



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Who would have thought that we would have seen our Spring Terms out with snow - what a term of mixed weather! We are looking forward to the warmer weather, sunshine and lots of learning outside as we plan for the Summer terms.



Take a look at the returning '**Dates for your Diary**' section below for just some of the plans we have coming up. Please note that we have had to move our **Book Looks** to the 3rd Tuesday of each term. We have a **Reading Afternoon** planned where we invite parents and carers in to share their favourite childhood books and read to their child and some of their friends. More details will come out at the start of next term. You will also notice that we have booked in our **Sports Day** with a rain-off day on the following Monday. There will be a **fun family picnic** in the middle of the day sporty day.

Many thanks to everyone who responded to the **Parent Carer Questionnaire** regarding Parent Teacher Consultations, Pupil Progress Feedback and End of Year Reports. Partnership with parents and carers is really important to us and these responses were really positive and extremely helpful to us to inform our future decision-making. Thank you.



We all hope you have a happy, healthy Easter break!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 19th April: Term 5 starts

Tuesday 26th April: 2.30 – 3pm Independent Catering Taster Session

Friday 29th April: PTFA Non-uniform Day: Collection for Bottle Tombola

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday Monday / PTFA Headcorn May Fair 12 -4pm

Tuesday 3rd May: 3.10 – 4pm Term 5 Book Look

Thursday 5th May: Y3&4 Living Land Day visit

Friday 6th May: Young Voices choir @ the O2

Mon 9th – Thur 12th May: KS2 SATs week

Friday 13th May: Year 6 Visit to Parliament

Mon 16th & Tues 17th May: Year 6 Kench Hill Residential

Thursday 19th May: 2.30pm Reading Afternoon

Friday 27th May: End of Term 5

Monday 6th June: INSET Day 3 (no children in school)

Tuesday 7th June: Term 6 starts

Tuesday 21st June: 3.10 – 4pm Term 6 Book Look

Friday 24th June: Year 6 Bewl Water day trip

Monday 11th July: Sports Day! (am YR&KS1 Sports Morning / Family Picnic / pm KS2 Sports Afternoon)

Monday 18th July: Rain-off Sports Day

Tuesday 19th July: End of Term 6 / End of Academic Year

Wednesday 20th July: INSET Day 4 (no children in school)

Thursday 21st July: INSET Day 5 (no children in school)

Monday 5th September: Start of New Academic Year / Start of Term 1: Year 1 – 6 Children Back in School!

NB: Day visits for Years R, 1 and 2 are busy in the planning stages. Information coming soon!

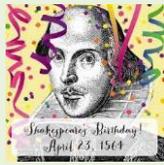


Holiday Reading!

Please remember that all children up to Year 4 have access to our new online eBooks on Oxford Owl. Login details have already been sent home with your child so please enjoy reading together over the Easter holiday.

Do you own a Large Van or Truck?!

Calling all large pickup truck or large van owners! Early Years have very kindly been offered a fantastic playhouse for their outside area, but we are needing to get it collected locally and delivered to school. If you have a large pickup van or truck, and would kindly be able to help, please contact the school office.



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. After the holidays, we will be celebrating Shakespeare's birthday.



PTFA Update:

Thank you to everyone that attended the AGM in person and online. Your committee for 2022 is: **Vikki Nesbitt & Jen Davey: Co-chairs, Jo Maher: Treasurer, Becky Henderson: Vice Chair, Susan Gravells & Toni Morgan: Co-secretaries**

Please look out for an email from us regarding May Fair volunteer requests and ordering your Jubilee tea towels. We will re-send the instructions and ask that you return your pictures to us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk as soon as completed or hand to your class reps.

Date for your diary:

Friday 29th April - non uniform day in return for bring a bottle! The very popular bottle tombola is coming back to the May Fair this year. We will be asking for bottle donations just before - anything goes, just in date and not opened. Thanks

The PTFA wish you a lovely Easter break!

