



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended our first round of face to face **Parent Teacher Consultations**. It was lovely to see everyone in school again. We look forward to seeing everyone else this coming Tuesday.



We had a very successful **Transition Morning** yesterday with classes moving up to their new classrooms and teachers. We welcomed two new teachers who are joining us in September. Miss Bramley-Harker and Mr Husbands will be joining our Year 5/6 team. TA placements will be announced soon and we will be able to give you our updated 2022/2023 staff list.

Staff Update:

It is with a heavy heart that I have to announce that we will be saying a fond farewell to three members of staff! **Mrs Saye** has decided that following her maternity leave, she is having so much fun with her daughter Isabella enjoying experiencing everything wonderful about her growing up that she is going to continue to spend lots of time with her!

Mr Andrews will be leaving us for a new teaching opportunity. He will be missed not only for his teaching skills and passion for learning but also for his quick wit, sense of humour and those famous deep Scottish vocals. We also lose the lead singer of our Staff Band, our resident Father Christmas (shhh don't tell the children!), our Chess Grand Master and so much more!

Mrs Collins has decided that after 27 years of being involved with the school it's time to retire but also so she can explore the world especially North America as her daughter is moving out there this month. Mrs Collins has worked in every year group, been a volunteer, TA, HLTA, co-ordinated our Educational Visits, been a champion of many sports, leading many a club, especially known for her Hockey triumphs! I know I will have missed many things that Mrs Collins has turned her hand and talents to - you name it and she's has thrown her hat in the ring with her 'can do', 'anything for the children' positive attitude. She will be missed but we are hoping that she will still be involved with the school when she can, bringing her love and dedication to this school in with her!

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Saye, Mr Andrews and Mrs Collins all the very best for the future and thanking them for everything they have done for our school and its children and our families over the years!

Look forward to seeing you all at Sports Day on Monday. Read on for a recap of the information!

Have a lovely weekend!
Miss Symonds

Sports Day!

Remember to:

- Send your child in to school in their PE kit on Monday
- Apply lots of suncream before coming to school as it is going to be a hot one!
- Send your child in with a water bottle and a hat
- Order your School Dinners as usual. These will be able to be taken out onto the field in a Grab Bag!
- Please bring folding chairs/rugs for the family picnic lunch
- We have hired Event Toilets for visitor use!
- No visiting dogs on site.
- No smoking, vaping on site please.



Timings:

8.30 – 8.50am: Drop off as usual

9am: YR & KS1 Parents and carers welcomed onto site

(Enter through the Green Keeler Side Gate)

9.15am: YR/KS1 Sports Day starts

11.45am: Picnic Lunch on the field – Family Members Welcome!

(Enter through Green Keeler Side Gate)

12.45pm: YR & KS1 Parents and Carers leave site

1pm: KS2 Sports Day starts

3pm: KS2 Sports Day ends

3.10pm: Collection as usual

Ofsted Report Update:

Our new scheme called **Cornerstones** takes the form of 10 'Big Ideas' that provide a purpose for the aspects, skills, knowledge and contexts chosen to form the substance of the curriculum through a cycle of Engage > Innovate > Develop > Express. Here are the 'Big Ideas' explained:

Humankind: Understanding what it means to be human and the cause and effect of human behaviour.

Processes: Understanding the many dynamic and physical processes that shape the world around us.

Creativity: Understanding how everyday and exceptional creativity can inspire and change perceptions.

Investigation: Understanding the importance of asking questions, formulating hypotheses, gathering information and analysing evidence.

Materials: Understanding the unique and physical properties of all matter and how we interact with them.

