

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p><b>Head's Lines</b></p> 	<p>Well done to everyone who worked so hard and with such creativity to get our school display together for the lobby of the church for the <b>Flower Festival</b>. It looks stunning! The whole church looks beautiful and it is well worth a visit this weekend.</p>  <p>Your child will be bringing home some information about our <b>1000hrs of Kindness Revolution</b> this October. Please encourage your child to take part and think of how they can be kind in a creative and considered way at school, at home, in the community, to themselves and like a Ninja (anonymously!) There's lots of ideas and we have been set the challenge of breaking our personal school target of 1197hours - that's an average of 4hrs for each of our 300 pupils over the whole month - definitely achievable! Your Kindness Ambassadors Mia and Lucas from Year 6 have planned some class and whole school activities over the month so watch out for news on these.</p> <p>Our <b>Minipods</b> have been installed by the EYFS gate and on the KS2 playground so we can get scooting and cycling to school. To avoid accidents please remember to dismount before coming onto school property.</p> <p>And last, but certainly not least, <b>WELL DONE to Year 2</b> for sharing their progress and achievements with parents and carers at the end of school today. We look forward to other classes sharing their successes so watch out for invites in the class sections below. Year 3 and Year 4 have dates planned to share during the last week of term! (Please see class info and diary dates below).</p>				
<p><b>The week ahead</b></p>	<p>Mon 7 Oct</p>	<p>Tues 8 Oct</p> <p>Y6 CAP Money Awareness visit</p>	<p>Weds 9 Oct</p> <p>Y6 Lenham PE Workshop</p>	<p>Thurs 10 Oct</p>	<p>Fri 11 Oct</p> <p>EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly (<b>Awardees only</b>)</p>
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	<p>There will be no <b>basketball club</b> on Monday 7th or 14th October due to football matches against Kingswood and Staplehurst Schools. Basketball club will return in Term 2.</p>				
	<p>We will be having a <b>Harvest Food collection</b> and donating to the Maidstone Homeless charity. Please could any items of fresh fruit and vegetables or canned foods be dropped into school on Wednesday, 16 October.</p>				
	<p><b>Understanding Your Teenager – a free course</b> – commencing Wednesday, 30 October from 9.30am-11.30am. Headcorn Children's Centre. Please see attached flyer for more information.</p>				
	<p>We are still collecting the <b>Aldi Get Set Eat Fresh</b> stickers and need more to fill up our poster for free school resources! Please pop the stickers in your child's book bag or your class teacher. Thank you.</p>				
	<p>Junior's Day Nursery, based on the school premises, still have places available in the Autumn Term. You can contact them direct by emailing <a href="mailto:headcorn@juniorsdaynursery.co.uk">headcorn@juniorsdaynursery.co.uk</a> to request more details.</p>				
	<p>If your child has an EHCP and you would like to find out more about how the Kent SEN office works, and meet Sharon McLaughlin the <b>SEND Family Engagement</b> officer. Sharon will be discussing her role and how the SEN office are intending to improve their service. No Need to book. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10.15 – 11.40am, Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8NL</p>				

