

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>I hope many of you were able to visit the church over the previous weekend to take a look at the spectacular displays there. Our flowers are back in school and will be on display in the entrance hall soon. This year we will be supporting the Maidstone Homeless charity for our Harvest Collection. If you would like to donate tinned, dried or packet food items and any fresh vegetables or fruit please bring them in to school next Wednesday 16th October. We will be creating a display in our entrance area along with the beautiful flower creations from the church's Flower Festival. Pictures will also be available on our Twitter feed. Reverend Fiona Haskett will be visiting our assemblies next week to talk to the children about Harvest. Thank you in advance for your generous donations for a worthy cause.</p> <p>Next Tuesday after school from 3.30pm we are opening our classrooms for the termly Book Look for Years 1 - 6 when your child can show you the work they have been doing. Please collect your children as normal and then wait either around the EYFS gate or on the KS2 playground to be shown down to the classrooms at 3.30pm. We cannot open classes until this time as we have to be sure we have reunited as many of the pupils as possible at collection before opening up the site. The teachers will be present for general enquiries but this is not a time for conversations about your child's progress as there will be an opportunity for this at next term's Termly Learning Conferences (Parent Consultations). The online booking for TLCs opens on Friday 18th October. This term's Book Look does not include YR classes as they are gathering their work ready for the TLCs next term. Instead Mrs Day and Ms Gelder are providing a Phonics evening for the parents and carers of these classes. (Please see the Dates for your Diary/the Cheetah and Leopard Class section below for more information).</p> <p>Over Half Term we are providing a few activities that your child may be interested in taking part in. The PTFA are holding a 'Build a Guy' competition ready for our Fireworks event. These can be brought to school from Wednesday 30th October and will be on display in the entrance area. In past year's these have become more and more creative in nature. Our school community then vote on the winner. We are also setting 1000Hours of Kindness challenges over the week's break so watch out for these coming out next week. These will really help us reach our target of 1197hours of kindness in October.</p> <p>The local church are also supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child where you can fill a decorated shoebox with gifts for a child in another country who is less fortunate. There is a limited number of pre-prepared shoeboxes and leaflets on how to do this and what gifts can be included are available from the school office. More information on these three ventures in next week's Headlines.</p> <p>Following the presentation in KS2 Celebration Assembly last week, today I was proud to present the YR and KS1 teachers and their classes with their PTFA cheques celebrating National Teacher Day. As part of the PTFA fundraising, each class teacher is presented with £200 to spend on their class in whatever way they want. In years gone by this money has been spent on visiting specialists for History and Forest School, or on class resources such as den-building or subsidising an extra school trip. The teachers love the fact that they can be all creative with their choices for the benefit of the children in their classes. THANK YOU to the PTFA and everyone who supports their fund-raising events to enable this kind of gift to happen.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 14 Oct</p>	<p>Tues 15 Oct</p>	<p>Weds 16 Oct</p>	<p>Thurs 17 Oct</p>	<p>Fri 18 Oct</p>
		<p>3.30pm Book Look Y1-Y6</p>	<p>Harvest Food Collection 9am Y4 Sharing</p>	<p>PTFA Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale after school</p>	<p>KS2 Celebration Assembly (Awardees only)</p>
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	<p>There will be no basketball club on Monday, 14th October due to a football match against Staplehurst School. Basketball club will return in Term 2.</p>				
	<p>We will be having a Harvest Food collection 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>Look out in school bags TODAY for your child's Christmas Card artwork – there are some creative masterpieces which will look great as cards to send to your family and friends! All orders are to be made online direct to Art Projects for Schools, full details can be found with the artwork. Order deadline is Monday 28th October. Thank you in advance for your support in this exciting annual project!</p>				

	<p>If you have a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, you need to apply now for their place at primary school. You must submit one application per child, even if they already have a sibling at the school. Applying online is quick, simple and convenient. Apply before 15 January 2020: kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</p>
