



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we have spoken to the children about the very sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We will be spending time over the next few weeks celebrating her life and historic 70 year reign as well as learning



about the succession of King Charles III to the throne. We have our Union Jack at half-mast at the front of the school as a sign of respect to the Queen's passing and are looking to create some artwork in memory of and to honour our beloved monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

To keep you updated about improvements across the school, please read on for some important information.

Leadership Team

Now we are a much larger primary school, we have restructured our leadership team. In addition to myself as Head Teacher and Mr Drury as Deputy Head Teacher, Ms Woodgate is now our Assistant Head Teacher.

Mr Drury will be the Head of Lower School overseeing Years R, 1 and 2. He is supported by Mrs Day who is the Phase Leader of Year R and Year 1 and Mr Drury leads Year 2.

Ms Woodgate will be the Head of Upper School overseeing Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. She is supported by Mrs Randall who is the Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader with Miss Bramley-Harker as our Year 5 and 6 Phase Leader.

Additional Email Addresses

We want to expand our communication offer to parents enabling you to be able to direct your queries or concerns to the appropriate team. This will also enable us to manage the increase of electronic communication.

Our Admin Team who deal with a range of questions and information sharing can still be contacted on admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk Please continue to email this address when sharing information about collection, absence, attendance, day to day matters, events, clubs, general enquiries, etc.

If you want to have direct contact with members of the Senior Leadership Team you can now email slt@headcorn.kent.sch.uk Emails to this address will be picked up by a member of SLT. This could be in relation to behaviour, complaints and any other concerns.

If you want to have direct contact with members of the Inclusion Team regarding SEN, Nurture, Safeguarding (as all members of this team are also Designated Safeguarding Leads) or other related matters you can email inclusion@headcorn.kent.sch.uk

Weather

Now that we are entering Autumn please remember to send your child into school with a pair of named wellies and a coat as we have been caught in unexpected showers and downpours a few times this week!

Have a good weekend.

Miss Symonds



Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 13th September: 3.15 – 4pm

This coming Tuesday we are opening up our classrooms so that Year 1 – 6 parents and carers can come into school to see where their child will be learning and to meet their teacher and Teaching Assistants. **Parents/carers must collect ALL of their children first before heading to their child's classroom.** Please note that this is not the appropriate time for confidential or personal conversations about your child. Please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher at another time.

Term Time Absences

Please remember that you need to request authorisation for any non-medical, non-illness absences during term time. There is a form that needs completing **before** the absence. This form can be found on our website www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk or you can get a paper copy from the school office.

Information regarding our Penalty Noticing for unauthorised absence can be found on the website.



E-Safety (Discord)

We kick off Term 1 with some e-safety advice from National Online Safety and we attach a copy of 'A Parent's Guide to Discord' for your further information. This is a 'free to use' app which was originally designed to allow gamers to communicate in real time but has since been deployed more widely. Please take a few moments to have a look and if needed, check in with your children.

New Resources for Parents at Internet Matters

Internet Matters have launched some new resources for parents and carers to help them keep up to speed with everything going on online. This is presented in a bright and colourful way, and is presented in bitesize sections to help digest this quickly and easily over a cuppa. The resources can be found by following the link below...

https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-matters/modules/?user_type=parent

Over the course of the year, we hope to include more e-safety advice and information to help everyone enjoy the online world in the way it was intended.

Dates for your Diary: Very soon we will be sending out a comprehensive list of all the proposed dates for the whole academic year so that you can plan ahead.

In the meantime, this term's key dates so far are:

Tue 13th Sept: 3.15pm – 4pm Meet the Teacher for Years 1 - 6

Tue 18th & Wed 19th Oct: Parent Teacher Consultations (after the school day)

Wed 19th Oct: End of Term 1

Thu 20th Oct: INSET Day 3: No children in school

Fri 21st Oct: INSET Day 4: No children in school



Please note that we are a Smoke and Vape-free site.



Please remember that we do not allow dogs on site even if they are being carried. Only Guide and Assistance Dogs will be allowed through the gates.