

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<b>Head's Lines</b> 	<p>Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new year and a new decade. I hope that you have had a good Christmas break, spent treasured time with family and hopefully been able to get some rest and respite for yourselves.</p> <p>We had a New Year assembly on Wednesday discussing where we were 10 years ago: not many had even been born, some staff were still at school themselves, other staff were already working here. We also discussed where we might be in 10 years: some could be working, others driving, some will have left school, Year 6 will be 21! The main thought was that times goes by very quickly and we need to treasure each moment, work hard, dream big, don't let opportunities pass us by, be good friends and think positively! This also helps us deal with difficult and sad times as well as look forward to making more memorable moments over the coming weeks and months.</p>				
<b>The week ahead</b>	Mon 13 Dec	Tues 14 Dec	Weds 15 Dec	Thurs 16 Dec	Fri 17 Dec
			Primary Admissions for YR 2020 closing date		YR/KS1 Celebration Assembly
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	<p>Please remember that the required minimum age for individuals to be using social media applications such as TikTok and SnapChat is 13 however an age 16+ years is advised due to the understanding of privacy filters by an individual. If your family have decided to access such platforms earlier then recommended, we strongly advised that positive online behaviour is always reinforced. Also remember that, posts made on the internet have a lasting effect and can not easily be removed. We attach to this week's Headlines a check list about creating a positive online footprint and reputation.</p>				
	<p>Dazzle Stars have a new drama workshop starting at Grafty Green Village Hall. The workshops are every Wednesday and Friday from 4pm to 5pm (cost is £6) and this term they are performing Snow White. For more information please contact Gail Kelly on 07592492027 or 01622 850671.</p>				
	<p>Happy New Year one and all! Our New Year's resolution at Headcorn Cricket Club is to bring back junior cricket to the community. We will be launching the ECB supported All Stars cricket (5-8 year olds) along with the new Dynamos cricket (8-11 year olds) for the 2020 season. Ahead of registration opening in Feb we'd love to gauge the level of interest from children in and around Headcorn and any volunteers who would like to support the programme which will start around mid May. Please contact our captain of Cricket, Kevin <a href="mailto:richardson-kevin2@sky.com">richardson-kevin2@sky.com</a> or 07500040163. A couple of videos outlining what it's all about: All Stars cricket <a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk/video/623752/what-is-all-stars-cricket">https://www.ecb.co.uk/video/623752/what-is-all-stars-cricket</a> Early insight into Dynamos cricket <a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk/video/1530989/dynamos-cricket-introduction">https://www.ecb.co.uk/video/1530989/dynamos-cricket-introduction</a></p>				
<b>DIARY DATES</b>	<p>Fri, 14 Feb      End of Term 3  <b>Mon, 24 Feb      Term 4 starts</b>  Weds, 1 Apr      End of Term 4  <b>Thurs, 16 Apr      Term 5 starts</b>  Fri, 8 May      Bank Holiday  Fri, 22 May      End of Term 5  Mon, 1 June      INSET DAY (school closed)  <b>Tues, 2 June      Term 6 Starts</b>  Weds, 22 July      End of Term 6 and the school year</p> <p>To celebrate 75 years since VE day, <b>May Day this year will be Friday, 8 May 2020</b> (this may not be noted in printed diaries)</p> <p><b>PTFA</b>  Tues, 21 January 2020: PTFA AGM</p>				
<b>PTFA</b>	<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 <a href="mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk">info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</a></p>				

