

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>Thank you to everyone for a successful first day of Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs) on Tuesday. There was a lovely atmosphere in the hall. Next week we have two more sessions so we look forward to seeing everyone there. If you are unable to make your appointment or are running late please let the school office know as soon as possible.</p> <p>This month we have been enjoying Enrichment activities each Friday. All Teachers and Teaching Assistants are running a club around something that they enjoy and want to share with the children. We have clubs such as cross-stitch, creative writing, Marvel, dinosaurs, dance, reading, singing, etc.</p> <p>Next week we look forward to a visit from The Book Bus on Wednesday. Please see below for more information. Have a lovely weekend!</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 25 Nov	Tues 26 Nov	Weds 27 Nov	Thurs 28 Nov	Fri 29 Nov
		TLCs	Book Bus TLCs		EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly
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	<p>Wellies Needed! 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>On Wednesday, 27 November The Big Red Book Bus will be present on the front car park from 8.30am. All of the books on the flyer (sent home and attached) can be pre-ordered and will also be available to buy on the day (amongst many other titles). If you would like your child to be able to buy a book when they visit with their class, then sending them in with £5 or £6, in a named envelope, will ensure they will be able to do so. Alternatively, you can visit before or after school with your child and we will also have times (to follow) when parents/friends/family can visit alone to do a bit of Christmas shopping! We will receive a percentage of all purchases to buy new books for the school.</p>				
	<p>With Christmas on the way and many pupils thinking about the latest game for their console. Please find attached, to this weeks issue of Headlines, <i>A Parents Guide to Call of Duty: Modern Warfare</i>.</p>				
INCLUSION	<p>Young Carers – 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 www.carerskm.org or by emailing enquiries@crossroadskent.org</p>				
WRAPAROUND CARE	<p>This week children have been enjoying the Autumn weather and playing outside. We have also had some fantastic balloon volleyball pursuits. For those who like a little peace and quiet, our canopied reading corner is just the place to snuggle up amongst the bean bags with a book.</p>				
INDEPENDENT CATERING	<p>The Christmas lunch menu (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>				
DIARY DATES	<p>TERMLY LEARNING CONFERENCES Tues, 26 Nov (Y2 & Y3) afternoon only Wed, 27 Nov (Y4, Y5 & Y6) afternoon & all groups eve PTFA 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 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>				

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	<p>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)</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>All Christmas cards, wrapping paper and tags orders have now been sent home in school bags. If you have NOT received yours please contact Art Projects for Schools direct on 0800 027 1939 as there may have been a problem with your order.</p> <p>Tickets are now available from Marie or Ebony in the playgrounds for Krishna Ladies Night on Saturday 7th December £20 includes a meal and DJ. Seats are limited, first come first serve.</p> <p>Dates for your diary: 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. Please pass over to Lizell or your class rep or school office. Volunteers are also needed to set up and run the stall during the afternoon.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Keep a look out for our festive newsletter that went out in book bags this week.</p>
<p>SPORT</p> 	<p>The Basketball tournament that was scheduled for Wednesday this week was sadly postponed due to The Lenham School having essential work carried out on their heating system in the sports hall. The event will be rescheduled for later in the term and we will endeavour to again take part.</p> <p>Can I also remind parents to return permission slips to school with all sections filled in correctly. Unfortunately we cannot accept slips that are incomplete, as it hinders their process through the school office and also prevents us from safeguarding pupils correctly in order for them to take part in the event.</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS</p> <p>YEAR RA: CHEETAHS</p>  <p>YEAR RB: LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>It was lovely to have the opportunity to talk with those of you who had TLCs this week about your child's first months at school. We look forward to seeing the rest of you next Wednesday evening.</p> <p>Please could we remind you to complete your child's weekly school dinner choices online at home.</p> <p>Water bottles must be named as we have several identical ones, making it impossible for the children to know which one is theirs.</p> <p>Please could nativity costumes be brought into school as soon as possible. The children have been practising their songs and dances and are very excited to show you.</p> <p>This week we have been learning the sounds c and k, and using them to read and write words using the sounds we already know. In Maths we have been matching numerals to sets of objects. Please continue to practise these skills at home so that your child can use them independently and confidently.</p> <p>We have been gradually progressing to "the big change" for PE after Christmas. To promote your child's independence, and in readiness for getting changed, please could we ask that they continue to practise dressing themselves and developing these skills. We have been very impressed with some children who are able to fasten their own coat!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 1A: TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B: LYNX</p> 	<p>Year 1 have had another amazing week of learning!</p> <p>Thank you to all the parents that came to TLC meetings on Tuesday, it was lovely to sit down and have such positive conversations with parents, so thank you. The next TLC appointments will be on Wednesday 27th November.</p> <p>In Maths, we have been continuing to explore subtraction using cubes and other objects to help us answer questions. The children have been using the part whole model to help find the missing part, such as 8-5=? The children are able to understand that then we subtract, we always start with the bigger number.</p> <p>Lynx and Tiger classes have been rehearsing for their nativity this week, and we are so impressed with how the children have learnt their lines, and how confident they are speaking on stage. A reminder that the green cards with the children's lines on need to be in school, so that they are readily available for children to use during our rehearsals. Thank you for the amount of Nativity costumes that have been handed in already, please be aware that costumes need to be in school by next Friday (29th). If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont'd</p>

