



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parent and Carers

What a busy week we've had! May Fair, Ofsted, Year 3&4 trip and our Young Voices Choir singing at the O2!

An enormous THANK YOU to the May Fair Team, all staff, parents, carers and pupils who worked so hard, supported and attended this year's May Fair on Bank Holiday Monday. I don't think I've ever seen Day's Green so busy or seen so many dogs in one place! What a successful and extremely enjoyable day. I'll leave the PTFA to proudly report the total raised below but I can honestly say that we have never had such a large amount of money raised on one day! Very well done and THANK YOU! We can't wait to spend this money on providing your children with exciting opportunities to progress their learning and experiences.

On Thursday Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their first trip out on a coach since being in Year R. They went to the 'Living Land' experience held at Detling Showground. Much fun was had learning about food, farming and countryside life. The children learnt about how their food gets from farm to plate.

Today, Friday, the Young Voices choir are off to sing with approximately 5000 children at the O2 Arena. I am sure we will be sharing some photos and experiences from this event soon.

I also want to thank you all for your support during this week's Ofsted Inspection. It has been an intense couple of days but we were energised and encouraged by your undeniable support through the survey responses, your thoughtful words, your smiles and thumbs up and of course the chocolate! Thank you so much!

We now await final judgements which won't be with us for a few weeks. So in the meantime, we will be getting on with planning and enjoying all the upcoming learning, events, trips and experiences that the Summer terms hold.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

### Dates for your Diary:

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Thur 12<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 SATs week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Visit to Parliament

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> & Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Kench Hill Residential

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May: 2.30pm Reading Afternoon**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: End of Term 5**

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: INSET Day 3 (no children in school)*

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Term 6 starts**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Leavers' Photographer in**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June: 3.10 – 4pm Term 6 Book Look**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Bewl Water day trip

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: School Photographer: Class Photos and Sports Teams**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day! (a.m. YR&KS1 Sports Morning / Family Picnic / p.m. KS2 Sports Afternoon)**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Rain-off Sports Day**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: End of Term 6 / End of Academic Year**

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: INSET Day 4 (no children in school)*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July: INSET Day 5 (no children in school)*

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



### 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. As next week is would have been Florence Nightingale's birthday, we will be talking about people who help us.





**PTFA Update:**

**A huge thank you to our fantastic school community!**

As you know we have announced our fundraising figure for the May Fair, a staggering **£9,446!!** This is an amazing result and we cannot wait to start working with the school to spend this on things that will benefit the children.

We were thrilled to see so many people having a fantastic time on Monday and to hear so much lovely feedback. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the day (all our fab volunteers who helped in the lead up selling raffle tickets and distributing programmes and all those on the day who worked so hard, everyone who had a garden board outside their house or business, the school staff for working so hard on the BBQ) but there are some special thank yous that we must mention by name: Katy & Rob Baldock, Kate Ball, Jodie Davis and Jo Maher. The PTFA committee are also extremely grateful to Maz Stack for the endless hours she spent on managing the May Fair in the lead up to and on the day. A lot of it wouldn't have happened without her. The whole team pulled together for a fantastic day and we are so proud of the positive impact it has had on our school and local community.

Thank you so much!

We promised a prize to the class who volunteered the most hours but in light of the huge success of the day and we will be treating all the children to something special!! More info to follow!

Lastly and most importantly, our hard working and dedicated planning team who have been working on this project for over 4 months, all have jobs of their own and other commitments but squeeze in the extra time to help put this huge event on for the benefit of the school and the children! **Thank you to each and every one of you** (and your husbands, wives or partners who have also had to do extra or have been dragged out to help!!):

Zanna Brown

Bianca Carey-Spencer

Jen Davey

David Gardner

Susan Gravells Becky Henderson Nicola Melliard

Vikki Nesbitt

Emily O'Donnell

Maz Stack

Nicky Stradling

Emma Warnes

Fay Westerbeek

Laura Whent

Lizell Williams

Already looking forward to May Fair 2023!!!!

# This Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

English- Writing sentences using our new letter sounds. Maths- Composing and decomposing numbers, understanding that a whole is made up from smaller parts. Topic- Making 3D penguins and thinking about classification facts.



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

English- we are learning about the animals of the Savannah in order to write a diary entry. Maths- next week we are moving onto fractions looking at halves and quarters. Geography- planning a trip to Antarctica to meet the penguins



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

English: Writing a newspaper report and focussing on our reading comprehension. Please remember to read at home and complete your My Five High 5!  
Maths: we will be looking at word and arithmetic problems using our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.  
History: We're beginning our new topic of local history and will be using sources to investigate what Headcorn was like over the years and how it has changed.



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

Maths: Adding and subtracting fractions.  
English: Instructional writing based on our class text, The Stone Age Boy.  
Other: Hurdles in PE and conducting an exciting investigation into what people ate in the Stone Age.



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

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful school trip. Maths – Halves and quarters moving onto our money topic English – Writing a newspaper report and subordinating clauses  
Topic – Digestive System Investigation, exploring using clay and Danelaw.



## Year 5 Caracal Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths – Decimals as fractions  
English – Plan for a Big Write  
Other – Researching scholars from the “golden age” of Islam



## Year 6 Lion Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

SATs week! We will be doing reading, SPaG and maths tests in the morning from Monday - Thursday. In the afternoons we will be making our phone cases. Friday we are visiting The Houses of Parliament.