



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 12th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Our school has been buzzing all week with the excited sounds of having our whole school community back with us again. The school has returned to the much-loved busy atmosphere of purpose, learning, possibility, humour and fun! Staff and pupils alike are all feeling a little tired after a week of getting back into the routines of working hard, learning much, catching up with friends and the inevitable timetabling a busy school like ours must have. However, it all feels right and as it should be!

Next Friday, 19th March, is **Comic Relief: Red Nose Day!** The theme is **Share a Smile**. See below for more information about how we are taking part.



Thank you for your patience as we have tweaked and improved our pick-up and drop off arrangements. Please remember to wear masks when coming on site, remember to socially distance when queuing and to refrain from gathering at the entrances and on our narrow paths. We need to remember that if we all stick to the guidelines and don't start bending rules before we are allowed, we hopefully will not have to lockdown ever again!

We all need to play our part with protecting not only ourselves but each other as well.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend relaxing together and celebrating the special people in your lives!
Miss Symonds

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March 2021: SHARE A SMILE!

Next Friday is **Red Nose Day** and the theme is **Share a Smile**.

An activity Comic Relief are promoting is for households to write a joke on the frame provided (see attached) and display it in your windows at home to make people chuckle. We would also like children to come in on Friday ready to share a funny joke with their class! You may wish to write these down so that children remember them.



As a little bit of extra fun we are giving the children the opportunity to add something funny, quirky or unexpected to their school uniform / PE kit to make everyone smile. **This could be a crazy hat, Deeley boppers, colourful socks or tights, big bows, an extravagant scarf, bright coloured shoes/trainers with wacky laces, etc.**



Please ensure that this item is safe to wear and is not an item of jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets.



This year we are not collecting any money at school so please make donations by buying a **Red Nose** or other merchandise from Sainsburys, text donations or clicking the **Green Button** via the Comic Relief website: <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>



Internet Safety

A new app called Omegle is causing concern and we strongly recommend having a look at the attachment. This is a very informative guide to keep you up to date with the online world and its continuing developing nature.



PTFA News!

The PTFA will be hosting the next meeting and annual AGM [on Tuesday 23rd March at 8pm](#) on Zoom. At this meeting we will review the year's activities and fundraising and look forward to the year ahead and hopefully plan some fun events in for our school community. Please come along and share your ideas for events that we can do this year. All ideas welcome no matter how big or small or just come along to find out more about what we do and how you can get involved.

We would really appreciate your attendance as we need to re-elect the PTFA Committee for the year and have to have a certain number of attendees. The positions that will be elected are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in hearing more about these positions, please contact info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk. The Zoom link will be shared closer to the meeting.



Sports Survey: Thank you to all those families who have responded to the School Sport Survey, which was sent out recently through parent mail. This is still open for you to respond to and a link to this can be found below. Simply scan the QR code and start your feedback.

Thank you to the 127 parents and carers who have responded, so far, to the Headcorn School Sport survey. We appreciate all of your comments and will take these on board when considering our future afterschool provision. The popularity of Cookery, Choir and other clubs such as this, has not gone unnoticed, and responses will be passed on to the relevant members of staff, but please remember that this survey was focused primarily on the sport aspect of our delivery.

Addressing some of the current feedback, please remember that some clubs are seasonal as it gives other sports an opportunity to be at the forefront of the sporting calendar. Many of these activities coincide with inter-school competitions and this is why these clubs are offered during these particular terms. It is also great to give something new a try!

After school swimming is very much dependant on our ability to reopen the pool this year as well as the correct safety and staffing arrangements. Currently, if we are able to reopen the pool, we are only in a position to offer unstructured/free form sessions with the presence of a fully qualified lifeguard. Our school staff hold the relevant qualifications for providing structured teaching sessions but not free-form sessions such as desired for an after school club.

A great deal of what we offer depends on the number of interested participants, unfortunately some clubs simply cannot get off of the ground, due to a very limited number of pupils taking up these opportunities.

Finally, please be aware that our after school clubs are completely free to Headcorn School students and are totally reliant on the good will and free time of those providing these opportunities.

