



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

A big **THANK YOU** to our fabulous PTFA, in particular **Nicola Stevens** and **Chari Beaton**, for organising our **Fireworks** last Sunday evening. A fun time was had by all and a whopping **£2940** was raised! We will let you know soon what this money is going to be spent on to benefit the provision in school for your child. Well done again to Wynter-May Davis and Lukas Bleckmann for their winning guys to crown our enormous bonfire (see photo!)



Parent Teacher Meetings are upon us and the booking system is open! If you have any issues with the new **SchoolCloud** then please contact the school office as they can support or complete a booking for you.

There have been a number of factors that have guided our decision to use virtual meetings for the Autumn Parent Teacher Meetings. When we ran parent/carer evenings in May we used Teams to video conference with parents and carers. We received a lot of positive feedback about the flexibility it allowed, and the reduced amount of family organisation required to attend a Parent Teacher Conference.

Since the return to school in September we have had a number of staff members unable to come to work because of Covid, this has included members of staff who have been very ill. We have had Covid cases amongst pupils in every year group; under previous Government guidance this would have resulted in online home learning for the majority of pupils. With this in mind, we appreciate your understanding regarding our decision to have online parent meetings.

I hope you have a good weekend!
Miss Symonds



Assembly Focus – Term 2 Week 3: Anti-bullying Week

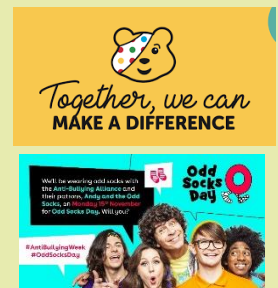
Every day the children have assemblies that are aimed at developing their understanding of the wider world, sharing our core values, and encouraging self-reflection. Next week we will be focussing on Anti - Bullying week, this will be an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. There will be assemblies plus lessons, activities, and discussion throughout the week.

'Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.' ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE
If you wish to know more about this event and find ways to support your children, please use this link below.
<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Odd Socks Day and Children in Need

On Monday the children can come in wearing odd socks/tights while still wearing the rest of their uniform. To continue the theme of kindness we ask for a suggested £1 donation in support of Children in Need.

Friday **will not** be a non-uniform day, but your child is welcome to wear any Pudsey or Children in Need accessories eg Pudsey ears! We will be doing a range of activities to mark the occasion. Thank you for your support in advance.



PTFA News Fireworks

A huge thank you to all that helped at the fireworks: Thank you to all the volunteers that helped on the day and night. Thank you to the team that lit the fireworks; John Fowler for organising all the lighting; and a special thank you to Chari Beaton and Nicola Stevens for organising and running the event.

It was a huge success and we raised an astonishing total of £2940.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are going out this week. It's been another great year for this fundraiser; and a huge thanks to Maz Stack for all of her hard work in organising it. This raised a fantastic £661.50.

Quiz and Fizz Night

There are still tickets available for our Quiz and Fizz Night on 27th November. Please head to the Headcorn PTFA website to book your team in. <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/events/>

The PTFA will be announcing some very exciting plans the school has for all the money very generously raised so far.

Volunteers

As ever, please do contact us if you are able to help at all with the upcoming events. We are a small team and cannot put on events without the support of the school community.