



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 29th January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

The news this week of our current lockdown being extended and schools not reopening until 8th March has caused many to feel frustration, anger, disillusionment and to have heavy hearts once again. Our staff are as disappointed as you that we will not be seeing more children returning to school after Half Term. So we are busy trying to think of ways to bring some colour, some variety and support to this already challenging situation. We want to help tackle the stress and monotony of what is beginning to feel like the worst case of 'Groundhog Day'! I found myself googling whether we can learn anything from Groundhog Day. Yes, this is where my brain went. You can see how I am struggling too to have to resort to google for inspiration. Like you I am fighting the struggle of feeling positive, creative, calm, in control and searching even the most ridiculous of avenues for inspiration. I found what one film reviewer said quite challenging to my current attitude:

"I regard Groundhog Day as a masterclass in how to live. Trapped in time, Phil (Bill Murray's character) can and indeed does try every possible way to live until he discovers the ideal one based on creativity, compassion and contribution. He learns one of the greatest lessons in life. We create our own reality. We have the choice to make today and every day either sad or happy, dull or inspiring, meaningless or fulfilling. You can bring whatever mindset you choose to the next 24 hours. This is an extraordinary gift that we often overlook, and there is no better example of its priceless value than Groundhog Day. You can make today better than yesterday; you can improve your life one day at a time. Bill Murray's character, Phil Connors, learns how to be incredibly resourceful as he turns a miserable day into a great day through consistent practice – until he masters the art of living his one day to the full."

I realise that maybe we don't want to master the art of living life to the full in these particularly stressful, challenging and tiring days, but perhaps we can create a better experience by taking a step back and thinking about how we can approach each day a little differently. Be kind to yourself and those around you. We are all journeying the most challenging time we have ever faced so, try to cherish and appreciate each day, each moment; to deliberately notice the life, the people, the day to day occurrences that are all around us and be thankful of what we do have.

"The Beauty of Life is in each precious moment! Stop and smell the roses!"

Have a good weekend!
Miss Symonds



Sir Linkalot Spelling Programme

This spelling programme approaches spelling through memorable visuals and rhymes. In January 2020 it won the 'Best Education App' award. Take a look at the different levels with your child. I think you will find this a fun and refreshing way of remembering some of the key common words. Attached to these Headlines is a letter about this spelling programme but for quick access please use these details:

Included in the price is free access at home. Once you have downloaded it from any online store, click on 'log in' (top right) and 'Have an access code?'. **The username is 'Headcorn' and the access code is BF27JYHMV5.** It can also be accessed via a laptop or PC. Type in the browser itself (not a search engine) 'app.sirlinkalot.org', tap on the log icon (for 'log in'), using the same username and code. There are also YouTube clips from sessions that were offered during the first lockdown:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4lR2hfjiv_9oQMpmSFWiNw

Messy Church

The church is planning to have a 'Virtual' Messy Church over the February half term and are going to put out craft / art activities during the week, in bags that can be collected from the church. Details will be available on the church Facebook page. We are currently planning for takeaway bags to be available for collection from **Saturday 13th February** and throughout the half-term week, either from the church porch, or from under the lychgate (weather dependent).



We do hope this helps provide parents some respite over half-term, especially if the weather remains inclement. Best wishes from Jane Hatley and the Messy Church Team