



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

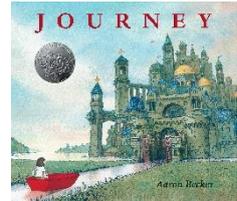
Dear Parents and Carers

With the first full week back drawing to a close I thought I'd share a few highlights of the first 7 school days back!

On Wednesday, following a few days of Stay and Play, Story Time and Taster lunches, we welcomed our new Reception children to start their classes for half days. It is lovely to have all these new smiling faces coming into school so happily.

On Thursday some of our Year 6 classes sat their PESE Grammar Entrance tests (11+) and they were very courageous and tackled this challenging day head on. Well done!

Since returning the whole school has been taking part in a joint project based around the picture book *The Journey* by Aaron Becker. This book has no words but through beautiful illustration it tells of this fantastical story:



**"A lonely girl draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and through it escapes into a world where wonder, adventure, and danger abound.** Red marker in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon, and a flying carpet that carry her on a spectacular journey toward an uncertain destiny."

Our classes have been exploring the themes brought up in this story and creating written work, art and all sorts of varied learning. Follow us on Twitter to see some of their adventures!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

### Absence & Punctuality

#### **Punctuality:**

**The morning gates close at 8.50am.**

For those that are Teddy super fans this means that he will not be around to greet you and your child after this time. Please try to be prompt as it means we can start our learning together at 9.00am without any interruptions by late pupils.

**From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, the parents of children who arrive after the gates have closed at 8.50am will receive a text informing them of a late mark.**

Please be aware If you arrive late after registration has closed (9.00am) your child will be coded 'U' which is Unauthorised Late and recorded as a half day absence.



#### **Absence:**

**It is important for your child to be in school everyday.** Unauthorised periods of absence for events such as birthdays, holidays, day trips, weddings, etc will not be permitted. This instruction comes from the Local Authority.

In line with safeguarding procedures we have a duty to ensure that your child is safe.

The School Administrator, Mrs Bennett, will call you if your child does not arrive in school without a reason for absence.

Any unexplained absence may lead to a door step visit from the Family Liaison Officer (FLO), Mr Benfield.

**PTO for exciting PTFA News!**

### **PTFA News!**

September Social - come and join us on Saturday 18th September at the school for a long overdue get together from 2pm-6pm and stay as long as you like. We will have a bar, BBQ, face painters and the silent disco. We recommend that you pre book your silent disco slots as they are selling out fast.

Book here <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/silent-disco-ticket/>. If we have free slots on the day they can be booked last minute.



The first PTFA meeting of the year will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st September at the White Horse. Come along for a chat and a drink to discuss the plans for this school year. We welcome new parents to the school so we can tell you how you can get involved with your PTFA and help us raise vital funds for the school.

We will be doing more uniform sales in the future and will be putting a call out for donations soon so please hold on to your old uniform. We particularly need larger sizes (aged 7-8 upwards) of jumpers and cardigans. If you need uniform in the meantime please email [info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk](mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk) or speak to the school office if there are items you need and we can check stock.