

HEADCORN HEADLINES

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Head's Lines 	<p><i>"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."</i> – Dr. Seuss</p> <p>We are crowning Term 4 as The Term of Reading! Alongside our annual Reading Week and World Book Day on Thursday, 5 March 2020, there will be a focus on growing a real joy and passion for reading across our school. We will be introducing new authors, bringing back the 'Book Swop' and Book Hunt, planning library visits and reading to the elderly. There will be opportunities for older pupils to support younger pupils' reading whilst consolidating their own progress and skills plus achievable reading challenges for you and your family to do at home. We are revamping our staff photo board with our adults sharing their love of reading through their photo and caption. We will be opening our doors with opportunities for family members to come and support our drive to encourage all children to see reading as the essential and enjoyable life skill that it is. We are also excited to welcome back our fabulous Book Bus on Tuesday, 3 March. Next week we will share plans for World Book Day so you can get ahead and creative over Half Term if you wish!</p> <p><i>"I kept always two books in my pocket, one to read, one to write in."</i> – Robert Louis Stevenson</p>				
	Week Ahead	Mon 10 Feb	Tues 11 Feb	Weds 12 Feb	Thurs 13 Feb
	NO SENSORY CIRCUITS	Safer Internet Day	Y4 Sports Workshop @ Lenham School	Theatre ADAD Y5/6 Y2-Y6 Cross Country	Celebration Assembly EYFS/KS1 PTFA Cake Sale

ATTENDANCE TO DATE									
Cheetahs 96%	Leopards 91%	Tigers 94%	Lynx 95%	Pumas 93%	Panthers 95%	Jaguars 92%	Jungle Cats 95%	Caracals 96%	Lions 97%

We are aware there is a lack of parking around the school and ask that any concerns are referred directly to the Parish Council. The front car park should not be used without prior permission from the school.

YEAR RA: CHEETAHS 	EYFS Yearly Curriculum Overview <p>Thank you to everyone who has sent in duster cloths so far. If you have not already done so, please could you send them in, with your child's name written on, as soon as possible so that we can use them for movement during counting activities.</p>
YEAR RB: LEOPARDS 	<p>In Phonics we have reinforced recognising, blending and writing the 'v' and 'y' sounds. In Maths we are continuing to develop our adding skills, making sure we use the correct vocabulary, such as 'add', 'plus', 'equals' and 'altogether' to talk about our number sentences.</p> <p>Please could you send in any clean, small boxes, tubes, containers etc for our upcoming topic on designing and making our own robots.</p>
YEAR 1A: TIGERS 	Year 1 Yearly Curriculum Overview <p>This week the children really enjoyed planting their cress seeds in their pots they had brought in and can't wait to see them grow! We will be watching their growth over the next week and documenting their progress.</p>
YEAR 1B: LYNX 	<p>On Tuesday, 11 February we will be exploring our RSE topics which include, Keeping Clean, Growing and Changing and Families and Care. If you have any questions surrounding this please speak to your class teacher by Monday.</p> <p>All children have settled nicely into their new RWI groups and spellings were sent home on Thursday. If your child has not received any spellings please can you let class teachers know on Monday, so that the children have sufficient time to learn them before the test on Thursday, 13 February.</p> <p>We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>

