



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Advent - December is here! Christmas trees are up and twinkling and festive songs are ringing throughout the buildings. Teddy took one for the team on Wednesday as he donned his Reindeer Christmas jumper and antlers to celebrate the start of Advent. (I've promised him no more dressing up until Christmas week!)



Thank you to everyone who took part in our **Parent Teacher Meetings** via **SchoolCloud**. Most families had a glitch-free experience! We thank you for your patience with this new system.



Congratulations to Macy Lewis in Year 6 who was selected as a winner for the YOUR Crystal Palace writing competition, imagining what they would show if the Crystal Palace rose again! In honour of her creativity and achievement her story is on display at both The Crystal Palace Museum until the end of January and at Upper Norwood Library Hub until Christmas. Well done Macy – we are all very proud!



SOME IMPORTANT NEWS: Term 6 Date Change

In acknowledgement of the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June 2022, which falls in our Summer Half Term, the DfE have reduced the minimum number of days that schools are required to be open to children this academic year 2021-2022 to allow everyone to celebrate by having an additional day of holiday. Subsequently, following a consultation with Kent maintained schools, the Local Authority have made the decision to **end Term 6 a day early** so that it finishes on **Thursday 21st July** instead of the Friday.

We were due to have two INSET days on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July so we have altered our plans slightly.

These are our new Summer Term 2022 dates:

Tuesday 19th July 2022 – Last day of Term 6 / Academic year

Wednesday 20th July 2022 – INSET Day (no children in school)

Thursday 21st July 2022 – INSET Day (no children in school)

Friday 22nd July 2022 – School closed



Have a lovely weekend.

Think of me as I negotiate putting up Christmas decorations with help from Teddy! I have a feeling that this year my Christmas tree may have to be relocated to a protected area away from his inquisitive personality, his giant paws and uncontrollable tail!

Miss Symonds

The Kent and Medway Immunisation Team is coming to school next Friday (10th) – don't forget to do the [online consent form](https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms) if you haven't already. Visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms for more information. You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child's immunisations.

Assembly Focus – Term 2 Week 5:

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 Christian celebration of Advent.



NSPCC: Speak out. Stay Safe.

This week we have been doing lessons and assemblies on the NSPCC programme of Speak out. Stay Safe. This has been a worthwhile opportunity and the children have been really engaged. There is a children's page that you can explore at

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids> which has lots of games and activities for people to enjoy.

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



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PTFA Update:

Toy raffle tickets have come home in bookbags this week. Please give back any tickets/correct cash/unwanted tickets to the bucket collectors at morning drop off next Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th - **the last day for collection is Wednesday 8th**. Details were on the school email sent earlier this week.

Please do not return these to school office or in children's bookbags.

If you would like to buy more tickets, please email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk

Come and see the **PTFA at Bake My Day's Christmas fete on Saturday 4th December** and support our local businesses. We will be selling mulled wine and raffle tickets from 1pm-5pm. Cash and card payments accepted.

As **Christmas shopping is well underway**, please remember to use **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/>

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