	<p><b>Operation Christmas Child</b> is part of Samaritan's Purse, an initiative that involves communities donating gift-filled shoeboxes that are sent to various countries, bringing the recipients great joy and in some cases, their very first Christmas gift. Boxes are typically sent to Central Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The school has a small number of pre-printed shoeboxes available, alternatively you can decorate your own box. Boxes should be completed by Monday, 11 November, please see attached poster for drop off locations.</p>
<p><b>WRAPAROUND CARE</b></p>	<p>If you would like your child to attend any of these sessions, please collect a registration form and a copy of the policy from the school office.</p> <p><b>Breakfast Club:</b> drop off from: 7.30am until 8.10am - £3.00</p> <p><b>After School Club</b> from end of school until: A. 4.30pm - £5.00 B. 5.15pm - £8.00 C. 6.00pm - £11.00</p>
<p><b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b></p>	<p>A reminder that we do operate a <b>NO DEBT POLICY</b> in school and ALL dinners must be booked and paid for in advance.</p> <p>There is now a facility online for parents across all key stages to make meal selections. Meals choices are only accessible via the full scopay.com site and not the app. If you are having any difficulties, please let the office know.</p>
<p><b>DIARY DATES</b></p>	<p>Wed, 9 Oct: Lenham PE Workshop – Year 6 Fri, 18 Oct: End of Term (Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct) Mon, 28 Oct: Term 2 Starts</p> <p><b>EARLY YEARS PHONICS EVENINGS</b> Wed, 30 October at 6.00pm, or Thurs, 7 Nov at 6.00pm</p> <p><b>CLASS SHARING</b> Weds, 16 October: Y3 sharing to parents/carers from 2.45pm in Keeler Hall Fri, 18 October: Y4 sharing to parents/carers from 2.45pm in Keeler Hall</p> <p><b>FRIDAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES (awardees only):</b> Fri, 11 Oct: YR/KS1 Fri, 18 Oct: KS2</p> <p><b>TERMLY BOOK LOOKS</b> Tues, 15 Oct (Y1-Y6) from 3.20pm Tues, 12 Nov (YR-Y6) from 3.20pm</p> <p><b>TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES</b> Tues, 19 Nov (YR &amp; Y1) afternoon &amp; all year groups eve Tues, 26 Nov (Y2 &amp; Y3) afternoon only Wed, 27 Nov (Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6) afternoon &amp; all groups eve</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS</b> Wed, 4 Dec (YR &amp; Y1) Dress Rehearsal @ 1.45pm (School only) Thu, 5 Dec (YR &amp; Y1) Afternoon Performance @ 1.45pm Fri, 6 Dec (YR &amp; Y1) Evening Performance @ 5.30pm</p> <p>Wed, 11 Dec (Y2 &amp; Y3) Dress Rehearsal @ 1.45pm (School only) Thu, 12 Dec (Y2 &amp; Y3) Afternoon Performance @ 1.45pm Fri, 13 Dec (Y2 &amp; Y3) Evening Performance @ 6pm</p> <p>Fri, 13 Dec Christmas Jumper Day Fri, 13 Dec Christmas Lunch</p> <p>Tue, 17 Dec (Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6) Church Service @ 10am Wed, 18 Dec Christmas Party Day (Non-uniform)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PTFA</b></p>	<p>In recognition of <b>International Teachers Day</b> (5th October) and to show our appreciation for the amazing work by our teachers and teaching assistants, the PTFA gifted £200 to each KS2 Class Teacher in assembly this morning (YR/KS1 Friday, 11 October). They will have the opportunity to decide how that money is spent to benefit their own class over the coming year. Without the fundraising support from our parents and carers, these gestures and investments in our little people would not be possible!</p> <p><b>Dough-nut Miss the Krispy Kreme Sale</b> After school in both YR/Y1 pick up area and KS2 playground on Thursday 17th October. Delicious Glazed Ring doughnuts £1 each. Parents can preorder/prepay for a box of 12 (£10) contact Lizell for more info <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>London Beach Parent Lunch</b> Thank you to those who have booked to join us at lunch on Friday 18th October. Unfortunately we cannot take any further bookings. You should have received a confirmation of your booking in your child's book/school bag. If you haven't or have any other questions please contact Maz Stack on <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Fireworks Night</b> We are looking forward to hosting Headcorn Fireworks again this year on Sunday 3rd November on the school field. Tickets will be on sale soon and details for taking part in the guy competition will be in next weeks headlines. We are as always needing some willing volunteers for set up and during the event. We are offering 2 free tickets to the fireworks to each volunteer. Please contact Vikki and Jen at <a href="mailto:fireworks@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">fireworks@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Christmas Cards</b> The children &amp; teachers have been busy creating some truly fabulous masterpieces for the Christmas cards this year! The artwork and booking information will be going out in book/school bags next week for you to place your orders of cards, wrapping paper &amp; gift tags in good time for the festive season! Full instructions and booking deadlines will also be communicated.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPORT</b></p> 	<p>There will be no basketball club on Monday 7th or Monday 14th October due to football matches against Kingswood and Staplehurst Schools. Parents are welcome to stay and support. Basketball Club will return in term 2.</p>
<p><b>EARLY YEARS</b></p> <p><b>YEAR RA:</b> <b>CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR RB:</b> <b>LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>This week we have been continuing to practise writing the letter 'a' and the numbers 1 and 2. We have learnt the sounds 'm' and 's' and the numbers 3 and 4. Please find practice sheets in your child's book bag to complete at home to reinforce their learning.</p> <p>As the weather is now very autumnal, please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellington boots in school. If not already done, please name any unnamed boots already in school to avoid a scene from Cinderella... whomever the shoe may fit!</p> <p><b>The Early Years team will be holding Phonics evenings on Wednesday, 30 October and Thursday 7 November at 6.00pm</b> (the content on both evenings will be the same). These sessions are to help you support your child with their reading and writing. The evenings are open to parents and carers only, there will be no supervision for children.</p> <p>For your information, on Thursday the children had their height and weight measured.</p> <p>Look out for the YR 'first class' photograph in the KM on sale week commencing 7 October.</p> <p>Thank you very much for the basket donations, they are a lovely addition to the classroom! We are still on the look out for more wicker baskets, large or small, if you have them? Thank you in advance.</p>