	<p>There will be no crossing patrol on Wednesday, 16 October. As you may be aware this day is the funeral of Isobel Curteis. Pete has informed the school that all are welcome at the church from 11.45pm. There will just be family flowers and anyone attending can wear bright colours as per Iz's wishes.</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 SEND Family Engagement officer. Sharon will be discussing her role and how the SEN office are intending to improve their service. No Need to book. Friday 1st November, 10.15 – 11.40am, Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8NL</p>
<p>WRAPAROUND CARE</p>	<p>A look at what we have been up to this week: making spiders out of egg boxes, polar bear craft and working out what sinks or floats in sparkling water.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p>If you would like your child to attend any of the sessions, please collect a registration form and a copy of the policy from the school office.</p> <p>Breakfast Club: drop off from: 7.30am until 8.10am - £3.00</p> <p>After School Club from end of school until: A. 4.30pm - £5.00 B. 5.15pm - £8.00 C. 6.00pm - £11.00</p>
<p>INDEPENDENT CATERING</p>	<p>A reminder that we operate a NO DEBT POLICY 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>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>Fri, 18 Oct: End of Term (Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct) Mon, 28 Oct: Term 2 Starts</p> <p>EARLY YEARS PHONICS EVENINGS Wed, 30 October at 6.00pm, or Thurs, 7 Nov at 6.00pm</p> <p>CLASS SHARING Weds, 16 October: Y4 sharing to parents/carers from 9.00am via Main Entrance Thur, 31 October: Y3 sharing to parents/carers from 9.00am via Main Entrance</p> <p>FRIDAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES (awardees only): Fri, 18 Oct: KS2</p> <p>TERMLY BOOK LOOKS Tues, 15 Oct (Y1-Y6) from 3.30pm Tues, 12 Nov (YR-Y6) from 3.30pm</p> <p>TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES Tues, 19 Nov (YR & Y1) afternoon & all year groups eve Tues, 26 Nov (Y2 & Y3) afternoon only Wed, 27 Nov (Y4, Y5 & Y6) afternoon & all groups eve</p> <p>CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS Wed, 4 Dec (YR & Y1) Dress Rehearsal @ 1.45pm (School only)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">cont'd...</p>

	<p>Thu, 5 Dec (YR & Y1) Afternoon Performance @ 1.45pm Fri, 6 Dec (YR & Y1) Evening Performance @ 5.30pm</p> <p>Wed, 11 Dec (Y2 & Y3) Dress Rehearsal @ 1.45pm (School only) Thu, 12 Dec (Y2 & Y3) Afternoon Performance @ 1.45pm Fri, 13 Dec (Y2 & Y3) Evening Performance @ 6pm</p> <p>Fri, 13 Dec Christmas Jumper Day Fri, 13 Dec Christmas Lunch</p> <p>Tue, 17 Dec (Y4, Y5 & Y6) Church Service @ 10am Wed, 18 Dec Christmas Party Day (Non-uniform)</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>Kids Bake Off at Bake My Day Saturday 12th October. £5 entry fee. Prizes and Trophies will be awarded for Under 5s, Best tasting, Best decorated, Overall: Best All Rounder. Drop cakes in around 11ish. Judging is at 1pm. There will also be cupcake decorating for a small fee.</p> <p>Krispy Kreme Sale: Dough-Nut Miss It! Thursday 17th October after school in both pick up areas (R/Y1) and (KS2 playground). £1 per glazed ring, first come first served. The option for pre-ordering is now closed.</p> <p>The fireworks will be on Sunday 3rd November, gates open at 4.45pm and the show starts at 5.30pm. Hot drinks, hot dogs and the crepe can will be available again. Tickets will go on sale Friday 18th October at Oldfields Newsagents or through Scopay. Advance prices are £6 Adult (18+), £4 child(4-18yrs) Pre-school child - free but will need a ticket (Scopay purchases will incur an administrative charge of 1%). The gate prices are £8 Adult (18+), £5 child(4-18yrs) Pre-school child - free.</p> <p>The Guy competition will be running again this year, please bring your guys into school on Wednesday 30th October for judging. More information to follow.</p> <p>We still need volunteers, we can't run these events without the help of our wonderful community. We need helpers for marshalling, playground selling and to be on the gate. If you can help please email fireworks@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk and let us know! Each volunteer will receive 2 free tickets to the show.</p> <p>Amazon Smile In addition to raising valuable funds via Easyfundraising.com, you can now support us on Amazon Smile!! It's so easy, do your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk (using your existing Amazon account) and we get 0.5% of all eligible purchases. Same products, same prices, same service! It is FREE money for us, there is no cost to you. Please support us over the next few months when you make your festive purchases.</p> <p>PTFA EGM - Wednesday 30th October 7.30pm at the school hall. Our next meeting will incorporate an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) and a normal PTFA Meeting. To enable us to formally adopt our new Charity Commission Constitution we are required to hold an EGM. The rest of the meeting will run as normal. Agenda to follow. View the new Constitution at https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Constitution-Parentkind-Model-February-2018-to-be-adopted-October-2019.pdf</p>
