



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As another term draws to a close, we are excited about the plans we have coming up in the second half of the academic year!

This week saw the start of our two new installations.

A climber, similar to the Tryfod built for the older children, is being constructed on the Early Years Outdoor area along with new artificial grass to make this space a safe and exciting learning space. We are also building a covered walkway for the Year 1 path to provide shelter from both rain and the incessant sun during the summer terms. These will both be completed ready for our return in Term 4.



Next Friday, to celebrate the end of term and to raise some money towards special visitors planned for Term 4, the PTFA are holding a **non-uniform day** (see below for more details)! The visitors are from a company called **'Westend in Schools'**. They will be coming on site for a couple of days during the week of World Book Day to provide dance and drama workshops across the school. More information will be coming out soon about this special week.

Today we say a **fond farewell to Miss Bushen** who has made the decision to move on to new opportunities. She has been a Teaching Assistant with us for the last 4 years and more recently joined our Nurture Team. I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss Bushen for all her care, dedication and hard work over the years and wishing her all the very best for the future. Mrs Berry will be stepping into her role on our Nurture Team.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!
Miss Symonds

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 exploring Children's Mental Health Week and celebrating Safer Internet Day. There will be dedicated lessons, assemblies and time taken to discuss both these important issues. For more information see the sections below.

Children's Mental Health Week next week: 7th- 13th Feb

This year's theme is **'Growing Together'** and the aim is to encourage children to consider how they have grown emotionally, and how they can help others grow. As a school we see this as a great opportunity to shine the spotlight on the **importance of mental health** and hopefully reduce the stigma around it. This will be the theme for our assemblies next week as well as classes spending some time in lessons focussing on this as well.

The week we come back after Half Term we will be continuing this focus with our **Kindness & Wellbeing Week**. More details to come about this in next week's Headlines.



Safer Internet Day

Next week Headcorn School celebrates Safer Internet Day, which takes place on **Tuesday 8th February**.

Throughout the year, Headcorn School provides opportunities for pupils to learn about e-safety and become upstanding digital citizens. Safer Internet Day allows us to be part of a national initiative and raise more awareness.

This year's campaign is entitled **ALL FUN AND GAMES** and highlights the need for respect for other users and positive online relationships, particularly in the world of gaming. Pupils will be taking part in assemblies and classwork throughout the day but continuing to have open conversations with your children about the things they like to do online is always a valuable way to gain insight, keep them safe and enable them to make informed decisions.

More information about SID22 can be found at the following link...



Twitter

If you are not already one of our ever growing number of followers, why not consider following the school social media account on Twitter. Don't miss out on all that goes on at Headcorn School by downloading the Twitter app and searching for the school account at @HeadcornPrimary. We look forward to sharing all that goes on during the school day and beyond with you!



Football Match

We are delighted to invite Brunswick House Primary down to Headcorn for our first league match of the new year next week.

The match is scheduled for **Thursday 10th February** with kick-off from 3:30pm onwards. It would be great to see some support on the side lines to cheer us on.

PTFA News

Friday 11 February – last day of term is non-uniform day. Dress in your own clothes for the day for a £1 family contribution. Donations at the gates on the day, or alternatively, if your child is in Wraparound Care, then money in a sealed envelope. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR BUCKET COLLECTIONS** – please email info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk if you can help at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Thanks!