



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break!

We are looking forward to the start of a new academic year and hope for a more settled year ahead. Below there is key information for the start of term for you to read. Please also see the attached documents as one contains changes regarding COVID isolations.



### **We have a surprise new member of our team joining us from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September!**

Meet Teddy, a 10 week old Goldendoodle (Golden Retriever / Poodle cross). He has a beautiful, friendly nature and will be coming into school with a view to becoming a Licensed Therapy Dog once he is old enough to train.



For those parents and carers who may be concerned as they have children who are anxious or fearful of dogs, Teddy will not be working with children without your permission and will be introduced to the classes with sensitivity and care. If your child has allergies to pet hair, Teddy has very minimal shedding due to being a poodle cross, however he will still be very limited to particular areas of site, so all children feel safe and relaxed in their classrooms and moving about site.

I will be sending out more information about Teddy's role in school and a policy and risk assessment will be shared on the school website, but in the meantime, if you have any questions or worries about Teddy joining us in school, or wish to let me know about any specific concerns regarding your child's needs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to seeing Years 1 – 6 back on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and our new Reception classes at their Stay & Play sessions on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Enjoy the rest of the holidays!

Miss Symonds

### **Term Dates & INSET Days**

**INSET Day 1: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 (no children in school)**

**Term 1 starts: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

**Term 1 ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

**INSET Day 2: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 (no children in school)**

**Term 2 starts: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

**Term 2 ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Term 3 starts: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Term 3 ends: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Term 4 starts: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**Term 4 ends: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

**Term 5 starts: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Term 5 ends: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**INSET Day 3: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (no children in school)**

**Term 6 starts: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Term 6 ends: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**INSET Day 4: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (no children in school)**

**INSET Day 5: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 (no children in school)**



### **Drop Off and Collection Arrangements**

We are no longer staggering drop off and collection times for each individual year group unless guidance changes due to an increased infection rate.

**Masks** are no longer expected at drop off and collection but please be understanding of those who choose to wear a mask or wish to keep a bit of distance between themselves and others.

We will continue to **santise hands** as children enter and leave the school site.

### **DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS:**

All children can be dropped off between **8.30 – 8.50am**. Gates will close promptly at 8.50am.

We expect children to be in school for registration by 8.50am so that we can start all lessons promptly by 9am.

### **Drop Off Gates remain the same:**

YR & Y1 can be dropped off at the green EYFS gate. Parents/carers will continue to follow the one way system.

Y2 can be dropped off at the Main Entrance.

KS2 (Years 3 – 6) can be dropped off at the green Keeler side gate accessible through the Visitors' carpark. Please drop your KS2 child off at the gate and do not enter the carpark.

Any messages for teachers can be given to Senior Staff on duty at the gates.

### **COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS:**

All children need to be collected between **3.10 – 3.30pm**. Gates will open at 3.10pm from this term onwards.

This and the additional 10 mins in the morning are to ensure we give our children as much learning time as possible. **Please note:** Children not collected by 3.30pm will be sent to After School Club and will be charged the £5 rate for the first session (3.30 – 4.30pm). If you are running late due to a specific reason please contact the school office on 01622 891289 or arrange for your child to be collected by someone on your Collection Permission list.

Children will only be released to a parent, carer, adult or sibling over 16 listed on their Collection Permission sheet. If you need to update this please email the school office: [admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk)

Year 6 can be given permission to walk home if the school has been informed in writing by a parent/carers. Permission forms will be sent to all Year 6 parents when we return to school.

### **Collection Gates remain the same:**

YR & Y1 can be collected from the green EYFS gate following the one-way system.

Y2 can be collected from the Main Entrance.

KS2 (Years 3 – 6) can be collected from the KS2 playground: entrance via the Visitors carpark and exited through the far end of the site.

**Please ensure your child is dropped off and collected on time. If for any reason you are running late for drop off or collection please contact the school office on 01622 891289.**



### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. The up to date uniform list is attached. If for any reason your child is unable to wear the full and correct uniform, please inform the school in writing via [admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk)

Most items of school uniform can be purchased from any supermarket or high street retailer. Items that are specific to our school or with school logos can be purchased from our uniform supplier 'Simmonds' who have a shop at Newnham Court Shopping Village (Bearsted Road, Weaving, Maidstone ME14 5LH) or on-line using this link: <https://simmonds-ltd.com/headcorn-primary-school/>. Items in **red** on the attached uniform list can **only** be purchased from our uniform supplier.

### PE Uniform & Allocated PE Days

At Headcorn Primary School we ask that our children wear their PE Uniform to school on their allocated PE days along with their purple jumper, cardigan or fleece. As this is in place of wearing their usual school uniform, we expect children to be smartly dressed in the correct PE uniform items.



#### **Our PE Uniform consists of:**

- Purple Cardigan / Jumper / Fleece
- School house colour T-shirt with school crest (House colour is assigned by the school)
- Black or navy shorts / skirt / skort
- Trainers – that your child can fasten independently (no Plimsolls please)
- Black or navy Track suit bottoms, leggings and sweatshirt, hoody or fleece for colder months

You'll be relieved to hear that hopefully allocated PE Days this year will not be changing each term. Please note that we will not be doing PE on the first 2 days back. The wearing of PE Uniform on allocated days will start the week beginning **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

#### **Allocated PE days:**

YR – Tuesdays (but PE kit not needed until Term 2)

Y1 – Tuesdays & Thursdays

Y2 – Mondays & Thursdays

Y3 – Wednesdays & Thursdays

Y4 – Mondays & Thursdays

Y5 – Wednesdays & Fridays

Y6 – Wednesdays & Fridays



#### **Nut Free Site**

Please be aware that we are a **nut free site** as we have a growing number of children with significant nut allergies.

This includes food that contains traces of nuts. Please check the ingredients on snack or packed lunch items for information on nut or trace nut contents.

#### **Snacks!**

I understand that this is a controversial subject and that some children just do not like eating fruit. However, it is the school's duty to encourage a healthy lifestyle which includes limiting what children are allowed to eat at break times. Please work with us to ensure that your child has something healthy to eat:

We can allow:

- Any fresh fruit
- Dried fruit eg raisins, apricots, etc
- Vegetables eg carrots, peppers, mini tomatoes
- Fruit alternatives such as fruit winders
- Breadsticks
- Small cheese portion eg Babybel



***Please be aware:*** Fruit leathers, fruit strips, and fruit roll-ups are healthy sounding snacks. However, many of these contain too much added sugar and possibly even artificial ingredients. Please check the ingredients and sugar content of these items before selecting them. Fruit, in its whole, unprocessed form, is the healthiest fruit snack we can eat as it is a natural food item.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow the following as these are messy foods for carpeted classrooms:

- Crackers with or without toppings
- Humous or other dips
- Contents of children's packed lunch boxes

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.

