



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to each family who took part in our **Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)**. These have been a very positive time for both parents/carers and teachers alike.

We understand that **online** Parent Teacher Consultations do not suit everyone, and some families would prefer to be able to meet face to face. We have also had feedback that online meetings work really well for others. This is because parents/carers can join from different venues, do not need to arrange childcare or can potentially speak more freely meet without their child present. I am also aware that the timings we have offered do not necessarily suit all families and more after school appointments would be welcomed.



We value your feedback about the PTCs and would like you to complete this brief questionnaire to inform our decision-making for future arrangements regarding these PTCs, Book Looks and End of Year Reports. Please click on this link to share your thoughts and feedback: <https://forms.gle/gommrztFVR77vhpq5>



**We look forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, between 3.10pm – 4pm for another Book Look.** It was a joy to receive so many people at the last one we held at the start of term. We hope you can join us.

As mentioned in Headlines on 28<sup>th</sup> January, we have a Governor Working Party who have had their first meeting to discuss improving communication and sharing of information. So far this term we have reinstated the weekly Year Group curriculum update in Headlines and offered two Book Looks. From Easter onwards, these will now be held on the second Tuesday of each short term.



We are busy planning to reintroduce some of the successful events we have previously held over ~~Terms~~ *Create* 5 and 6 such as **Reading Afternoons, Sports Day, 'Create' Festival, Parent/Carer workshops** where we invite parents/carers into school to learn and work

alongside their child in a variety of subjects. Now that we are a larger primary school larger events such as Sports Day will need to be run slightly differently to be able to accommodate larger pupil and parent/carer numbers safely.



The first of these returning events is a **Reading Afternoon** and we will be sharing details of this in next week's Headlines.

The new parent/carer information app **'MyChildAtSchool' (MCAS)** that you have signed up to is much more effective in providing information to you. As well as being able to edit your contact details, apply for clubs and trips, order school dinners, book Wraparound Care, you will also be able to see your child's attendance information and soon have access to their on-going assessment information as well. If you have not already signed up to this new app please see you inbox for the initial email or contact the School Office for support.



Happy Mothers' Day! A big THANK YOU to all the special ladies having such a positive impact in the lives of our children. You are all very much appreciated.

Have a lovely sunny weekend! Don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour this 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 will be talking about the month of Ramadan when Muslims don't eat or drink during the hours of daylight.

### **Parking**

Please be aware that the small carpark that has been unofficially available to the side of the EYFS Green gate is **now no longer to be used** as the housing development there needs these spaces for site staff and they will be receiving regular large deliveries where lorries need to be able to pull in off Kings Road to enable traffic to continue to flow.

### **Sports Update!**

We are so pleased to be able to start playing matches again!  
Here is our first Football Update:

Over the past two weeks, our football team has been involved in matches against other local schools in the Maidstone area fulfilling our league fixtures. Our first game was against North Borough Junior School which was a tough game that saw North Borough win 0-2 at the end of full time. We took this result and worked hard in training ready for our next game. Credit to all those children who showed RESILIENCE and didn't give up.

This week we played Brunswick House. This was a great game for Headcorn with us storming to a 7-1 victory at full time. I have to say that our team never showed off or belittled the opposition by over-celebrating, they simply worked hard as a team and got the result that their hard work deserved.

We still have more fixtures to complete which we see us continuing Football Club into Term 5. Well done and **CONGRATULATIONS** to all who have represented the school this term!

### **PTFA Update:**

**Donut Sale!** On Friday 1st April we'll be selling boxes of 6 or 12 Krispy Kreme doughnuts after school to raise funds for the Year 6 end of term activities.

6 doughnuts for £5 and 12 doughnuts £10

**Pre-orders only** here <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/krispy-kreme-boxes/> before **9pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and donuts will be handed out after school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - 8pm - School Hall** - PTFA AGM to vote in your committee. Please come along and support us, vote and have a drink with us. If you are interested in a committee role please email your interest to [info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk](mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk) by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. Email us to find out more about the roles. Without enough attendees we can't hold the vote and keep raising money for our amazing school so please support even if only for 10 minutes to cast your votes!!!

### **May Fair - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 12pm-4pm**

The children have bought home a volunteer letter this week in their bags, please keep an eye out for it. As always we cannot put on this huge event without an army of happy helpers! If you can spare us one or two hours of your time on the day please fill out the form and return to the school office.

This is a fun event to help out at, our volunteers always have a great time because of the atmosphere. It is also a fab way to meet other parents, we would love to see some new faces, as well as our usual loyal helpers too! If you are not available on the day we also need help in the lead up; selling raffle tickets outside the Post Office in the High Street or delivering our programmes in the village and local areas.

If you are not able to give us your time, then could you have a garden board outside your house to advertise the event?

There are LOTS of ways to help us make this event a success and raise the school a substantial amount of money! Our target is £7,000!

You can also email [info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk](mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk).

**Please return the volunteers forms to school office or email by Friday 1st April - thank you!**

Thank you as always for your support!

## Next week's curriculum overview

	<p><b><u>Year R Cheetah &amp; Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></b>            English: Reading simple instructions for making and freezing ice lollies linked to topic.            Maths: Making doubles and grouping objects using different criteria such as size, colour or function.            Topic: (Maths &amp; Science) Baking Blue Penguin biscuits!</p>
	<p><b><u>Year 1 Tiger &amp; Lynx Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></b>            English: Comprehension on our book and a book review.            Maths: We are finishing measurement with some exciting volume experiments.            Science: Planting a bee friendly garden and starting our 'pea' plant diaries, which the children will take home.</p>
	<p><b><u>Year 2 Puma &amp; Panther Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></b>            Maths: 5-minute increments on a clock, telling the time through problem solving.            English: Wrapping up our work on Meerkat Mail and reviewing the story.            Topic: Finalising our seed growth experiment and learning all about famous explorers in history.</p>
	<p><b><u>Year 3 Jaguar &amp; Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></b>            Maths: Measuring and Calculating Perimeter            English: Newspaper report writing about The Iron Man            Other subjects: Designing and making Iron Man mechanical posters, Le petit Chaperon rouge in French</p>
	<p><b><u>Year 4 Jungle Cat &amp; Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></b>            Maths: Looking at tenths as a decimal, on a place value grid and on a number line.            English: Story writing based on a classic fairy tale.            Topic: Reflect on the impact of the Anglo-Saxon invasion and settlement on the culture and history of Britain.</p>
	<p><b><u>Year 5 Caracal Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></b>            Maths: Adding and subtracting fractions            English: Big Write and conclusion of "Holes "            Other subjects: Shang Dynasty, famous scientist study, orienteering</p>
	<p><b><u>Year 6 Lion Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></b>            English: We will be doing some emotive writing from our book 'On The Move'.            Maths: We are moving onto statistics.            Design Technology: We will be continuing with our designs for our phone cases.</p>