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| **HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 11th June 2021**  Dear Parents and Carers  Term 6 is upon us already and we have lots of things to inform you about. Please read thin information below to find out about our **Outdoor Education Visitors** who are coming on site over a few dates this term and providing activities for the children across the school for the bargain price of £5 instead of our usual day trips.  Please read the information about **Snacks, Read to Dogs programme** and **PE days** to keep yourself up to date.  The PTFA have a lovely opportunity to celebrate and say THANK YOU to the special people in your life by buying one of our **Superhero Breakfast Bags**. Orders must be in by next Wednesday, 16th June so they can be prepared for you.    Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine – I have a feeling the beaches may be a bit busy over the next few days! 😉  Miss Symonds |
| **Snacks**  Recently we have had a few questions about what is allowed for snacks at break time.  I understand that this is a controversial subject and that some children just do not like eating fruit or vegetables.  I also understand that we have been a bit more lenient following period of lockdown when children’s eating habits were different whilst they were at home. However, it is the school’s duty to encourage a healthy lifestyle which includes limiting what kinds of foods children are allowed to eat at break times. Please work with us to ensure that your child has something healthy to eat for their morning break:  We can allow:   * Any fresh fruit (please cut grapes in half to minimise potential choking) * Small portions of dried fruit or eg a box of raisins, fruit strips etc * Vegetables eg carrot sticks, sliced cucumber, celery or pepper, mini tomatoes   Unfortunately, we cannot allow the following as these are very messy foods for our classroom tables and carpeted classrooms:   * Breadsticks with/without dips, crackers with/without toppings * Humous or other dips * Other sweet or savoury items from their packed lunch boxes   Breaktimes are short and on occasions lessons are being held up by children eating numerous items at break.  If for any reason your child has a dietary issue that means they cannot eat from the foods above, please contact me via [admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk) to discuss this. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter. |
| **Read to Dogs**  We are pleased to announce that we are introducing visits from **Bella** who works for the **Read to Dogs** programme. She will be working in Key Stage 2 initially while she gets settled in. Bella has been specifically trained and PAT registered and will remain on the lead and under supervision of the owner and a member of staff at all times. Bella will be working outside of the classrooms and while the weather is good will be in a shady spot on the school grounds. You may even see Bella wearing her uniform coat walking through at collection time.  Unfortunately we are still **not allowing other dogs on our school site** and this includes small dogs being carried. I understand that families want to share a new puppy or for convenience thinking carrying a dog through site is ok but we do have a few children who are fearful or allergic. Senior staff on the gates will not allow you to enter the site with a dog and your child can either walk in or be taken in by the staff on the gates. If your child wants to show their new puppy or their pet to their teacher please send in a photo via [admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk) which can then be shared on our large screens in class. Thank you for your understanding. |
| **Outdoor Education Acitivity Specialists**  As we were unable to secure day trips for the year groups this year we have booked an Outdoor Education Specialist Team to come and deliver exciting activities for all of our classes for the bargain cost of £5 per child.  They will be providing activities such as: Hapa Zome printing, Shelter Building, Troll Whittling, Clay Beasties, Wooden Keyring drilling, and with older children only Campfire Cooking and Firecraft – creating a flame.  Years 4, 5 & 6 have their activites on 22nd June  Years R & 3 have their activities on 29th June  Years 1 & 2 have their activities on 8th July  You will receive a separate email with information about payment for this exciting opportunity. |
| **PE Days**  Thank you for your patience with our changing PE days. This is so that different year groups can work with our PE specialist on Thursdays. Next year we wil have set PE days for the year.  **Term 6 PE days:**  YRA Cheetahs – Fridays / YRB Leopards – YRB  Y1 – Mondays & Wednesdays  Y2 – Mondays & Wednesdays  Y3 – Wednesdays & Thursdays  Y4 – Tuesdays & Thurdays  Y5 – Tuesdays & Thursdays  Y6 – Thursdays & Fridays |