



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are really looking forward to the upcoming Christmas festivities, especially now that our **Christmas trees** have been installed and decorated. A big **THANK YOU** to the PTFA for providing these trees, a named bauble for each child on roll and member of staff and decorating them for us today. We have a tree in the main entrance, one in the main hall and another in Keeler House.



Christmas Cards: I completely understand the disappointment regarding children being able to bring in Christmas cards however we will be making cards in class and getting everyone to sign them so that the children are able to wish each other a Happy Christmas this way.

Christmas week will run from Monday 13th – Friday 17th December 2021.

The PTFA are kindly buying our virtual **Christmas Panto** again as we all really enjoyed last year's! We will watch this as classes during this week but it will hopefully be available to share with families to watch together over the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Jumper day will take place for us on Wednesday 15th December as this is also our Christmas lunch day. Please book your child's Christmas lunch via your Scopay account as soon as possible.

Christmas Party Day is on Friday 17th December and will be an opportunity for your child to dress up in their party gear and enjoy a year group party together to celebrate the festive period.

Christmas Assemblies: Year R, 1 and 2 will be holding class Christmas Assemblies where they will share the nativity story to their parents (dates and times below). **These are ticketless events limited to 2 seats per family.** The assemblies will be recorded for those family members unable to attend. These recordings must not be shared on any social media platforms. Years 3, 4 5 & 6 will be visiting St Peter & St Paul's church in year groups on Monday 13th December. We are deliberately keeping events small to minimise size of groupings with case numbers increasing.

This is the proposed timetable for this festive week:

Monday 13th Dec: **9.15am Y1A Christmas Assembly / 2.30pm Y1B Christmas Assembly**

Across the day, KS2 church visits

Tuesday 14th Dec: **9.15am YRA Christmas Assembly / 2.30pm Y2A Christmas Assembly**

Wednesday 15th Dec: Christmas Lunch & our school's Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 16th Dec: **9.15am YRB Christmas Assembly / 2.30pm Y2B Christmas Assembly**

Friday 17th Dec: End of Term and **Non-uniform Party Day!**

Have a lovely last weekend in November, if potentially a little wet and blustery!

Miss Symonds



It's a rather blustery day

Poppets

A number of children are bringing in Poppets to school. Unfortunately, these have now become something that is causing upset amongst the children for a variety of reasons and subsequently taking a great deal of staff time to manage in the classroom, at break and lunch times and during after school clubs. Therefore, we have had to make the difficult decision of banning these items from school from Monday 29th November.

We fully understand that fidget toys have their place, but they should be small, discrete and not distracting to others. If your child requires a fidget toy in school, then please speak to your child's class teacher or the SENCo about this need as we have some fidget toys that your child can use.

Thank you for your understanding.

Assembly Focus – Term 2 Week 4: Speak out. Stay safe.

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 the NSPCC's programme: Speak out. Stay Safe.

Please see the information that was sent out earlier in the week.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can also find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout



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Speak out. Stay safe.
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PTFA Update:

Quiz and Fizz - this Saturday!

The drinks are being chilled and we are all ready to host a fun night. We still have some tables available - we are able to sell the last tickets in smaller groups - email us with any questions. www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/events/social-night/

If you have started your Christmas shopping don't forget that we are signed up to easyfundraising. Purchasing through this website you can still access all of the shops you want to - get all of the deals you want to AND we get a little % paid to us! It is so easy and supports websites like booking.com and John Lewis. Check it out to see what we are talking about: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/headcornschool/>

Keep an eye on your book bags next week as we launch our Christmas Toy Raffle. We have 10 fabulous toy bundles to give away.