

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
Head's Lines 	<p>It has been a busy time at Headcorn Primary School. It was our first full week since the Christmas Holiday and the children have come back refreshed and ready to learn. The school has been a hub of activity and I have had the pleasure of visiting each class to observe their learning in action and watching the children enjoy the broad curriculum Headcorn has to offer. Year 6 have been using their drama skills to help develop story ideas, alongside using their German language skills to follow instructions in PE! Year R have been working on their independent skills and making sure they can put their own wellies on and get ready to go outside. Year 2 have been writing persuasively about the royal crowns they have made. Year 5 have been focussing on reading skills and enjoying high quality texts. Year 3 have been learning about the skeleton while Year 4 have learnt about electricity. Finally, Year 1 have been gaining a better knowledge of the world by learning about Chinese culture and the Chinese New Year.</p> <p>It has been a great week for learning!</p>				
The week ahead	Mon 20 Dec	Tues 21 Dec	Weds 22 Dec	Thurs 23 Dec	Fri 24 Dec
		PTFA AGM 7.30pm			KS2 Celebration Assembly
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	<p>A message from the school chickens: As you are aware, the weather lately has been just awful. Consequently our living quarters are not looking their best. We have asked for a refurb as soon as possible and some plastic roofing material (ideally polycarbonate) would be a great start, for instance, some old conservatory roofing. Are you able to help us with materials for our renovation? We would be very grateful.</p>				
DIARY DATES	<p>Fri, 14 Feb End of Term 3 Mon, 24 Feb Term 4 starts Weds, 1 Apr End of Term 4 Thurs, 16 Apr Term 5 starts Fri, 8 May Bank Holiday Fri, 22 May End of Term 5 Mon, 1 June INSET DAY (school closed) Tues, 2 June Term 6 Starts Weds, 22 July End of Term 6 and the school year</p>				
PTFA	<p>PTFA AGM - Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm in the School Hall. All parents & carers are encouraged to attend and cast a vote.</p> <p>We'll be 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. Please see the attached flyer: 6 Reasons To Get Involved and Invitation to the AGM and Nomination Form.</p> <p>We are now over the hump of January, the end is in sight! Don't forget if you are taking part in Dry January for every day that you don't drink alcohol you can pledge to us (suggested donation of 50p for a booze free day). To give you extra motivation to stay dry why not penalise yourself with a £1 donation for those "off the wagon" days? The kids can get involved too - 20p for a sweet and chocolate free day. It's so simple to donate just tot up your pledges on February 1st and visit https://www.justgiving.com/headcornschool Any donation no matter how small will help our school raise vital funds.</p> <p>Thanks to the families who hand delivered our 2020 calendar to 1500 village residents. Businesses who placed adverts on our wall calendar benefit from year round exposure in local homes and their support raised over £1200 for the PTFA!</p>				
E-SAFETY	<p>During our class-based e-safety discussions children in KS1 have expressed their fondness for playing Roblox in their free time. We attach a link for parents so you may familiarise yourselves with the Roblox product and discuss with your children https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents</p>				

SPORT

If any Year 5 or 6 pupils would be interested in testing their athletic prowess against children of the same age in the Kent area then we have attached an entry form to this week’s Headlines for an event taking place at *The Stour Centre, Ashford, on Sunday 26th January*. Entries are £6.00 per child with the event starting at 10:00am and finishing at 1:30pm.

At last! The Kent School Games Basketball preliminary competition, finally took place this week, at The Lenham School. Sadly, due to this having to be rearranged twice before the Christmas holidays, we were unable to take the two teams that we initially wanted to take part with, however all was not lost. Despite all the delays, the children who went to the tournament thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and represented the school with great effort and courage. Many of the team were made up of Year 5 and 4 pupils, so they will know exactly what to expect the next time we take part in an event such as this. Headcorn played matches against Lenham, Holy Family and Oaks Academy. A list of results can be viewed below with some very close matches. Thank you to all who took part and to the wonderful support lent by parents and family from the sidelines. Finally, congratulations to Oaks Academy, who will now go on to represent the Maidstone Schools in the Kent School Games Finals.

Home Team	Score	Away Team	Pts
Headcorn	14-16	Lenham	0
Oaks	24-1	Headcorn	0
Headcorn	15-5	Holy Family	3

Could we please remind you to return permission slips to school promptly. Whether you are confirming or declining your participation at an event, we need to be aware, as this helps us to organise the number of teams we can take to events and gives us time to invite other pupils.

**EARLY YEARS
YEAR RA:
CHEETAHS**



Over the past week we have been getting back on track, working really hard with our word and sentence writing and our sounds. We have learnt the new sounds ‘h’ and ‘sh’ and have been using them to write. Next week we will be learning the new sounds ‘r’ and ‘j’ – you might like to look for things beginning with these sounds and write some sentences about them.

We will be starting to learn about woodland animals in Winter and how they survive the long, cold months. In the coming weeks we plan to make hedgehog models and biscuits. This topic will develop skills to help the children understand the world around them.

