

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<p>Head's Lines</p> 	<p>What a wonderful start to Advent and the Christmas season we have had this week with spectacular and beautifully traditional Lower School (YrR&1) Nativity Performances. They have really set the tone and high standard for the rest of our Christmas events. Very well done Cheetah, Leopard, Lynx and Tiger classes. You were all fantastic!</p> <p>Next week we will be enjoying our Middle School (Yr2&3) Performances of Lights Camel Action 2: The Sequin. We also have a very busy Friday next week with Christmas Jumper Day (normal uniform adorned by a festive jumper or t-shirt), Christmas lunch and there may even be a visit from a very special guest!</p> <p>I hope every one is enjoying opening the MAF Advent calendar. If you would like to see all the Christmas activities, competitions and information about different countries that they fly to please log on to https://gb.mafadvent.org</p> <p>Our Christmas Postbox is ready and waiting for any Christmas cards your child may wish to send. Please ensure that the envelope has both forename and surname and class of the recipient! We ask that you do not attach or enclose any chocolate or sweets with cards. Thank you.</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 09 Dec	Tues 10Dec	Weds 11Dec	Thurs 12 Dec	Fri 13 Dec
	Choir at Yew Tree House		Choir at Eldercare	Choir at Culpepper Court Y2/Y3 Afternoon Performance (1.45pm)	YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Y2/Y3 Evening Performance 6.00pm)
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	<p>We have had a fantastic response to our Family Food Bank request. Contributions will be collected on Friday, 13 December so there is still time for you to drop something into the box in the main entrance. Donations of food, toiletries or even small gifts are very welcome. Thank you for your support.</p>				
	<p>Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday, 13 December. Your child is welcome to wear either a Christmas jumper instead of their purple jumper/cardigan/fleece or a Christmas T-shirt over their school shirt or under their purple cardigan/fleece. Please ensure that the rest of their clothing on this day is normal uniform. They may also wear other Christmassy items eg hairbands, clips, hats, etc as it is Christmas Dinner day but any Christmas earrings MUST be small studs for safety reasons.</p>				
	<p>In this weeks issue of Headlines and in the run up to the festive holiday, where pupils may spend more of their free time online, please find attached a copy of National Online Safety's latest infographic giving great Internet safety tips for Primary aged children. Why not share this with your family and start a digital discussion today?</p>				
DIARY DATES	<p>CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 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 Tues, 21 January 2020: PTFA AGM</p>				
PTFA	<p>Headcorn Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, 16 February 2020. We are looking to offer places for keen runners and build a team who would like to run and raise money for the PTFA. We would help to promote your fundraising and offer support in the lead up and on the day. If you are interested and would like to discuss helping please email info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p>				
WRAPAROUND CARE	<p>This week we have enjoyed a few Christmas activities. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making Christmas trees and Snowflakes. We still have children arriving for Breakfast Club without a booking. Please remember to make your booking in advance as we cannot always guarantee a place.</p>				

