



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an interesting week with much staff and pupil absence however our staff team and children have been so adaptable and understanding that we have all rallied together to get through fairly unscathed! I am very proud of them all. Let's hope most people recover quickly and are back next week as we have really missed everyone!

We recognise that since the start of the pandemic we have got out of the good practice we used to have of ensuring that parents and carers are kept informed and up to date about their child's curriculum on a more regular basis. You can find out broadly what your child is studying by looking at the curriculum links on the website: <https://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/> Just click on the year group tab to find their Yearly Overview. However, we are also aware that for you to have more details about the weekly focus in subjects will help you stay more informed with the detail of your child's learning and be able to support them beyond their Home Learning of spellings, reading and maths facts.



We hope to address this very soon but would also like you to be aware that we have a Governing Body working party meeting to investigate and enquire with the parents and carers about school communication and how we can improve this overall. Look out for communication from this working party very soon.

Have a good weekend. Who can believe February is just around the corner?!
Miss Symonds



Important Reminder

We have had an increasing number of incidents where parents or carers have contacted us or come in to school upset, disappointed or angry about an issue, only to find that they feel this way because they have been misinformed or misinterpreted information from other people rather than first speaking to a member of school staff for clarification.

We pride ourselves on being available for parents and carers to communicate with easily as we know how important this is. This is why we ensure multiple members of senior staff are available on the gates at the start and end of every day as well as making ourselves available through email, by phone or by meeting in person to discuss any concerns, issues or support needed.

Much unnecessary worry or upset can be avoided if you come directly to the school first about any issues. Our contact details are: admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk or 01622 891289 or catch us on the school gate at drop off or collection times. Thank you.

Oxford Owl

Next week we will be launching online access for Year R – 4 to the Read Write Inc Scheme that we use to teach Phonics. You will have your own personal log in to this site and your child's class teacher will 'drop in' to your portal the Read Write Inc books that they are currently reading in school. This will not replace what you are being sent home but supplement it and to practise their reading skills.

Everyone can also access additional online books via think link:
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Assemblies

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 are celebrating Chinese New Year which marks the start of a new lunar year.