<p><b>WRAPAROUND CARE</b></p>	<p>Welcome back and Happy New Year. Wraparound Care has had a very enjoyable first week back. We are in receipt of some kind donations of new equipment and the children have thoroughly enjoyed putting their skills to the test at table tennis and the football table this week. We are looking forward to seeing these skills flourish over the coming weeks!</p>
<p><b>EARLY YEARS</b></p> <p><b>YEAR RA: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR RB: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and are fully rested ready for more learning. The Early Years Team would like to thank you for your generous gifts which are greatly appreciated.</p> <p>This week we have been recapping all the letter sounds we have learnt so far, as well as 'h', and using them to make words and sentences. We have been ordering numbers to 20 and representing different amounts with objects, making sure that we count each object carefully, ready to move on to addition shortly.</p> <p>Please keep up the reading at home as this is a vital part of their learning. Just a quick reminder that reading books can be changed on Mondays and Thursdays.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1A: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p> <p>It was lovely to see the children smiling and eager to start a new term of fantastic learning. To start our new term, we have been discussing what our New Year's Resolutions are and how we can achieve these, both at home and at school. The children have thought of some lovely, and inspirational resolutions, so please ask your child what they want to achieve this year!</p> <p>In Maths, we have begun our new topic of 'Tens and Ones' by using practical resources around the classroom, such as cubes and straws. The children are able to say how many tens and ones are in each 2 digit number, so for example in 21 there are 2 tens and 1 one. Please continue to explore this at home with your child.</p> <p>Our new book in English is 'The Bee Who Spoke' and it tells us all about the importance of bees in our society. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at the important role that bees have in nature and what we can do to protect them.</p> <p>Over the course of the term, the children will be taking home a 'Show and Tell' slip, which will tell you which day your child can bring in an item to show to the rest of the class. We would kindly ask that these items are not new Christmas presents or special/fragile items, as we would hate it for these to be damaged/lost.</p> <p>As always, please continue to read at home with your child as much as you can, as this greatly impacts their learning across the curriculum.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2A: PUMAS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 2B: PANTHERS</b></p> 	<p>Welcome back! We'd just like to start by saying a massive thank you for all our lovely Christmas gifts and cards, we felt very lucky! We hope you all had a brilliant Christmas and New Year and that you're ready for our next term, it's great to have the children back raring to go!</p> <p>We've started our new term by playing detective with our new book, the children will have to wait to find out what it is! We have also started our habitat topic for the term and a homework sheet was sent home for you to start to have a look at. We can't wait to see what the children produce for this term, as last term's homework set the bar very high!</p> <p>This week has also consisted of beginning division in maths which is something that we know some of you have started investigating on Times Table Rockstars. All our lovely maths games including Mathletics and Numbots will continue to be a great help for the children to practice their maths skills at home when you get a chance.</p> <p>PE will continue to take place on a Monday and Tuesday so please ensure your child has their kit in school ready to begin our first full week back this coming Monday 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Have a great weekend.</p>

<p><b>YEAR 3: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>Welcome back to 2020. I hope you all had a fantastic festive break, all of the Year 3 team would like to say a great big thank you for all of your generous Christmas gifts. We have been straight back into our work this term finishing our topic of Extreme Earth so that we are ready to begin looking at our next topic, The Rain Forest. The Jaguars were all very keen to paint their amazing volcanoes ready for the extraordinary eruptions next week! In maths we are continuing to look at division and multiplication and using the inverse to check our answers. We are lucky to be working with Mrs Cavanagh from The Lenham school for PE this term, this will take place on Tuesday mornings. Can I please remind everybody to bring in their full PE kit and if your child cannot take out their own earrings please leave them out on PE days. For outdoor PE, please send your children in with joggers, a hoody and trainers, we will endeavour to go outside as long as the weather permits but the children do need to be wrapped up. Times tables tests will continue on Monday and spellings will be sent home next Wednesday. I have sent home this term's Home Learning grid and in class we will be making our own Rain Forest diorama. More details will be shared about this later on in the term but the children will need to bring in a small shoe box from home if possible.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>Welcome back everybody, it has been so lovely to see you all and hear all about what you got up to over the holidays! It has been an exciting week back, we've been writing a recount of our holidays, attempting some tricky multiplication and division questions and even performed our own weather forecast for a country in the tropics! Next week, we will be starting our RSE lessons, if you have any questions or queries regarding these lessons, please feel free to ask. We are also very lucky to have Miss Cavanagh join us from the Lenham School to support our Gymnastics lessons this term so please ensure PE kit is in so we all get to take part! It is very muddy out there (as your washing machine may have already realised!) so if you haven't already got wellies in school, please make sure they are in as soon as possible. I have given the children their home learning overview for this term, please look over the activities and if you need support with any resources, just ask and I'll see what I can do for you. We were extremely excited to come in second place this week for Athletics, but we can definitely beat Year 5 if we all log on and try to get as many points as possible! Have a great weekend everyone.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Welcome back and happy new year. Thank you once again for all the lovely gifts and cards I received, it was very kind and thoughtful. This term we are continuing our topic around our book about Ernest Shackleton. Everyone has received their home learning for the term, please note that spellings have returned to being 10 words to learn for a Monday test. They are included on the home learning sheet and will also be taught within school time. The first task is not due until the 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, please have a look at it as you might want to start this week, as it is a bit more involved than usual tasks. PE will commence next week so remember those PE kits, Thank you.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Happy new year! It's been great to see everyone looking bright and bushy-tailed after their holiday rest and I look forward to seeing what adventures are in store for us in 2020. I would also like to say thank you so much for all the kind and thoughtful gifts I received from you before Christmas. I was truly bowled over by your generosity and I'm positive that the sugar alone will undoubtedly help to fuel me for the remainder of this year! In terms of homework, I would like everyone to aim for 1200 points in Athletics, and focus specifically on fraction questions. In addition, I would like everyone to make an information poster (A3 or A4) on Martin Luther King Jr. in advance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday 20 January. Have a wonderful weekend!</p>