



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the first Book Look of the academic year! We will be holding one of these each term. Please see the Dates for your Diary section below for future opportunities.



Monday we celebrated **Odd Socks Day** which is part of Anti-Bullying Week. It was a lovely and fun way to celebrate difference, individuality and character.

It is always so lovely to see the children in non-uniform. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated towards **Children in Need**. We raised over £400 through your generous donations which was given to the Dance Group from **Homewood School** who performed their Children in Need **Dance Dash** for our school this afternoon! It was lovely to see the whole school gathered on the KS2 playground! The Dance Teacher from Homewood remarked that it was a joy to come to this school as we have the most welcoming and enthusiastic audience!



New Development Project: As mentioned in last week's Headlines, the amazing £4220 raised from the PTFA Fireworks event will be kickstarting a larger project of redesigning the area by the KS1 playground into a space for an Outdoor classroom, sensory garden and quiet area for lunch and play times. We would love to gather a group of staff and parents who would form a working party for this project!

We would like to provide:

- a variety of floor surfaces and paths (bark chipping, slate chips, gravel, etc)
- build flower beds of different herbs, plants and flowers
- water features, wind chimes, etc
- a covered outdoor classroom area
- reading corners, quiet spaces, picnic tables



The possible tasks we would like a working party to help us with are:

- cutting back vegetation and clearing the area
- laying weed membrane, laying various surfaces (as mentioned above)
- building raised planters/flowerbeds
- planting herbs, flowers, plants
- hanging a canopy parachute!



If you are interested in being a part of this project or have any ideas or skills to offer then please register your interest by emailing slt@headcorn.kent.sch.uk.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

Thu 8th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch!
Tue 13th Dec: Year 2 Nativity Performance from 1.30pm
Wed 14th Dec: Year 1 Nativity Performance from 1.30pm
Thu 15th Dec: Year R Nativity Performance from 1.30pm
Fri 16th Dec: Non-uniform Party Day!
Fri 16th Dec: End of Term 2
Tue 3rd Jan: Start of Term 3
Fri 10th Feb: End of Term 3
FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Mon 20th Feb: INSET Day 5: No children in school
Tue 21st Feb: Start of Term 4
Fri 31st March: End of Term 4

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 we will be looking at our core value of Resilience. How can we keep going when things get tricky?



Job Opportunity

The school contracts an external company to daily clean the buildings.

Cleaners required, please call Elaine on 01622 692235.

Hours can be arranged for 3.30-6pm.

Free After School Club can be offered for Headcorn Primary School children during cleaning working hours.

E-safety Update...

This week we include "A guide for a better internet" from Webwise. This brochure contains lots of great tips for parenting in the digital age, including some pointers for conversation starters with younger members of the family about keeping safe online. Please take the time to read the accompanying leaflet and continue to check in with your family about their online habits.



Sports News

Match Report: Coxheath:3 Headcorn:1

Headcorn visited Coxheath Primary School this week to fulfil one of our league fixtures for this term. A new team featuring some younger faces took to the field and played some fantastic football, moving the ball around nicely and marshalling the defence well. Eventually a slight lapse of concentration saw Coxheath take the lead. However football is a game of fine margins and Headcorn were not without their chances, almost catching Coxheath on the break on a number of occasions but for centimetres preventing an equaliser. Coxheath scored again just before half time making the score 2-0. After half time the team started to regain their composure, but a scramble in the Headcorn box led to Coxheath's third goal. This did not leave the team discouraged and they continued to work openings through Toby Illes, Matthew Burger and Siddie Black. Headcorn finally scored a deserved first when Finlay Davey, Toby Illes and Matthew Burger combined to score our consolation goal. We hold our heads high and continue into next weeks fixture against Marden Primary School.

PTFA News

- Only a week to go...get your QUIZ & FIZZ tickets & be a part of the fun! Book in groups of 4 or 8. Follow this link, <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/quiz-and-fizz/> Adults only. Bring your own nibbles & grab a drink or tow from our bar. Don't forget your dancing shoes!
- We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the school Christmas Trees next Friday afternoon, 25th November. If you are able to help, please email us on info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk
- Don't forget to bring your old Christmas jumpers/t-shirts/pyjamas/onesies etc & put them in the green wheelie bin by the main entrance so we have some stock for our pre loved Christmas Clothing sale! More info to follow but we need donations!
- When you're doing your online Christmas shopping this year, don't forget to go via amazonsmile, or easy fundraising to raise money for the school while you spend, without it costing you a penny! Visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk & www.easyfundraising.org.uk Follow the instructions to set it up, it doesn't take long at all, & every penny you spend helps raise valuable funds for the school-win, win!

This Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: This week, the children will use their perceptual subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements, moving from dots in a line and arrangements of 2, to a focus on standard dice arrangements. For larger quantities, the children will begin to use skills of conceptual subitising, beginning to quickly see the sub-groups within these larger numbers.

English: Continue making clay hedgehogs and discussing hibernation in preparation for writing some interesting facts about hedgehogs.

Topic: Talking and grouping animals that are kept as pets and animals that live in the woods.



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

English: we will be introducing Poetry and reviewing our Class Text- How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers.

Maths: we will be finishing addition and subtraction within 10 and will be moving on to looking at shape!

Design Technology: we will be making our prototypes for our shelters that we have designed (if you have any recycling at home such as small boxes, or plastic bottles, unused straws, egg boxes etc, then it would be fantastic if this could please be brought in to assist the children with their making).



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

Maths: We will be learning about 2D shapes and counting sides and vertices. Perhaps you could go on a shape hunt at home and see how many shapes you can spot!

English: Continuing to read our class text 'Leaf' and writing a persuasive letter in character.

RE: We will be discussing 'precious objects'. We would like children to think of an item that it precious to them and has sentimental value. Children are welcome to bring a photo of this item in if they would like to.



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

English: We will be creating our own Iron Man menus and visualising what the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon might look like.

Maths: Looking at multiples of 2, 5 and 10

Other: Exploring using clay to create our own Bell Beaker pots, introducing the beginning of the Iron Age and the arrival of the Celts



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

Maths: 11 and 12 times tables, multiplying & dividing a number by 1 and itself and multiplying 3 numbers

English: Emotive language & letter writing

Other: How we hear sound, the rail network & how Britain became a unified country



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

English: Year 5 will be looking at writing their non chronological texts this week alongside using specific adverbials to sequence their ideas.

Maths: We will be focusing on adding and subtracting fractions.

History: We will be exploring how artefacts from the past are used to tell us about the past and how people lived in these time periods.



Year 6 Lion Class: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: adding and subtracting improper fractions and mixed numbers, and multi-step fraction problems.

English: writing and editing letters of persuasion.

Other: exploring natural resource management in Geography, making and evaluating bread in DT and investigating healthy diets in Science.