

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>A big WELL DONE to the classes in Year 1 who had their Sharing Assembly this week. They proudly showed their Home Learning Robots and other insights! Year 5 have a sharing opportunity on Monday after school next week when their art will be on display around Keeler Hall so that pupils, parents and carers coming in for the Year 5 Kench Hill Residential information talk can enjoy the children's artistic creations. Year 6 have their Sharing Assembly on Monday 18th November at 9am in the Main Hall.</p> <p>Congratulations to the Girls' Football Team for their fantastic win against Loose Primary School this week. We're on a roll following the Boys' Football Team's win against Sutton Valence last week. Well done to both teams.</p> <p>This coming Sunday is the Remembrance Sunday Event on Headcorn High Street by the War Memorial. Our school will be represented in the parade along with many other pupils in other groups such as Scouts, Guides, Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers etc and laying a wreath at the memorial. If you would like to join the village in supporting this then the parade begins at 10.40am from the station and we will gather at the War Memorial for a 10.50am start. There will be a two minute silence at 11am and a fly past and poppy drop afterwards weather permitting.</p> <p>We are holding another opportunity for you to see your child's books at the Book Look being held after school on Tuesday. This is so that you can look at your child's books in advance of your Termly Learning Conference (TLC) appointment if you wish as they will not be available before or after your TLC appointment. The teachers will have the Maths and English books with them during the appointment itself.</p> <p>This coming Wednesday at 2.30pm Ms Woodgate will be holding a talk about our Relationship Sexual Education (RSE) policy and scheme of work. Each year group teaches a lesson each seasonal term on this subject. The policy and scheme of work are available on our website for you to read. There will be an opportunity to discuss what is taught in each year group and to ask any questions you have and hopefully alleviate any concerns you may have about what we teach in this subject area.</p> <p>This coming Friday it is Children in Need. To celebrate we are allowing pupils to accessorise their school uniform with Children in Need extras such as Pudsey hairband ears if they wish. We will also have the Dance Dash Group coming in from Homewood School who are collecting for the charity so please send your child in with some money if you wish to donate to this cause.</p>				
<p>The week ahead</p>	<p>Mon 11 Nov</p>	<p>Tues 12 Nov</p>	<p>Weds 13 Nov</p>	<p>Thurs 14 Nov</p>	<p>Fri 15 Nov</p>
	<p>3.30 Kench Hill Mtg</p>	<p>Flu Immunisations 3.30 YR-Y6 Book Look</p>	<p>2.30 RSE Mtg 6.00 Y1 Phonics Mtg</p>	<p>9.15 Y1 Phonics Mtg</p>	<p>EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly <i>Children in Need</i></p>
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	<p>On Wednesday, 13 November between 2.30pm and 3.00pm Ms Woodgate will be available to discuss the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum. This is an informal meeting and is an opportunity to look at what each year group will be covering this year. This information is also available on the school website. If you would like to attend, please inform the school office.</p>				
	<p>The Christmas cards, wrapping paper & gift tags orders are back! These will be going out in school bags TODAY, a week ahead of schedule! The order has been checked and everything should be there. Please let the PTFA know ASAP if you are missing anything. Email address: info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p>				
	<p>The last Messy Church of the year will be on Saturday, 23 November at 2:30pm - 4:30pm, in the Andred Hall (Headcorn Village Hall). There will be a varied selection of art and craft to occupy the children, followed by the usual 'tea', including sandwiches and desert. The theme this time is Advent, which is the season when we are preparing for the coming of Christ. We will also be using the afternoon, to help prepare for the Nativity play on 8th December (practising the songs etc). 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>A reminder that bookings must be made in advance. Children should not be sent to Breakfast club without a place as there is a possibility they will be turned away if the session is full.</p> <p>We have been busy in after school club this week with craft activities. The children enjoyed drawing pictures of firework displays and creating firework rockets.</p> 
<p>INDEPENDENT CATERING</p>	<p>Please remember that we operate a NO DEBT POLICY in school and ALL dinners must be booked and paid for in advance. By booking dinners in advance you are also helping teachers to complete class registration quickly and commence teaching.</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<p>YEAR 1 PHONICS REFRESHER MEETINGS Weds, 13 Nov: 6.00pm Thurs, 14 Nov: 9.15am</p> <p>CLASS SHARING ASSEMBLIES Mon, 18 Nov: 9am in the Main Hall</p> <p>TERMLY BOOK LOOKS 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>PTFA Wed, 20 November: PTFA Meeting 7.30pm @ White Horse Pub Tues, 21 January 2020: PTFA AGM</p> <p>CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS Wed, 4 Dec (YR & Y1) Dress Rehearsal @ 1.45pm (School only) 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>Thank you to everyone who came along to our annual fireworks display on Sunday evening, we were so very lucky the rain stayed away for the best part of the show. Thanks also goes out to all the parents and teachers who assisted the Team, ensuring our visitors were not only safe but well fed and kept warm with hot drinks. The PTFA Committee give a huge round of applause to the small but dedicated team of Year 2 & 3 parents who head up The Fireworks Team, they've worked tirelessly over recent months to ensure this annual event took place with a Wow Factor. This event raised over £1000!</p> <p>The Christmas cards, wrapping paper & gift tags orders are back! These will be going out in school bags TODAY, a week ahead of schedule! The order has been checked and everything should be there. Please let the PTFA know ASAP if you are missing anything. Email address: info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p>