**YEAR 1A:  
TIGERS**



**YEAR 1B:  
LYNX**



What another fantastic week of learning in Year 1! We have been looking at the Industrial Revolution, in particular the steam train locomotive and have explored Headcorn railway station past and present. In Maths, we have been looking at 'Greater Than' and 'Less Than' and using dice and cubes to compare different numbers together. We have also been looking at the different symbols for greater than and less than, > and <, so please continue to practice this at home with your child. Reading is still a focus at school, as it influences writing across the curriculum so please read with your child at home, as often as you can.

Just a reminder that we do PE twice a week, so please ensure that your child has a PE in school and that earrings are taken out. Please could you ensure that if your child would like to wear hair accessories, that they meet the school's uniform guidelines.

Have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR 2A:  
PUMAS**



**YEAR 2B:  
PANTHERS**



We are continuing to take part in the mile walk as often as we can. Being energized has really helped us focus in class.

In Maths this week we have been using number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 to help us solve addition and subtraction calculations and using the inverse to check these calculations. Keep practising number bonds at home as they are so important in helping us solve sums with speed and accuracy.

In English we immersed ourselves in the National Day of Poetry on Thursday where we evaluated a range of different poems; acrostic, shape poems etc and then wrote our own based on Lila and Secret of the Rain – thinking about our senses.

Our topic Sensational Safari, saw us finding out about National Parks and Game Reserves and then designing a National Park using a labelled key. We also linked our Safari knowledge in PE and in Music created a dance routine representing a range of different Safari animals.

Thank you so much for those who managed to attend our Year group 'show' – it was great to see so many of you there and the children were so excited to share their amazing story telling and Kenyan chants. Please keep recording in your child's/children's books every night that they read. For each night that they read they will be awarded a smiley face in their bookmarks. Don't feel that the children have to complete a whole book before writing in their reading records, just record every time that they read, be it a couple of pages or a chapter or 2.

If any children have completed the Summer Reading Challenge and would like to have their successes celebrated in KS1 assembly please can they bring in their medals and certificates for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October assembly.

Have a great weekend Year 2 families!

