most excited to see that the actual author, David Almond has responded to our work on Twitter! In maths we have started to look at 2D and 3D shape, focussing on their different properties and in music the children have really enjoyed putting together a song with Mrs Hutchison for their assembly. I will send out spellings on Thursday and that will be the last spelling and times tables tests for this year. With the end of the school year fast approaching, can I ask that each child brings in a sturdy carrier bag ready to collect their books together, thank you.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS:</b> <b>JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>Jungle Cats had nothing short of an action packed week! All children had a great time at Bedgebury Pinetum and have really worked hard throughout the week in school too. We have been looking at time in Mathematics and have been working on writing around Charlotte's Web and enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 play.</p> <p>Children had their final spelling test so there will be <u>no further spelling or times tables tests!</u> We plan to resume our usual swimming lessons on Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting) so please can swimming kit be in for these days and the rest of the week if possible!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS:</b> <b>CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>We will be taking time to sort, organise and send home some work from the year including art projects. Please could children bring a bag with them each day that can accommodate the extra items they will be bringing home. They also require a plastic bag (not a bag for life) in which we can store the Year 5 books. These books will be given back to the children at Christmas.</p> <p>There is no home learning. Unless you would like to do some Mathletics to maintain our mammoth status!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS:</b> <b>LIONS</b></p> 	<p>An enormous congratulations to Year 6 for their performances in "Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits". Friday's performance was just as good as the previous one and you all deserve much credit for your preparation and ability to perform on the big stage. You have all done yourselves very proud indeed! This week will be more PE heavy so please make sure you have swimming gear and PE kit ready to go! Finally, please note that the final RSE lesson will be taught this week. If anyone has any questions on this, please see me and I will be happy to discuss.</p>
<p><b>Y6 TRANSITION TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES</b></p>	<p>Plan a route together or give your child directions to follow. Eg in a supermarket/ local park etc – don't tell the child what they're aiming for so that they have to listen to and follow the directions!</p>
<p><b>Year 6 Diary Dates</b></p>	<p>Fri 19th July: Y6 Leavers Party after school Mon 22nd July: Leavers Disco Tues 23rd July: Leavers Assembly from 9am</p>