

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<b>Head's Lines</b> 	<p>The village held a moving <b>Remembrance Memorial Service</b> last Sunday where wreaths were laid by so many representatives of our community including many of our current and ex-pupils. We all felt very proud of our children being such an involved and prominent part of our wider community.</p> <p>Well done to <b>Year 5 for their Sharing Opportunity</b> where they displayed their Greek vases in a display worthy of a gallery showing. These are now on display in the main entrance for all to enjoy. Year 6 have their Sharing Assembly this coming Monday morning at 9am in the Main Hall.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who supported our <b>1000hours of Kindness</b> month this October. Our hours have been totalled and we broke our target of 1197 hours with a whopping <b>2069 hours!</b> This is a fantastic effort and hopefully has had a really positive impact on our school and village community. The 1000 Hours organisation which is based in Ashford and works across the town, partnered with 25 schools this year and broke their own records with an overwhelming record of <b>53833 hours of kindness</b> altogether. We still have initiatives that we didn't get time to complete in October so will roll these out over the course of the rest of this academic year as we know that kindness is not limited to October!</p> <p>The ticket sales and costs have all been calculated and we raised <b>over £1000 from our PTFA Fireworks Display</b> at the beginning of November. A big thank you to Vikki, Jen and the PTFA and staff members that organised and managed this fantastic event. It was a lovely display, the weather held off as much as it could and I received so many positive comments and expressions of thanks as families left the site.</p>				
<b>The week ahead</b>	Mon 18 Nov	Tues 19 Nov	Weds 20 Nov	Thurs 21 Nov	Fri 22 Nov
	9.00am Y6 Sharing Assembly	TLCs	Y4 Lenham Sports Workshop 7.30pm PTFA Mtg White Horse		KS2 Celebration Assembly
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	<p><b>Wellies Needed!</b> If anyone has any spare pairs of wellies still in a reasonable condition we would very much appreciate them at school. All sizes welcome!</p>				
	<p><b>Termly Learning Conferences</b> begin next week. Books will not be available for browsing beforehand as all classes will be meeting in the Main Hall. The teachers will have your child's English and Maths books during your appointment.</p>				
<b>INCLUSION</b>	<p><b>Young Carers</b> – Help and support for children and young people who care for someone in their family who has a long term illness or disability. Leaflets are available in the school office lobby or you can access more information online at <a href="http://www.carerskm.org">www.carerskm.org</a> or by emailing <a href="mailto:enquiries@crossroadskent.org">enquiries@crossroadskent.org</a></p>				
<b>WRAPAROUND CARE</b>	<p>Another busy, but fun week in wraparound care. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working together in Breakfast Club to build the tallest and most spectacular tower out of building bricks. Duplo is a massive hit with the children. It has been lovely to see them so engrossed.</p>				
<b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b>	<p>The <b>Christmas lunch menu</b> (Friday, 13 December) is displayed at the school office and you should have also received a copy by email. All children will be booked in for a meal on this day unless you let the office know otherwise.</p>				
<b>DIARY DATES</b>	<p><b>CLASS SHARING</b> Mon, 19 Nov – Year 6 @ 9.00am <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 <b>PTFA</b> Wed, 20 November: PTFA Meeting 7.30pm @ White Horse Pub Tues, 21 January 2020: PTFA AGM</p>				

	<b>CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS</b> 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 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 Fri, 13 Dec Christmas Jumper Day Fri, 13 Dec Christmas Lunch Tue, 17 Dec (Y4, Y5 & Y6) Church Service @ 10am Wed, 18 Dec Christmas Party Day (Non-uniform)
PTFA	Reminder: Order form and cash for <b>Reception/Newcomers Christmas Baubles</b> need to be returned to the School Office by Monday 18th November. Tickets are now available from Marie or Ebony in the playgrounds for <b>Krishna Ladies Night</b> on Saturday 7th December £20 includes a meal and DJ. Seats are limited, first come first serve. Dates for your diary: Last <b>PTFA Meeting</b> of the year is proposed to place 20th November 7.30pm at The White Horse Pub <b>Elfridge's Secret Present Stall</b> - Sat 30th November 2pm to 4pm at the Headcorn Football Club's Christmas Fair at the Scout Hut. <b>Donations of gift wrap/bags and tags or unwanted quality gifts</b> is appreciated. Please pass over to Lizell or your class rep or school office. <b>Volunteers</b> are also needed to set up and run the stall during the afternoon. <b>PTFA AGM - Tuesday 21st January 2020</b> 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 <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a> Keep a look out for our <b>festive newsletter</b> that went out in book bags this week.
<b>SPORT</b> 	Please could all remaining <b>kit</b> that has not yet been returned from our recent matches, against Loose and Sutton Valance, be brought back to school by Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November. We will be playing competitive <b>Kent School Games Basketball</b> next week at The Lenham School. We have asked to take two teams, however, permission for a second team cannot be confirmed until after the team entry closing date of Friday, 15 November. There will be <b>no</b> Football Club on <b>Wednesday, 20 November</b> due to our participation in the above event. Depending on the outcome the club should return on Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November.
<b>EARLY YEARS</b> <b>YEAR RA: CHEETAHS</b> 	Thank you to everyone who came to our Book Look. We hope you are proud of your child/ren and of all they are achieving. We look forward to seeing you again at the Termly Learning Conferences. We have been learning about the meaning of Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. The children enjoyed making handprint poppies for our classroom displays. During our Read Write Inc Phonics sessions, we have been concentrating on blending the sounds we know to write words. Any opportunities to continue this at home will have a big impact on your child's progress. Next week we will be spending time outside, looking for signs of Autumn and representing these through art. <b>Thanks to those of you have already brought in nativity costumes. Please could any remaining costumes be brought in as soon as you have them.</b>
<b>YEAR 1A: TIGERS</b> 	What a wonderful week we have had! The children have really enjoyed exploring and performing 'the rhythm of life', a poem by Michael Rosen in their English! As well as this they are now very confident with part whole models in Maths and we would love to see them doing this outside of school, maybe they could even teach you! We have now moved on from addition to subtraction (within 10) and it would be really helpful to the children's learning if at home you could also practice this. All letters about costumes have now been sent out and if you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to ask. <b>Nativity costumes must be in by 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> in a named plastic bag. Can you also ensure that all green cards (lines for the nativity) remain in children's bags so they are available to them for any rehearsals at school and that these lines have been learnt. If your child's green card has been misplaced please let your class teacher know so this can be replaced for you as soon as possible. As it is getting colder, please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a coat and that any extras (hat, scarf, gloves etc.) are named, so that we can reunite any lost items quickly. Hope you have a lovely weekend!
<b>YEAR 1B: LYNX</b> 	