YouTube Kids Update

The YouTube Kids app was introduced in the UK in January 2016 and was designed to allow younger children to use YouTube in a more managed (moderated) way whilst giving parents extra controls. Whilst it is a great app, it is evident that very few younger children use the YouTube Kids service. The biggest reason is usually that the channels/videos that the children want to watch are not available on the YouTube Kids app.



This has now changed. YouTube has introduced a new service called **Parent Allowlisting** which can be used on mobile devices where a parent can approve a video/channel from the main YouTube app into their child's YouTube Kids account.

This is a great feature and would recommend you share this with parents/carers. There is a link to a video explainer on YouTube which you can find [HERE](#).



What are the Anonymous and Honesty Apps...

At their core, these are apps that allow users to interact with each other without revealing who the users are. They are used for a variety of reasons, such as being able to ask questions that may be embarrassing, but equally, they can be used to cause harm.

Internet Matters have put together a really useful page that answers many questions about the Anonymous and Honesty Apps. It might be worthwhile sharing this with staff and your parents to raise their awareness. You can find the page [HERE](#).

The North Downs' Walk Returns...

Yes, things are really getting back to normal and the North Downs Walk, organised by the Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent, in aid of Cancer Research UK is back and will take place on Sunday, 12 June 2022 starting and finishing once again at Harrietsham Village Hall and REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. This is a terrific opportunity to raise money for your own cause as well as for Cancer Research UK.

You can still choose between the 1, 3, 6 and 9 mile routes which are all fully marshalled, with regular checkpoints and refreshment stops against the backdrop of the beautiful North Downs. At the end you will also receive your



well-earned ploughman's lunch so no need for packed lunches! The strawberries (reportedly the best in Kent, if not the world) will remain as usual.

Why not spread the word and invite your friends and family to join you? Your dogs are also very welcome. What more could you want? A great day out and you will be helping Cancer Research UK as well as your own chosen charity or cause. DON'T FORGET YOU CAN CHOOSE TO KEEP 50% of all your sponsorship for your own cause! SIGN UP TODAY! <<https://wealdofkentrotary.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=51fbd07e24feda2e26ec3df23&id=b4613e6f44&e=1768f63b6c>>

For more information visit our walkpage:

<https://wealdofkentrotary.org.uk/northdowns-walk> <<https://wealdofkentrotary.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=51fbd07e24feda2e26ec3df23&id=9d2ffa463d&e=1768f63b6c>>

Looking forward to seeing you at Harrietsham Village Hall on 12 June!

Next Term's Week 1 Curriculum Overview



Year R Cheetah & Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: An introduction to our new topic book, 'No-Bot, the Robot with No Bottom!'

Maths: Counting larger sets of objects, or things that cannot be seen.

Topic: Making 2D shape robots.



Year 1 Tiger & Lynx Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: Working towards a big write based on our new text, set in the Savannah

Maths: Multiplication & Division- recapping counting in 2s, 5s & 10s

Science: How clouds are formed

Geography: Identifying hot & cold places and locating them on a map



Year 2 Puma & Panther Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: We will be learning about expanded noun phrases and will also be re-telling and writing our own versions of a story.

Maths: We will begin our new unit on position and direction.

Topic: We will be continuing our learning on plants.



Year 3 Jaguar & Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: Introducing unit and non-unit fractions

English: Introducing new text, Stone Age Boy

Others: Exploring timelines and chronology as part of our Stone Age topic, Tri-Golf in PE, shading techniques in art



Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: Decimals – hundredths

English: A 'roar'some couple of books are coming to Year 4: Arthur & the Golden Rope and How to Train your Dragon!

Other: The Vikings are landing and we'll be delving into the digestion system... literally!



Year 5 Caracal Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: Continuation of fraction work

English: Introduction of new class book 'One Thousand and One Arabian Nights'

Other Subjects: Introduction to bat and field games, continuation of Islam topic in RE and a look at ancient Islamic civilisation in history



Year 6 Lion Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: We will be looking at our new book 'Darwin's Dragons'

Maths: We will be converting measures

Science: To tie in with our English book we are looking at evolution and inheritance