<p>SPORT</p> 	<p>There will be no Basketball Club on Monday 14th October due to our match against Staplehurst. Parents are welcome to stay and support. Basketball Club will return in Term 2.</p> <p>Headcorn: 4 Kingswood: 5</p> <p>Our first league match of the season ended in disappointment as we lost narrowly to our visitors on Monday this week. After taking an early lead and finishing the first half strongly, with the scores at 3-1, Headcorn then began the second half in buoyant mood. Unfortunately the team then ran out of steam during the second period, conceding 4 goals in quick succession. Although disappointing, we will learn from our experience and go into our next match against Staplehurst ready to give a better performance overall. Well done to all those who represented the school and to the many supporters who stayed behind to watch. To view our current league standings please follow the link below...</p> <p>https://www.greenfieldscps.kent.sch.uk/league-table-201920-1/</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont'd...</p>

	<p>Girls Football Match</p> <p>We have been invited to a friendly football match against Loose Primary School on Thursday 7th November at the beginning of Term 2. We will be selecting a team from Years 5&6 to represent Headcorn in the next week.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS YEAR RA: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>YEAR RB: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>Thank you for continuing to practise letter and number formation with your child at home. This has a huge impact on the progress they make, level of understanding and confidence in class. The formation sheets can be kept at home and used as reference for further practice as it is crucial to keep going over each letter's sound and formation, linking words that begin with that specific sound. Likewise, with number, it is important to understand the quantity and linking it to the numeral.</p> <p>Over this week we have been learning the sounds 's' and 't' and the numbers 5 and 6. Formation sheets will come home in your child's book bag.</p> <p>We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Phonics Evening on either Wednesday 30th October or Thursday 7th November at 6pm. You will only need to attend one session as the content will be the same on both evenings.</p> <p>Remember to look out for the Year R First Class photos in the Kent Messenger today.</p> <p>Thank you to Lzell Williams for the donation of the wooden castle. The children are really enjoying playing with it. We are still on the lookout for wicker baskets, large or small, so if you have any they would be gratefully received.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B: LYNX</p> 	<p>Year 1 have had another amazing week!</p> <p>Carrying on with our book 'Moth: An Evolution Story', we researched the steam engine and its creator, George Stevenson. We watched videos on how a steam engine works and also designed our own engines! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about this, so please continue to research this at home.</p> <p>Year 1 went out on an Autumn Walk on Wednesday afternoon to look for the signs of Autumn, we even collected some leaves to do some leaf rubbing next week! As the weather is turning colder, please ensure that your child has a coat in school.</p> <p>Reading is still a focus in the school, so please continue reading with your child at home as often as you can.</p> <p>Year 1 have PE lessons twice a week (every Thursday and alternate Wednesdays and Fridays), please can you ensure that if your child wears earrings, that they are removed on these days for safety reasons. Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 2A: PUMAS</p>  <p>YEAR 2B: PANTHERS</p> 	<p>Firstly, thank you to all those who were able to share our performance with us last week! We hope you enjoyed the children's rendition of their story of Lila.</p> <p>This week, we have been busy adding and subtracting 10s from our fruit and vegetables from the supermarket, this has really helped the children's knowledge of their 10 times tables.</p> <p>They have also been working hard in science, exploring what it means to have a balanced diet and to eat healthily. The children have all created their own 'Healthy Eating' plate choosing foods from the different food groups!</p> <p>As well as this, Thursday was 'Mental Health Awareness Day', the children spent time writing poems and talking about how to maintain a positive outlook and spoke about strategies to help one another when struggling. They also wrote letters to a nursing home as part of our Thousand Hours of Kindness project. In geography we used iPads to help us research the 'BIG 5' – the children created a fact file using their research.</p> <p>The children should have come home this week with a 'Times Table Rockstars' letter and a copy of their username and password inside their reading record. It would be lovely if the children could spend some time familiarizing themselves with the website.</p> <p>Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.</p>