<b>YEAR 2A: PUMAS</b>  <b>YEAR 2B: PANTHERS</b> 	<p>Thank you to all of those who were able to share all our amazing work in <b>Book Look</b> this week. We really did enjoy sharing all our work with you.</p> <p>We have also enjoyed celebrating ‘Interfaith week,’ and finding out about how other religions celebrate different festivals which leant us nicely to looking at how we celebrate Christmas at home. We then spent a wonderful afternoon making Christmas decorations. We had the opportunity to look at Sikhism, Judaism and Islam festivals and compare these to each other.</p> <p>In Science this week we got a little messy investigating how germs spread and how best it is to remove these from our hands. We loved using the glitter to cover our hands and tried different strategies to remove the glittery germs.</p> <p>The children have really impressed us this week with our knowledge of money. They have calculated different amounts of money using both coins and notes and have started to find different ways to find the same amounts. Any practice of handling money in a real-life context would be great to further their understanding.</p> <p>Next week we will be teaching our first RSE session on, ‘Differences: Boys and Girls.’</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend Year 2!</p>
<b>YEAR 3: JAGUARS</b> 	<p>Many thanks to those of you who could make our Book Look this week, the children always enjoy the opportunity to share their books with you all. It's been a busy week looking at the symbols of different religions for Inter-faith week and marking the importance of Remembrance Sunday. In maths we have been ploughing on with subtraction, looking at what happens when we need to exchange our numbers to make the subtraction happen! In English we have continued to explore Oliver's adventures by creating a balanced argument as to whether or not Cliff should travel to the Hallowed Shallows or not, the children were very persuasive! Please remember to bring in a small plastic bag to put trainers in after PE as the trainers / football boots can get very muddy. Just a reminder that the children need a healthy snack and a water bottle in school every day, Year 3 is hungry work and fruit is no longer provided in Key Stage 2. I have sent home information with regards to costumes for our Nativity play, please do not hesitate to let me know if I can help in any way – many thanks. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all at TLCs.</p>
<b>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</b> 	<p>What a week! This week we have been writing about the terrifying mythical creature, the Kraken, in English, we've been introduced to the decimal point this week in Maths and we had great fun learning about the uses of gases by exploring how much carbon dioxide are in our fizzy drinks! On top of learning about various religions for inter-faith week and by coming up with a friendship system for anti-bullying week. Tag rugby is a roaring success with Year 4 but it is muddy, could you please provide your child with a plastic carrier bag to put muddy trainers in, we do have some spares but not enough for everybody. Could I also please ask that you bring in any empty kitchen/toilet roll tubes and any empty cereal boxes? They will be used for our Roman architecture DT project soon! Year 4 are very excited to be visiting The Lenham School on Wednesday to use their fitness gym.</p>
<b>YEAR 5: CARACALS</b> 	<p>Year 5s wonderful Greek Pottery is now on display in the entrance hall, they should be rightly proud. Want some ideas for stocking fillers? Have a little pencil case check, children would really benefit from having a few spare handwriting pens, pencils, a rubber, sharpener and their own 30cm ruler. Colouring pencils are a nice little bonus.</p>
<b>YEAR 6: LIONS</b> 	<p>Thanks again to all those who visited for the Book Look on Tuesday. It was a pleasure to host you once again and I look forward to continuing our dialogues in the upcoming TLCs. For those of you who had other commitments or were unable to make this one, please do not despair: I shall endeavour to have the books on my person for the TLCs so you can happily peruse your child's work then.</p> <p>May I also take this opportunity to cordially invite you all to <b>our poetry reading on Monday 18 November at 09.00am</b>. Every pupil is involved and we are excited to show you our efforts. We have been practising using our voices in different ways and have also been working on our choreography and movement. I am positive that it will prove to be a highly polished gem!</p> <p>For homework this week, I would like the class to write a book review for our (now finished) class book, “Stay Where You Are and Then Leave”. I have given the class a help sheet to refer to when writing this to provide them with a few ideas. Mathletics and spellings have also been set.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend and I shall hopefully see you in fine fettle for Monday!</p>