Dates for your diary:

Last **PTFA Meeting** of the year is proposed to place **20th November 7.30pm** at The White Horse Pub

Elfridge's Secret Present Stall - Sat 30th November 2pm to 4pm at the Headcorn Football Club's Christmas Fair at the Scout Hut. **Donations** of gift wrap/bags and tags or unwanted quality gifts is appreciated. **Volunteers** are also needed to set up and run the stall during the afternoon.

PTFA AGM - Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm. Reviewing the past 12 months and electing a New Committee: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer. This is a fantastic opportunity for a new team with a fresh approach, skills and contacts to work closely with the school and take the lead on fundraising. Over the coming weeks we will be promoting these roles to the parent community and happy to chat to anyone who is keen to get involved. Or email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk

Reminder: Order form and cash for Reception/Newcomers Christmas Baubles need to be returned to the School Office by the 18th November.

Keep a look out for our festive newsletter in book bags soon!

Sutton Valence: 0 Headcorn: 14

Headcorn took a trip to Sutton Valence Primary School on Tuesday this week for their third football league outing of the season. What followed was an amazing performance by all those involved. The team opened the scoring very early on and were 3-0 up thanks to some well worked passing from our attack. Headcorn's defence also worked hard, shutting the door on any potential counter attacks from Sutton Valence and were rewarded with a well deserved clean sheet by the end of the game. By half time Headcorn were 6-0 up and some changes were made to give the whole squad some game time. The second half saw the team adding a further 8 goals making the final score 14-0. Congratulations to all those involved, you played the game with dignity and respect, showing that it's important to be gracious whether you win or lose. We look forward to our next game in Term 3 when the evening start to lighten again.

Loose Girls: 0 Headcorn Girls: 3

Congratulations to our girls' football team who took part in a friendly match against Loose Primary School on Thursday 7th November this week. The girls played very well and the match was very even however in the second half the Headcorn team scored an opener through Evie in Year 6. Headcorn piled on the pressure and had many attacks on the Loose goal hitting the post twice. Later in the second half a further two goals were scored by Beckah and again through Evie. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the team from the sidelines. As the girls were so keen we hope to find another fixture for Term 3 once the evenings start to lighten.

The **Kent School Games Basketball competition** will take place on *Wednesday 20th November* from 3:45pm until 6:00pm at The Lenham School. We hope to take two teams to the event but this is dependent on spaces not being taken up by other schools.