	<p>With the weather turning colder, can you please make sure that your child comes into school with appropriate clothing, such as thick coat, hat, scarves and gloves.</p> <p>Phonics spellings are quizzed on a Thursday, so can you please ensure that the green spelling books are back in school before this day, thank you.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 2A: PUMAS</p>  <p>YEAR 2B: PANTHERS</p> 	<p>It's been a busy week as we continued to master our knowledge of money. The children have been finding difference of amounts and using blank number lines to help calculate change. In English we enjoyed a creative session designing a party suit for Halibut Jackson and then writing persuasively to encourage him that only their outfit would be fit for a royal party. We were really impressed with their use of adjectives and rhetorical questions to really sell their ideas.</p> <p>We have continued to use Scratch this week in creating our own game as well as in Art studying our next artist, Kandinsky and painting some wonderful spooky tree pictures.</p> <p>Next week we will be delivering our second RSE session on Males and Females and looking at how male and female animals differ.</p> <p>There has also been some opportunities to practise our Nativity. Your child/children should have come home with their part and a suitable costume suggestion. Please come to us if you need any help sourcing a costume as we may have spares. You should also have received by now an email explaining tickets for the Nativity.</p> <p>Please can we remind the children that they all should have a water bottle in every day. Learning in Year 2 is thirsty business!</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>This week, the Jaguars have enjoyed starting their new topic, Extreme Earth, they have looked at the different layers of the earth and written some exciting stories imagining what might happen to them if they fell down a sink hole! We have already had some potentially explosive home learning coming into class. In maths we are coming to the end of our subtraction topic and will be starting looking at multiplication and division. Mathletics is still set regularly, the children need to earn 1000 points in order to achieve a Bronze certificate. We have also been looking at Times Tables Rockstars in class, their passwords for this have been sent home in their contact books. Nativity rehearsals will be in full flow next week, many thanks for all the extra practising that you have been doing with your children to help them to learn their lines, they really do need to know them for next week please. It was great to meet so many of you at TLCs last week to discuss the progress the children have made so far this year and I look forward to seeing everybody else next week.</p>
<p>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>This week we were incredibly fortunate to go to the Lenham school to use their gym equipment! We had so much fun as 'Year 4 of the Frozen North', as we used the equipment to travel to the Snowfather's palace. We have also been looking at how different festivals are important to religious communities and writing an epic poem about the great Pug/Kraken battle! Thank you for all those whom completed the home learning this week, I hope you are gaining a really <i>solid</i> understanding of solids, liquids and gases, whilst enjoying the tasty treats you made! A big focus in Year 4 is learning our times-tables, so please keep up the great work on Times-Table Rockstars (the 'Soundcheck' game is the one I would recommend), but don't forget to go on Mathletics and win as many points as you can! It was lovely to meet most of you at TLCs on Tuesday and I am really looking forward to meeting everyone else on Wednesday, as always though, if you do have anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 4 team.</p>
<p>YEAR 5: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Year 5 have PE twice a week and need kits for both indoor and outdoor activities. Please could you ensure all kits are in on a Monday for the week ahead, it is such a shame when they miss out because of not having trainers and such. If you are finding handing in home learning on Monday challenging, children are able to bring in their work in advance of the due date. There is a tray available for them to put it in. The home learning is also on the school website if you want to check tasks in advance. Home learning club is available on a Thursday if you want to take the pressure off at home.</p>
<p>YEAR 6: LIONS</p> 	<p>It was wonderful to see so many of you for the recent TLCs and I look forward to meeting the rest of you for Round 2 on Wednesday to discuss your child's learning.</p> <p>We have introduced the next class book, "The Journey" this week in English and the homework is indeed related to this. I would like the pupils to imagine having to flee their country of birth due to an outbreak of war. Aside from clothes, they are only able to pack 10 items in their suitcase to take with them on this gruelling journey. What would they choose to take with them and why? I shall leave the presentation of this up to each individual but I am curious to see how they will justify each selection. In addition, I have assigned the usual Mathletics but have also set up a "Rock Battle" with the Year 5s on Times Table Rock Stars. I know Mrs Woodgate will be motivating her troops so I'm laying down the gauntlet to the Year 6s to show them how it's done!</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>