



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to July. The month in the school calendar that is packed full of exciting events! Take a look at the **Dates for your Diary** section below so that you don't miss out on anything.



Next week we have our first evening of face to face **Parent Teacher Consultations**. Please see information below. We also have our own **Transition Day on Thursday 7th July**. The children will all be spending the morning with their new teachers and we will be informing parents and carers of the allocated staff for the next academic year on the same day.

Ofsted Report Update: We have been doing a lot of research and training around curriculum cohesion and ensuring threads of learning are built upon more explicitly. As part of our research into successful tools available to support us in this development, we have employed a whole curriculum scheme called **Cornerstones** which enables us to strengthen what we already do very well, whilst providing us with the framework, support, depth of cohesion and cross-curricular links to drive our curriculum provision forwards even further. This platform also lessens teacher workload, releasing staff from copious amounts of paperwork, to spend more quality time on planning, resourcing, differentiating and assessing our teaching and learning for the increased benefit and positive impact on our children's knowledge, skills and understanding. Part of this package will provide Knowledge Organisers which can be shared with parents and carers to give you a detailed overview of your child's learning and keep you more fully informed on a regular basis.

Enjoy your weekend!
Miss Symonds



We unfortunately do have quite a bit of **sickness** about the school at the moment with tummy aches, temperature, diarrhoea and vomiting. Please remember that your child needs to have had **48 hours** since their last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea before returning to school.

Parent Teacher Consultations

The first of our **Parent Teacher Consultation** evening is next week on Wednesday 6th July. These face to face meetings will be held between **3.20pm – 6.30pm**. We would prefer children to not attend these meetings so that both parent and teacher are able to speak openly if it is needed. However we understand that childcare can be challenging so your children can attend if you need or want them to.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!



These appointments are for 10 minutes only, as they were online previously, but a lot can be shared during this time. The start and end times of appointments will be tightly adhered to so please ensure you arrive in plenty of time so you don't lose any of this consultation appointment.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 5th July: School Photographer: Class Photos and Sports Teams

Wednesday 6th July between 3.20pm – 6.30pm: Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 7th July: Reading Afternoon 2.30pm – 3pm

Friday 8th July: Year R day trip to the Rare Breeds Centre

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

Tuesday 12th July between 3.20pm – 6.30pm: Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 14th July: Year 1 day trip to the Rare Breeds Centre

Friday, 15th July: Year 6 Leavers Performance – details to follow this week

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!

Save the
Date!



Recorders Needed

If any households have any unwanted recorders which are in **good condition**, the school would be very interested in gathering these together to use next year.

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 our theme is Changes. This will be a chance to think and prepare for changes, including meeting a new teacher and changing classrooms.



PTFA Update:

- Don't forget the September Social & Colour Run, Saturday 17th September! Get your tickets here, <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/colour-fun-run-tickets/> Grab friends & family & come along for a fun filled afternoon. There will also be a bar & bbq on site.
- We now have a big green wheelie bin for uniform donations so keep an eye out for it! We will let you know when to bring the donations in very soon. Put Thursday 14th July in your diary for the sale after school.
- PTFA funded end of school year DISCO's are back, Monday 18th July. YrR & 1 - during school time, Yrs 2 & 3-5 – 6.00pm. Yrs 4, 5 & 6.30-730pm. Huge thanks to all the volunteers!



This Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: recall of number facts
English: Handa's Surprise
Topic: healthy eating



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

History: Exploring a day in the life of a castle and imagining that we live in a castle. What would our day be like? What would be our role?
English: Finishing 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woolvin, retelling the story using lots of literary techniques such as writing in the first person, using speech and onomatopoeia.
Maths: Finding out that the clock is in 5-minute intervals, reading half past and o'clock times too. Please encourage your child to look analogue clocks at home if possible.



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

Maths: Completing some end of unit assessments and fun quizzes to recap this year's learning!
English: planning and writing our own story
Art: Creating guinea pig sculptures



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

English: NFER assessments, final draft of our comic strip
Maths: Introducing capacity
Other: Iron Age hillforts, preparation for Sports Day, exploring shadows in Science



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

Maths: lines of symmetry and completing symmetrical figures
English: The Windmill Farmer
Topic: Food miles, kite making, changing environments.



Year 5 Caracal Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: Drawing lines and angles accurately
English: Big Write
Other: PSHE on "Changing Me"



Year 6 Lion Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Next week is transition week for many so we have got lots of children out doing various exciting things with their secondary schools.

Those in school will be continuing to rehearse as well as making props for the production.

We will also be doing some food tech and cooking some dishes from around the world.