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**EARLY YEARS
YEAR RA:
CHEETAHS**



**YEAR RB:
LEOPARDS**



Thank you to everyone who has attended our Phonics presentations. We hope you found the sessions informative and beneficial for helping your child/ren when reading and writing at home.

Over the past week the children have been learning all about Fireworks night and Guy Fawkes. They have created beautiful artwork using different media to represent their experiences. We have also painted self-portraits, discussing our similarities and differences such as the colour of our eyes, skin and hair, and next week we will continue to explore this topic in terms of likes and dislikes. So that your child/ren have plenty of ideas, please could you talk with them about their favourite foods, games, toys etc.

As learning progresses, by now your child/ren should be able to identify the sounds a, m, s, d, t, i, p, and n and be able to form the letters correctly when writing them. They should also be able to blend sounds together to make words (using the sounds above), such as 'sat', 'tin', 'in', 'pit' etc. Please help your child/ren to think of words that begin with these sounds, especially when you are out and about to make it fun and light-hearted – supermarket shopping need never be boring again! Your child/ren should now also be able to recognise and write numbers to 10 and we will be focusing on matching numerals to different sets of objects in the coming weeks. Please encourage your child/ren to count sets of objects at home and see if they can write the correct number to represent that amount.

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	<p>As winter is fast approaching and the cold weather is nearly upon us, please encourage your child/ren to be independent in fastening their coat zips or poppers. Now that the children are bringing in gloves etc, please make sure that all items are named, including water bottles, lunchboxes, gloves, hats and scarves.</p> <p>At the beginning of the week you should have found a slip in the book bag detailing Nativity parts and costume requirements. Please make sure that these come in in a named bag. The children will be working hard to learn their dance routines and songs which we look forward to showing you in December. More information regarding the Nativity will be sent out soon.</p> <p>If you were not able to attend the Phonic evenings please find a yellow learning journey book in your child's book bag. Photographs of your child's experiences such as celebrating Halloween, Diwali, riding their bike, swimming lessons, baking and visits out etc can all be recorded in the book and will contribute to your child's end of year final assessments. Any problems please speak to Mrs Day or Ms Gelder.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B: LYNX</p> 	<p>Mrs Saye and Miss Brook would like to say a big thank you all of those that attended the Year 1 sharing assembly yesterday; the children really enjoyed seeing their family and were proud to show you all of the amazing work that they have been producing! The children, and the teachers, really appreciate your support, so thank you!</p> <p>This week we have been learning all about Bonfire night and why we celebrate it. The children learnt about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and were shocked to hear that this actually happened! Ask your children about this event, and I am sure they will be more than happy to tell you about it! Continuing with our theme of Bonfire night, in Art and DT the children have been creating firework inspired art by using colourful chalk pastels on black card and also, making rockets out of recycled toilet rolls! We think they look incredible, so we will be making a display out of their fantastic creations. Spelling books will be going home again today, with spellings for the children to learn by next Thursday (14th), so please ensure that the books are in school by then. The books are for the test, so please refrain from writing on the pages. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Robertson. In regards to dropping off the children in the morning, please can you say goodbye by the blue gate (where Miss Brook and Mrs Saye stand) to increase the children's independence in entering the classroom alone.</p> <p>As you know, your children are at a crucial stage in learning to read and spell this year. We would like to invite you all to come to a Phonics refresher so we can show you how we teach the children in Year 1 and what you can do to help your children at home. If you are able to come without younger siblings, that would be preferable, however if you can't make alternative arrangements, please do not let this stop you coming along. The first Phonics refresher will take place on Wednesday, 13 November at 6.00pm and the second on Thursday, 14 November at 9.15am. Please arrive for both via the school office.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 2A: PUMAS</p>  <p>YEAR 2B: PANTHERS</p> 	<p>We have been completely wow-ed by the amazing home learning already making its way in this term. Keep it coming Year 2's! We have particularly enjoyed sharing the personal projects about family members.</p> <p>In English this week we have been delving deeper into our new text, 'Halibut Jackson,' and loved receiving a scroll that was an invite to the queen's party. We created a conscience alley and then wrote an argument for and against going to the party, using a range of conjunctions. We later then had to use these ideas to help write a RSVP to the queen.</p> <p>In Maths we have been using number bonds to help find complements of numbers and to add three 1-digit numbers. We have continued to use a range of manipulatives to scaffold our understanding as well as using visual representations.</p> <p>Science saw us recapping on parts of the body and thinking carefully about joints, movement and what they do for our bodies.</p> <p>Next week as part of Interfaith week, we will be working on our next RE topic, 'How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?' and looking at celebrations across different religions.</p> <p>This term, we will be showing and sharing home learning on a Tuesday. This is primarily an opportunity to share our home learning but if there is something <u>extra special</u> to show or share we will try to make time for this.</p> <p>Have a great weekend Panthers and Pumas.</p>

