



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

This week Years 1 and 2 have enjoyed their Outdoor Education Activity sessions.

Year 1 enjoyed their 'Drilling Keyrings' activity session.

The Year 1 classes had a fantastic time drilling their own wooden key rings. The children learnt all about the Willow tree and then were given their own cutting to create their own book bag key ring. They designed it with nature images and then began to learn how to drill a hole. They used a palm drill to drill a hole in the top of their keyring to allow for the string. They then chose 6 beads to decorate their keyring with. They had a wonderful time!



Year 2 enjoyed their 'Happa Zome' printing activity session.

'Happa Zome' is printing using natural resources from our school grounds. The classes spent the session learning about how to press leaves and flowers to create 'Happa Zome' which in Japanese means 'Leaf Dye.' They first went on a search collecting flowers, leaves and grasses and learnt about them. Using a board and wooden peg they crushed the items in between a folded strip of cotton to imprint the wonderful, natural dyes from each item. Hanging them from a window will mean they can see all the colours shining in the sunlight.



I can't quite believe that we only have a week and a half left of this school year!

Please can we ask that you **return all reading books by next Friday** and that you send your child in with a carrier bag or Bag for Life so that we can start to send home things such as wellies, exercise books and other items.

Have a lovely weekend!

We will be prepared for some tired children on Monday morning – **It's coming home!**

Miss Symonds



Weekly Timetable

Monday 12 th July	Tuesday 13 th July	Wednesday 14 th July	Thursday 15 th July	Friday 16 th July
	KS2 (Y3-6) Sports Day Please send all Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 children in to school in their PE kit Please remember: sunscreen applied before school, no jewellery, sunhats and water bottles	YR/KS1 (YR12) Sports Day Please send all YR, Y1 & Y2 children in to school in their PE kit Please remember: sunscreen applied before school, no jewellery, sunhats and water bottles		Transition Morning All children in Year R – 5 spend the morning with their new teacher
Year 2 Swimming	No Swimming today	Year 3B Pallas Cats Swimming	Year 3A Jaguars & Year 4 Swimming	Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming

Sports Day

I understand that there are many parents and carers disappointed that we are not having spectators in for Sports Days next week. Unfortunately, even though we are witnessing the contradiction of so many national events that are welcoming back big groups and even crowds, and that many restrictions will be lifting soon, our Local

Authority have encouraged us to keep to the COVID operational procedures we currently have in place for the remainder of the term/academic year.

I have had a number of people tell me that other schools are allowing parents and carers in to watch sports day. Decisions that individual schools have made about this matter should not and cannot be compared. Schools differ in size, staffing, site layout, etc which all impact the management of sports day in one way or another.

Schools have very varied issues to overcome when considering letting visitors in under the current restrictions, including managing multiple groups of adults needing to socially distance, who are not able to move freely about site or between year group bubbles, all in addition to us ensuring the wellbeing, health and safety of all of our children.

Transition Morning:

All pupils in Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 will spend the morning with their new teacher for next year.

Please bring your child to school as normal. They will register with their current teacher and then be taken by their current TA to their new room to meet and spend time with their new teacher.

Year 6 will still have their morning swimming session.

We will send a parentmail out to inform you of their new teachers during Friday 16th July.

Headcorn School Olympic Challenge!

Please encourage your child to be working towards achieving their 5 challenges. These could range from taking part in Sports Day, meeting a target in spellings or on Mathletics/Numbots/Times Tables Rockstars, reading a number of pages of a book or a whole one! Feel free to set some for home such as making their bed for a week, washing up or whatever you fancy that will help you out!

Summer Reading Challenge

We are delighted to announce that this year the Summer Reading Challenge is back in Kent Libraries and online.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer and it's completely free! **Wild World Heroes** is the theme for 2021 (in partnership with the 'World Wide Fund for Nature'), and its aim is to inspire children and their families to stand up for the planet.

As children read library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge. As in previous years, children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest open library or they can take part by visiting the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website. Once completed, children (whether library members or not) can visit the library for their medal and certificate.

Please see the attachment to this week's Headlines for more information.