



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along on Tuesday this week to 'Meet the Teacher'. Hopefully now you can picture where your child spends much of their learning time! **Book Looks** will



return next term. Our first one is on **Tuesday 15th November from 3.15pm – 4pm.**

Next week we have the **School Photographer** in school. We are using a different company who take lovely natural shots outside in our grounds. This process takes a little longer as the photographer likes to capture your child's character by offering different activities to help them relax and be natural, so we have spread the class sessions over 3 days. We are offering **sibling photographs** again this year (see below).

Please remember to scroll down to the end of the Headlines for information about your child's learning for next week!

We hope you have a good weekend. We will see everyone back to school on **Tuesday 20th September** following **Monday's Bank Holiday** in honour of **Queen Elizabeth II.**



Miss Symonds

School Photographer

Here are the allocated days for each class:

Wednesday 21st September:	Thursday 22nd September:	Friday 23rd September:
Year 1 (Tigers & Lynx) Year 4A Jungle Cats Year 3A Jaguars Year 5A Caracals	Year R (Cheetahs & Leopards) Year 4B Cougars Year 3B Pallas Cats Year 5B Snow Leopards Sibling Photographs (3.15pm)	Year 2 (Panthers & Pumas) Year 6 Lions (Please do not come in your PE uniform on this day!)

Sibling Photographs will be offered **after school on Thursday 22nd September** from 3.15pm. Please come to the main entrance once you have collected your children from their teachers. There is a timetable above for the allocated class days.

Dates for your Diary:

Mon 19th Sept: BANK HOLIDAY: Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II (School Closed)

Wed 21st Sept: School Photos (see above for class allocations)

Thu 22nd Sept: School Photos (see above for class allocations)

Fri 23rd Sept: School Photos (see above for class allocations)

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

HALF TERM

Mon 31st Oct: Start of Term 2

Tue 15th Nov: Book Look 3.15pm – 4pm

Fri 16th Dec: End of Term 2



As part of the ongoing Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) scheme we are introducing to the school, we will be looking for donations of resources that could be used by the children during playtimes. If you have any **small plastic dinosaurs and animals** that you could donate to the school, we would be very grateful.

Please could donations be dropped off in the red box at the main entrance. Thank you.

Online Safety Update:

Tik-Tok (Key Stage Two)

This week we include a parent and carer guide for the popular app Tik Tok. Please remember that although we are aware that students are using this application it does come with a recommended user age of 13+ and parents should consider this carefully when continuing to allow use. Please take the time to read the information provided and continue to check in with family members to check on their wellbeing while online.



Screen Time (Key Stage One)

Did you know that recent studies show that 44% of children aged 5 to 11 have their own mobile phones?

On average: boys play around 4 hours of video games per day, while girls play around 2 hours; children aged 7-16 spend just under 3 ½ hours per day online; children aged 4-15 spend just under six hours per week watching video content. Additionally, 62% of 7-16s always have access to their mobile phones, which means they may spend more time than is recorded. (Information Taken from <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>)

While the internet continues to play such an important role in all our lives, screen/life balance is an important factor to consider when taking good care of our wellbeing and for this reason we include 'Balancing Screen Time' from Internet Matters



PTFA Update:

Saturday 17th September between 12pm and 4pm we have the September Social and Colour Run sponsored by Clarendon Homes on the school field.

We have limited tickets left...please order at <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/colour-fun-run-tickets/>

We will be offering some full price (if any remaining) and reduced £1 entry tickets on day (without medal and colour bag).

Once your tickets have been ordered you will be sent an email with colour run safety guidelines and copies will be available on the day, please read this before the event and we recommend that all participants wear sunglasses or goggles to stop powder getting in their eyes.

Wednesday 5th October - 8pm - PTFA Meeting at the White Horse - Join us for the first PTFA meeting of the year. Everyone is welcome so come along meet the team, make new friends, have a drink and see how we raise funds for the kids. We would also love to hear any ideas on how we could raise more money too.

Sunday 30th October - Halloween Trail – join us around our spooky trail to get your yummy treats. If you would like to help us in the run up to the event or on the day please email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk

Sunday 6th November - Headcorn Fireworks show - Last year we sold out so this year we are offering Headcorn School family's exclusive access to ticket sales for 2 weeks from Monday 26th September to avoid disappointment. As ever we need an army of volunteers, if you would like to help us on the day please email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk. Volunteers all get free entry plus 1 free ticket to the fireworks.

Saturday 26th November - Quiz and Fizz - join us for our quiz and disco at the school hall - adults only, more info coming soon. Again we need volunteers, please email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk if you can help.



Kent Fostering and Supported Homes

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

Please see attached flyer for more information.

This Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

We are sure that you are as proud as we are of how the children have settled into school. They are making new friends, learning routines and enjoying their new environment. In your child's book bag you will find a story book for you to read to them to develop their vocabulary and love of reading. The children can change their books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but if they are enjoying the book they can keep it for longer before changing. We will be assessing the children and those who are ready for a formal school reading book will be given one once we have completed assessments.



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

English: We are learning about story sequencing (beginning, middle and end) and inference (how a character feels) for our class text 'Perfectly Norman' by Tom Percival
 Maths: We are learning to compare numbers within 10 using the terms 'Greater Than, Less Than and Equal to' as well as learning how to use a number line to aid our learning
 History: We continuing on with our term topic on childhood, exploring how children's lives have changed over time



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

English: Introducing our new class text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'
 Maths: Continuing to focus on place value up 100
 Geography: Exploring the use of a compass and understanding how and why they're used
 A reminder that our book change days are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**



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

Maths: Place Value: finding 1,10 or 100 more or less than a given number and number lines to 1000
 English: Stone Age Boy: writing a descriptive setting using adverbial phrases
 Other: Exploring Stone Age weapons in history and investigating the fattiness of different foods in science as part of our Animal Nutrition topic in science



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

Maths: Comparing and ordering numbers. Introducing Roman Numerals
 English: Newspaper report writing
 Other: Grid references, settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and functions of the digestive system



Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: Year 5 will be exploring numbers up to 1,000,000 and will compare and order these alongside exploring rounding numbers to the nearest 1000.
 English: In English, the children will be exploring our brand new text 'Bronze and Sunflower' by reading the text, acting out elements and exploring the features of a recount.
 History: This week, the children will be immersed into the different dynasty periods in Ancient China and will order these events chronologically on their own timelines.



Year 6 Lion Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: setting descriptions of sugar plantations in Jamaica
 Maths: rounding numbers, negative numbers, factors and multiples
 Other: Year 6 will have an informative talk from the Magistrates court on Wednesday afternoon