**YEAR RB:
LEOPARDS**



We will also be learning about Chinese New Year on 25th January, taking part in dragon dancing and finding out about different traditions. This might be an interesting topic to research together at home which would be a wonderful opportunity to collect Understanding the World evidence for your yellow journal books.

**YEAR 1A:
TIGERS**



Year 1 have had another great first full week back at school! We have continue to read our story book, 'The Bee Who Spoke' , and we have been enjoying exploring the main character Belle and her likes and dislikes.

In Maths, we have been learning about tens and ones and comparing groups of objects within 20, which the children are really enjoying.

In our upcoming history lessons, we will be researching Coco Chanel, so we would please ask if the children can bring in any recycling (boxes, toilet rolls etc) into school for the **27th January** for the children to be able to make their own perfume bottles.

**YEAR 1B:
LYNX**



If you choose to send a snack in with your children for snack times, please can you ensure that it is fresh fruit/vegetables , bread sticks or cheese.

Please continue to read at home with your child as often as you can, as this greatly impacts their learning across the curriculum.

Can we also ask, that your child's name is in their trousers/shoes/cardigans etc as we have had a lot of items going missing lately, and we want to limit the amount of clothes in lost property.

Have a lovely weekend.

**YEAR 2A:
PUMAS**



We started the week with a brilliant workout with Joe Wicks where the children were very active, we had a few children that didn’t have PE kits so this is just a reminder that Monday and Tuesday are our PE days for the week.

This week we have been working hard on our division in maths, using our knowledge of times tables to work out half of different numbers as well as dividing by 10 and 5. We’ve also discovered our new book *The Princess and the White Bear King* which the children have loved exploring in more detail in English.

<p>YEAR 2B: PANTHERS</p> 	<p>We've even made our own crowns and used similes to describe them; we were amazed by how creative the children have been.</p> <p>We'd also just like to send another reminder about snack time. The children should have snacks of fruit, vegetables or cheese only – sorry no cereal bars or processed fruit/cheese. This is to ensure that those children with certain allergies aren't affected and to ensure everyone is bringing in the same types of food as well as trying to promote healthy eating. As well as this, we'd like to remind you about not bringing in toys, cards or other items from home. This prevents things getting lost or broken and avoids squabbles between children when swapping becomes involved. We really appreciate your cooperation and understand that there are a lot of things to remember.</p> <p>In your homework, it mentions going to Tilden Woods – this specific wood does not need to be visited – just any wood will do!</p> <p>Thank you again, have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 3: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Jaguars have been working really hard looking at the relationship between multiplication and division in maths this week. We have started our new book, 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry which ties in well with our topic of The Rain Forest, the children have enjoyed watching videos of different Rain Forests and using them to create some very descriptive poems. This term we have Mrs Cavanagh from The Lenham School for one of our PE sessions on Tuesday mornings, the children really enjoyed exploring small apparatus to show different ways of travelling, check out some of our photos on Twitter. Spellings have been sent out and will be tested next Wednesday and times tables will continue on Mondays. Please remember to send a healthy snack in for break time (fruit, vegetables or cheese are ideal). We have been really impressed with the amount of Home Learning coming into class already, if the children could bring in an old shoe box for one of our projects that would be great. Have a great weekend!</p>
<p>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>What an exciting week we've had! We loved our first gymnastics session with Mrs Cavanagh, coming up with exciting ways to travel using the apparatus and we cannot wait for the next week's lesson! We've been tackling tricky factors in Maths and starting our new class text, Beowulf, in English. We have also started our new, exciting electricity topic in Science as well as our new History topic, the Anglo-Saxons. You've got to love a new term! Keep up with all your great work on Athletics and Times Tables Rockstars, if you're missing your login, please ask and I'll find it for you, however, it should be in the front of your reading record. Please may I remind everyone of the importance of home learning, it is really beneficial as it aids what we are learning, the home learning that has been coming in has been absolutely fantastic and I can't wait to see all the lovely work produced this term! Have a lovely weekend everybody.</p>
<p>YEAR 5: CARACALS</p> 	<p>We are continuing to do wonderful work in Science about materials, please remember that the first home-learning task is due Monday. We will be testing our designs during the week to see if the containers can keep an ice cube intact. Spellings will also commence on Monday so make sure you have a look over the weekend to make sure you have spotted the silent letters in them.</p> <p>Many children are still struggling to have resources for every lesson, although we can provide some it would be useful to make sure you have a pencil, ruler, handwriting pen(blue) and red biro. A set of coloured pencils are also desirable. Thank you.</p>
<p>YEAR 6: LIONS</p> 	<p>Well done to Year 6 for producing such wonderful home learning on Martin Luther King Jr. There really were some stunning pieces outlining the significance of this historical figure, which have now been liberally displayed throughout the classroom.</p> <p>For homework next week, I would like the class to plan and write a poem linked to the theme "Out of This World" for the Young Writers competition. I have provided them each with the planning and writing template and it follows on from an introductory video we have watched in class. The theme itself has endless possibilities and there are potentially some great prizes for schools and pupils. As always, I have also set more Athletics tasks to consolidate our number skills.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>