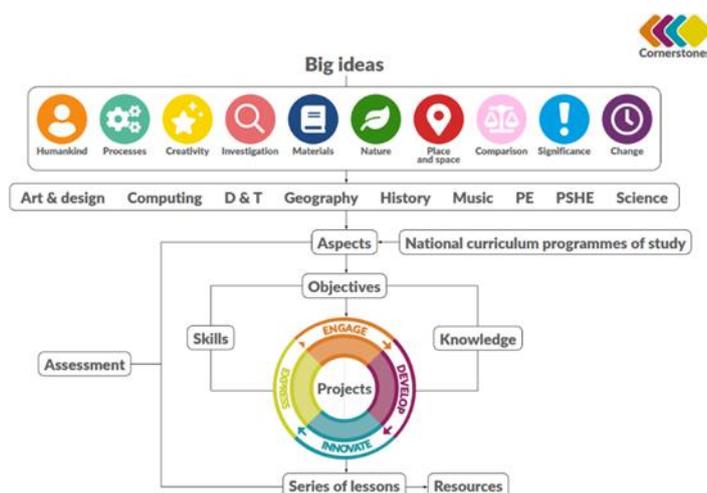
Nature: Understanding the complexities and interdependence of the plant and animal species that inhabit the world's ecosystems.

Place and Space: Understanding the visual, cultural, social and environmental aspects of different places around the world.

Comparison: Understanding how and why things are the same or different.

Significance: Understanding why significant people, places, events and inventions matter.

Change: Understanding why and how things have changed over time.



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.

Dates for your Diary:

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

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!





We are proud to announce that the school has received a BRONZE level award from the Kent School Games Organisation for our sports provision over the last academic year. This award demonstrates the depth of our after school sports provision and our commitment to both intra and inter sporting competition. With your help we hope to build on this and do even better next year. A massive thank you to all those pupils who have attended after school clubs on a regular basis and to those who have represented the school on the sporting stage. Finally, we would like to thank all the staff who have diligently given up their free time to provide these opportunities for our school community.

Guitar Lessons

Would your child like to learn the guitar? Essential techniques taught using classic & modern rock & pop songs. Enrolling now for September. Limited spaces available. Please pick up an information letter from the school office or contact Andy for more details andydavisguitar@fastmail.net 07973 680227 (£90 per 2 terms)

PTFA Update

- You should have all got an email regarding the pre-loved uniform sale next Thursday, 14th July, after school. Don't forget any uniform donations you have-there will be a big green wheelie bin by the main gate at drop off & collection times, Mon-Wed next week.
- PTFA funded school discos are just over a week away, Monday 18th July, again, you should have got an email about these. A huge thanks to our army of volunteers, we couldn't run these without them!
- Don't forget the SEPTEMBER SOCIAL & COLOUR RUN-Saturday, September 17th. Buy your tickets now-follow this link, <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/colour-fun-run-tickets/>



This Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: Recapping number skills to 10
English: Writing about our school trip
Topic: The life cycle of a butterfly



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

English: We have completed our theme of fairy tales and will be finishing off the year with some 'Splendid SPaG', in readiness for Year 2.
Maths: We have finished off all our maths modules and will be playing lots of maths games to embed learning, including lots of Maths Challenges with verbal reasoning.
Topic: Next Friday (15th) we are having a Medieval Day where the children will be using their imagination to pretend to go back in time for a Medieval Banquet. We invite you to dress up for the occasion, however we must stress this is optional, if you choose to dress up, please arrive in costume or the children can wear their PE kit as normal. Children could come dressed as a princess, a prince, a King, or a Queen, even a Knight if they wish.
Lastly, just a note to say we will be teaching our last lesson of RSE next week.



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

English: diving into persuasive writing and exploring the emotions in Olga Da Polga
Maths: recapping our learning this year on time and fractions.
RSE: children will be learning about the terminology used to describe our human bodies.



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

English – Finishing our guided reading text, The Boy who Grew Dragons
Maths – Problem solving activities
Others – Sports Day, Stonehenge Information page, observational drawing of insects



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

Maths: Position & direction

English: Big write

Other: Sports day, Kite evaluations, our planet – what can we do?



Year 5 Caracal Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: Triangles and quadrilaterals

English: Making a presentation

Other: Finishing bird feeders



Year 6 Lion Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Production: next week is the big week! Our dress rehearsal to the school is on Thursday and then we will be performing on Friday. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

DT: we will be making German pretzels to round off our food tech unit!

Science: we will be concluding our microorganism experiment – which bread will be the mouldiest?!