<p>YEAR 2A: PUMAS</p>  <p>YEAR 2B: PANTHERS</p> 	<p>Year 2 Yearly Curriculum Overview</p> <p>It has been a busy week as we delved deeper into our text, 'The Princess and The White Bear King.' We kicked off the week by writing either 'Missing' or 'Wanted' posters both describing either the princess or the bear using the power of 3. We were then introduced to writing monologues and as we read more about the princess's determination to climb the mountain, we used our acting skills to fuel our written ideas. In DT this week we finalised our ideas for our group bunting project. We will be providing felt, buttons and needles and thread but if the children wish to accessorize their bunting with material from a favourite item of old clothing or any other material they might have at home, then any extra fabric brought in would be great. This term in our Computing sessions we have been learning about being safe online. We will be planning some exciting activities for the children to take part in on Safer Internet Day. Next week we will also be enjoying our Term 3 RE topic, 'Who is Muslim/Jewish and what do they believe?'</p>
<p>YEAR 3: JAGUARS</p> 	<p>Year 3 Yearly Curriculum Overview</p> <p>Congratulations to our amazing Year 3 team who represented their school at the New Age Kurling tournament on Tuesday - we are all very proud of you! A very creative week in Jaguar class this week as we have been very busy designing and making some phenomenal rain forest dioramas, the children had to think about what (and who) they might find in the different layers of the forest with some really creative responses. Science has also been quite practical this week as they have worked hard to create models to show how muscles work. Remember to check for photos on Twitter. Our work on The Great Kapok Tree has come to the end with the children writing their own dilemma stories as they tried to include the speech punctuation they have been learning about. Next week we will be looking at money in maths, any practise using coins to 'shop' with will be really beneficial for them. It has been encouraging to see the children reading frequently at home and filling up their reading bookmarks with stickers - keep it up Jaguars!</p>
<p>YEAR 4: JUNGLE CATS</p> 	<p>Year 4 Yearly Curriculum Overview</p> <p>The end of term is drawing near and I can't believe the exciting, final week we have ahead of us! I've been blown away with how engaged Year 4 have been in our Anglo-Saxons topic, we're sad it is now coming to an end, but we are looking forward to making our own brooches using the beautiful designs we drew last week. Not only do we also have Mrs Cavanagh for our final gymnastics lesson, we are also going to the Lenham School on Wednesday the 12th for trampolining! Please make sure suitable kit is in for Wednesday, all pupils must have socks and must not wear any jewelry for their safety. We will be leaving at 9.15am so please make sure you are in nice and early for registration. For this week's home learning, I have given the children a template to do their work on, once they have drawn their 'enclosures', they can decorate their work with drawings of animals, paths, shops, picnic spots etc, have fun with it and if you get stuck, please ask and I will gladly help. Have a good weekend all, see you on Monday!</p>
<p>YEAR 5: CARACALS</p> 	<p>Year 5 Yearly Curriculum Overview</p> <p>Next week, Year 5 will be taking CAT papers. These consist of two papers that they will take in two sessions and results of these will be shared during the next TLC. We also have the exciting Theatre ADAD next week, which is an exciting and informative workshop to help children make the right choices in the future. Please remember PE kits are needed right up to Friday, when we will send them home for the end of term break. If you need your wellies for over the break, please let us know and we will endeavour to send them home.</p>
<p>YEAR 6: LIONS</p> 	<p>Year 6 Yearly Curriculum Overview</p> <p>Greetings from Year 6! We have slowly introduced the class to more test-style questions in Maths this week, and have endeavoured to show that they should not be feared. I believe familiarity with this line of questioning should help ease some worries and we will all make a concerted effort to help and support the pupils in every way possible as we continue in this direction. Of course, we now only have one more week to go until the end of term and it promises to be rather action-packed. As well as finishing off our class book, "Wonder", we have a drugs education workshop from the Theatre ADAD on Thursday, which will undoubtedly prove to be highly thought-provoking and informative. For homework next week, in addition to the weekly Athletics, I would like the class to warm-up for a drawing assignment that will soon be heading their way. As we are looking at American artists (linked to our geography topic of the Americas), I would like the class to study the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, and then proceed to draw a picture of one of his iconic buildings in pencil. I shall look forward to seeing what they come up with. Have a great weekend!</p>