**YEAR 3:  
JAGUARS**



There was much excitement in Year 3 today as we announced our school trip to Maidstone Museum in November, this trip links with our history topic on Ancient Egypt. We will experience two different workshops including a clay craft activity followed by some museum time, I'm sure the children will really enjoy the experience. We have continued with our history topic by researching different Gods and Goddesses and the children produced some fantastic artwork using oil pastels. In maths we have been looking at number bonds to 100 as we begin our topic on addition and subtraction. On Thursday the Jaguars celebrated National Poetry day by creating their own poems based on 'Don't' by Michael Rosen. We loved their enthusiastic approach and some very creative uses of rhyme, but I drew the line at the idea of Mrs Kelly being squashed into a welly! This month the children are all taking part in the 1000 Hours of Kindness initiative throughout the month of October so they will be talking to you about how they can help others at both home, at school and within the community. Keep an eye on your child's blue contact book as they have been recording the results from their times tables and spellings in there, these books need to come to school with them each day. Many thanks for all of the home learning which has been shown in class so far this term, some very creative efforts!

Finally, the children are very keen to share what they've been learning this term and we would love it if you could come in on **Wednesday, 16 October at 2.45pm**. Please arrive via the KS2 playground and someone will meet you there to take you to Keeler Hall. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all.

<p><b>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>We have an exciting week ahead of us in Year 4! We are excited to start our new class book Pugs of the Frozen North, following on from the fantastic work in Year 3 on Oliver and the Seawigs. Project Salus is well underway and the children are in the process of designing their new construction area for the school field. We will keep you updated with their progress! We are very lucky to have Times Tables Rockstars back, we will be rocking out as we learn our multiplication facts, you can also play along at home! Don't forget to keep working on getting those Mathletics points because we want to win the Maths Mammoth and one lucky individual may be taking Dave home (the mini mammoth). As we are expecting a lot of rainy days over the next few weeks, please ensure you have your wellies in school as we use the field at lunch time and it gets very muddy.</p> <p>Finally, the children are very keen to share what they've been learning this term and we would love it if you could come in on <b>Friday, 18 October at 2.45pm</b>. Please arrive via the KS2 playground and someone will meet you there to take you to Keeler Hall. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all. As always, if you have any questions or queries, feel free to speak to any one in the Year 4 team.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>This week we have been really enjoying writing stories about our ancient Greek gods and goddesses. Hopefully we can turn these into books we can share with the school.</p> <p>With it now being truly autumnal, coats are needed every day as it would be nice to be able to go out as much as possible. With that in mind could children please come with a plastic bag to put their trainers in after PE. We will of course give them time to air if damp, but it would help to transport them with minimal mud dispersal. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Year 6 have once again proven their creative chops this week by producing some wonderful pieces of art in class. Not only have they designed some astonishing autumnal flowers for the local church, but they have also been busy creating works in homage to the Vorticist and Futurist art movements - contemporary to WW1 - depicting high-energy scenes of motion and dynamism. Furthermore, I must admit to being completely bowled over by the quality of the trench homework coming in over the course of the week. Apologies if people's gardens have been absolutely massacred in the making of these masterpieces (judging by the industrial level of soil on exhibition) but I suppose we must all suffer for our art...</p> <p>On the subject of mess, as we have recently seen the coming weeks will bring much harsher conditions so all pupils will need to start bringing in their wellies if they have not already done this. This will allow us to utilise the wonderful field we have at Headcorn and indeed reduce the number of children trailing mud around the grounds and in the buildings from their muddy school shoes.</p> <p>The homework for next week should theoretically be less messy but I expect this may be dependent on each individual's manner of working. As we are learning about evolution in science, I would like everyone to research Charles Darwin by presenting a number of written bullet points organised under various subheadings: Family and Early Years, HMS Beagle, Darwin's Theory and Legacy. In addition, if we can once again aim for 1200 points in Mathletics that would be wonderful. We are apparently rather high up in the global rankings as a class so I feel we should do our best to keep the momentum going.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>