<p>SPORT</p> 	<p>We apologise for the cancellation of Monday's Basketball tournament. This was due the heating work that is taking place in the sports hall at Lenham School. The tournament will be rescheduled for the start of Term 3, which gives us a little more time to practise.</p> <p>May I remind pupils wishing to represent the school at upcoming sports events that they are encouraged to show the school's core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, courage, compassion and hope in all aspects of Headcorn life. We need to look after, and out for, one another in order to form close team bonds and go on to help each other to succeed. GO TEAM HEADCORN!</p>
<p>EARLY YEARS</p> <p>YEAR RA:</p> <p>CHEETAHS</p>  <p>YEAR RB:</p> <p>LEOPARDS</p> 	<p>We hope you all enjoyed this year's Nativity performances. We were very proud of all the children and the self confidence that they demonstrated on stage. Thank you for supplying wonderful Nativity costumes, they brought the characters to life. Well done to everybody!</p> <p>This week we have been learning the letter sounds u and b. The children have been learning how to write the letters and use the sounds correctly when reading and writing words. We have been writing lots of sentences using all the sounds covered to date (a, m, s, d, t, i, n, p, o, g, c, k, u and b) but this is something that all children need to practise to build their skills and level of confidence.</p> <p>We have been beginning to talk about the different seasons and have been noticing different changes in the environment outside. The children produced beautiful art work, painting seasonal trees and demonstrated their understanding of autumnal changes.</p> <p>Please could we ask for all parents to complete the lunch choices online for your child so that there is no confusion over their lunches.</p>
<p>YEAR 1A:</p> <p>TIGERS</p>  <p>YEAR 1B:</p> <p>LYNX</p> 	<p>What an exciting week it has been! Miss Brook and Mrs Saye want to say a huge thank you and well done to all the children for the Nativity performance. All the children were fabulous and did a great job and we are very proud! Thank you to all those that came to watch the Nativity; it was great to see so many parents and grandparents etc in school supporting the children. Thank you again!</p> <p>With the weather turning colder, please ensure that all children wear suitable coats into school as well as hats, scarves, gloves etc.</p> <p>Just a reminder that spellings need to be learnt by the following Thursday and the green spelling books need to be in school by then, or earlier if possible.</p> <p>The incredible robots that the children made early on in the term will be returning home to you on Monday; the other children across the school were well and truly impressed with them, as were we!</p> <p>With Christmas fast approaching, we would kindly ask that your child brings in a bag for life next week, to allow for all the fabulous Christmas crafts that we make in school, to get taken home safe and sound. Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 2A:</p> <p>PUMAS</p>  <p>YEAR 2B:</p> <p>PANTHERS</p> 	<p>Hope you've all had a lovely week. The children have spent time practising their Nativity ready for our performances which we can't wait to share with you on either the afternoon of the 12th December or the evening of the 13th. Thank you for ensuring your child has a costume, we had a great time practising with them in the first dress rehearsal this week.</p> <p>This week the children have started their new topic of multiplication in maths and have had a great start, we can really see their work on Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstar's paying off. Anything you can do at home to practice the children's times tables would really help them as we will be continuing this topic for a number of weeks.</p> <p>In English, the children have been using their imagination to write emotively about The Great Fire of London and we have seen some brilliant descriptions.</p> <p>We'd like to just send a reminder home about bringing toys and things from home in. We love seeing the things that the children have, however we would really appreciate any toys being left at home as it causes arguments and issues within the class and we can't be held responsible for toys that are lost or broken. Thank you!</p> <p>Have a fantastic weekend, Year 2 Team!</p>
<p>YEAR 3:</p> <p>JAGUARS</p> 	<p>The Jaguars have worked really hard with their nativity rehearsals this week to make sure they are performance ready and they can't wait to show you all what they have been up to! In between all things nativity we have been exploring our new book called, 'Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Cooper, in order to get inspired to write descriptive poems about the pebble in the story each child has been given their own pebble to help to inspire them. In maths we are looking at the 3 and 4 times tables to help the speed of their recall. I have not set any more spellings for the rest of this term, instead I will be sending home a copy of some of the high frequency words for the children to practise which I discussed with lots of you at TLCs. Just a reminder that our RSE lesson will continue next week, if you have any questions please see me on the playground. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all at our performances next week.</p>

<p>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>What a busy week we've had this week! We've had a visit from a cheeky elf, Alfie, who has been up to plenty of mischief, we were treated to the delightful lower school nativity performance and we've made some fantastic Roman buildings, whoever said Rome wasn't built in a day? With Christmas drawing closer every day, we've got lots more to look forward to, including the middle school nativity performance, and on Friday the 13th, Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas lunch. We will be reading the end of 'Pugs of the Frozen North', throwing ourselves into some multiplication and division practise and looking to see the water cycle in action with our 'mini water worlds'! Keep up the great work on Mathletics and Times-Table Rockstars, remember to fill in your homework diary with any reading you do and have a great weekend.</p>
<p>YEAR 5: CARACALS</p> 	<p>This week we had many children who did not participate in PE due to lack of kit. Please could you ensure that a PE kit is in school at all times. With the festive season upon us PE will happen when we are able to fit it in, so it is vital they have their kit in a bag ready to go. These will be sent home on the 13th December, please use this as a chance to check sizes and that everything can fit in one bag. Thank you</p>
<p>YEAR 6: LIONS</p> 	<p>The festive season is finally here and it was delightful to watch the Year R and Year 1 Nativity on Wednesday. Thanks once again to all the teachers and young performers for their efforts! Our homework this week is to register ourselves on the Duolingo site, which teaches a range of languages but most significantly German for our purposes, and become acquainted with this app over the course of the week. In terms of language learning, 'little and often' is generally the best method, or even just 'often'! Admittedly, this may seem like an unusual homework but the app is an excellent educational tool and registering would allow everyone to save their progress and continue from where they left off as opposed to going back to the beginning each time. Have a fantastic weekend!</p>