<p>YEAR 3:</p> <p>JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Well, I think Jaguar class certainly impressed the staff at Maidstone Museum with their knowledge about the Ancient Egyptians! They had a great day on their school and definitely enjoyed exploring the museum with enormous energy and enthusiasm! Well done Year 3! This marks the end of our history topic and we will now be moving onto our topic of Extreme Earth, I have sent a copy of this term's Home Learning and it can also be found on the school website. Many thanks to the children who have begun to learn their lines for our upcoming nativity, we will be sending out costume requests soon, please try to learn any lines as soon as possible as it makes rehearsals go much more smoothly. Outdoor PE returns to Thursday next week, please remember we are doing football skills so the children are encouraged to wrap up warm and to wear old trainers or football boots (please send in a spare carrier bag for muddy footwear). As well as Mathematics, I have also sent home passwords for Times Tables Rockstars in their blue contact book, there is an accompanying letter which explains how to use it, hopefully we will have some time in school next week to explore it further too. Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 4:</p> <p>JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Thank you to those whom donated materials for our construction project, we can proudly say it is now finished and up and running! This week, we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases, writing a programme for the Great North Race and taking our time to draw a pug in detail, I am sure the children are all very excited to share their learning with you, and I am looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday for the book look. We've got a busy week next week with Remembrance Day, Inter-faith Week and Anti-bullying Week, the focus will be on celebrating our similarities and respecting others. We need to keep earning those Mathematics points, but please don't forget Times-Table Rockstars! It was fantastic to see so many Year 4s receiving certificates for both Mathematics and Times-Table Rockstars. Finally, the field is getting very muddy, which means our trainers are getting very dirty, as we don't want to put muddy trainers in with our PE kits, could you please provide your child with a carrier bag to store their trainers in. I hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 5:</p> <p>CARACALS</p> 	<p>This week we have done a fantastic job painting our vases - these will be on display at the Kench Hill information talk on Monday after school.</p> <p>Please remember to bring in a small plastic bag to put trainers in after PE to avoid any mud contamination of kit.</p> <p>Don't forget your coats as we will always endeavour to have break time outside even when it's a bit chilly.</p>
<p>YEAR 6:</p> <p>LIONS</p> 	<p>There were a few collective sighs of relief disappointment this week upon discovering that we were finished with our long division work. I must say how impressed I have been with the pupils' work on this; I believe we have faced our fears with a steadfast assurance and have survived to tell the tale.</p> <p>In English, we are on the verge of finishing our first class book, "Stay Where You Are and Then Leave", and indeed we may possibly have something to show to your good selves following its conclusion - watch this space!</p> <p>This week also saw the introduction of our new topic, Trade and Economics. We sharpened our negotiation skills and produced a range of "goods" in a game designed to explain the concept of importing and exporting. The homework this week is related to our new topic and requires the pupils to ransack the cupboards at home (apologies) in order to create a global meal. If they can take this one step further and locate the items' countries of origin using an atlas, then that would be ideal. Of course, spellings and Mathematics form the rest of this nutritious home learning diet.</p> <p>Have a fantastic weekend!</p>