<p>HELP & SUPPORT</p>	<p>Please see attached flyer with details of a support group get together for parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).</p> <p>For help and support with SEND please contact our Inclusion Lead, Amanda Robertson at amanda.robertson@headcorn.kent.sch.uk</p>
<p>WRAP-AROUND CARE</p>	<p>We have had a great week using recycling from around the school and making some fantastic junk model creations. If you have a box of old cars or trains/tracks that are no longer loved, please send them our way. They would be gratefully received by the Wraparound Care staff and children!</p>
<p>DIARY DATES</p>	<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 Tues, 1 Sept INSET DAY Weds, 2 Sept INSET DAY Thurs, 3 Sept Term 1 Starts</p>
<p>SPORT</p>	<p>Well done to the Year 3 pupils who represented the school at the Weald of Kent School Sports Association New Age Kurling Competition, that took place at the Cranbrook Leisure Centre this week. A special mention to Tyler in Year 1 who stepped up and joined one of our teams who were short a competitor due to illness. He definitely demonstrated our core value of Courage by going up against children older than himself. Both teams did exceptionally well, with our B team finishing 2nd in their group and our A team finishing joint 3rd in their group with Lamberhurst Primary School. The eventual winners were Cranbrook who took the Kurling Cup home.</p>  <p>We consider PE to be a very important part of the curriculum and encourage pupils to always take part in the lesson as best they can, unless they are physically unable to do so due to a significant injury or illness. PE sessions take place across the whole school site, both inside and out, and in warm and cold weather. Please ensure your child has extra layers included in their PE kit, which should be in school every day.</p>
<p>E-SAFETY</p>	<p>In this week's Headlines, our e-safety segment encourages you and your family to have a look at the BBC site, OWN IT. This useful website includes lots of tips and tricks for surviving in the online world and even has its own app that can be downloaded directly to your device https://www.bbc.com/ownit Please take the time to have a look at this important information and consider what impact it could make to helping you and your family stay safer online.</p> <p>This Tuesday is Safer Internet Day 2020 (SID) at Headcorn School, although we consider every day to be a day to be safe online. This national initiative, upheld by thousands of schools and educational institutions, helps to highlight the importance of online safety. As a culmination of all our e-safety work across the school during this term we will be holding two assemblies, one for Key Stage One pupils and a second for Key Stage Two students. Additionally classes will be taking part in SID workshops.</p>
<p>PTFA</p>	<p>PTFA jobs - we are excited to build a new team and we would love as many parents involved as possible with the PTFA. We have a variety of ways you could do this with varying levels of time/commitment from being a "happy helper" to managing our social media accounts. Please see the attached jobs list and contact us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk if you want to find out more.</p> <p>Diary Dates: Fri, 14 Feb Cake Sale after school on both playgrounds: Bake my Day cupcakes £1.50 - Krispy Kreme iced ring doughnuts £1 Cake donations can be dropped into the school office on Friday morning</p> <p>Weds, 4 Mar PTFA meeting at 7.30pm at the White Horse. Event planning! Please come along or express your interest to get involved or ideas you want to share Info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk</p> <p>Sun, 3 May PTFA Bootfair @ Headcorn Air Field Fri, 8 May Headcorn village VE Day celebrations. More details to follow.</p>

There is still time to get the nasal flu vaccination. The Kent and Medway Immunisation team is running clinics over half term.

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Friday, 24 April 10.15am-11.40am at Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone ME16 8NL Ruth Smith, Speech and Language Therapist will be outlining some key strategies that are available and top tips for parents and carers in supporting their children's speech, language and communication skills. All welcome – no need to book. Tea & coffee provided.

Messy Church will be back on Saturday, 22 February at 2:30pm - 4:30pm, in the Andred Hall (Headcorn Village Hall). There will be a varied selection of art and craft to occupy the children, followed by the usual 'tea', including sandwiches and dessert. The story this time is 'Follow Me'. Everyone is welcome. From Jane Hatley and the Messy Church Team

The **Royal Engineers Museum** in Gillingham run themed drop-in craft activities Tuesday to Friday during the school holidays. Previous themes have included the Zulu Wars, robotics & electricity, remembrance, and Museum Detectives. Under 5's are free and all other tickets are valid for 12 months. Please visit re-museum.org.uk for more information