<p>YEAR 3: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>We were very excited to see that the poet, Michael Rosen, retweeted our Twitter post about our fantastic rhymes based on his poem 'Don't' this week. In English we have been focussing on instructional writing, the Jaguars have become very good at using their bossy verbs to create tasty treats! We are continuing to explore the life of the Ancient Egyptians in our history topic in preparation for our trip next term, if we could have all of the permission letters returned by Friday 18th October that would be really helpful, thank you. We have a couple of requests for some exciting projects for the last week of term (I can't quite believe we are there already!) For Friday 18th October the children will need to bring in a small box (either a cereal type one or a shoebox) as they will be designing and making their own magnetic games as part of their science topic. Also, I have sent a note home in their contact books about the Seawigs we will be creating next week as we continue with our work based around, 'Oliver and the Seawigs.' Finally, apologies if your children have started to mention Christmas and the Nativity, I know it is only October!! We have started to talk about it in class so the children can begin to think about the different roles they might enjoy performing. Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>We've had a very busy week in Year 4: we've been on a bug hunt, made Roman mosaics, started our new class book and finished learning all the moves to our 'James Bond' inspired dance, which we would like to invite you along to see, Wednesday 16th October at 9am. As you probably already know, we are very keen to get our construction area up and running on the school field, for our Salus Project. If there are any materials you could possibly donate, they would be greatly appreciated (please see attached letter from the class). Keep working on getting those oh-so-important Athletics points as we would love to win the Maths Mammoth! Don't forget there are also plenty of bronze, gold and silver certificates to be won as well as Dave (the mini mammoth). Times Table Rockstars is back and I'm hoping our little rockstars are loving playing at home, I enjoy seeing your progress week after week and it really makes a difference in class. Both the Athletics and TTRockstars logins can be found in the front of your contact book. Please ensure that contact books are coming in to school, and you are making a note of when you are reading at home, it can just be the book title and the page numbers you read, with a brief comment, we love to know that you are reading outside of school and hope you enjoy it! Please keep the fantastic home learning coming in, it is wonderful to see how much effort has gone in to each and every piece and it's lovely to see the children taking real pride of their work. A gentle reminder that Harvest is next week, so we will be gratefully collecting any food donations. Please, if you have not yet brought your wellies into school, bring them in as soon as possible, as we use the field at lunch time and it can get very muddy. As always, if you have any questions or queries, feel free to speak to anyone in the Year 4 team. I look forward to meeting with you Tuesday afternoon!</p>
<p>YEAR 5: CARACALS</p> 	<p>This week we have started writing up our own Greek myths and turning them into our own books. We will be illustrating them next week. Our home learning this week is to bring in an item for show and tell. Please don't bring in anything too big or expensive. The children need to be able to talk about the item for at least a minute. This is the last home learning task of the term.</p> <p>I have sent home details of Times Table Rockstars. It is really important that the children get faster and more accurate with their tables as it really benefits their learning. Feel free to focus on this rather than Athletics when they are given screen time.</p>
<p>YEAR 6: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 were fine ambassadors for Headcorn this week as we accepted an invitation to Lenham School for a spot of trampolining and jumping drills. Whilst I had a few attempts with the apparatus myself and unfortunately flagged slightly early (I had been exercising rigorously on the train journey to school), the rest of the class found that they were better suited to the quick pace.</p> <p>In class, we concluded our lesson on financial management led by the Family Trust and have been getting to grips with long multiplication in Maths. If you would like to ask your young charges over the weekend to explain a couple of alternative methods for this, which we have recently learnt in class, you may just have a mind-blowing experience!</p> <p>For homework, I would like a poem about or based on harvest (or what it represents) as the school is due to have its belated harvest celebration later this week. Please hand this in on A4 lined paper. This work is, of course, in addition to the 1200 points in Athletics, which should really be a daily staple of our Y6 diet. I would also like to remind all the parents that we are having a brief "Book Look" on Tuesday straight after school, where you will be able to see the Year 6 classroom and have a look at what your child has been learning thus far. It would be wonderful to see you there.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>