



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who has been able to attend our **Welcome to Year X Meetings** this week – just one more to go on Monday! I am glad they have been helpful to everyone. Please be reassured that the information will be coming out to everyone soon, so you will have the information in a handy document.

Thank you also to everyone who has emailed thanking us for sharing the **event dates for this academic year** (see below). We are happy to hear suggestions such as this to improve communication to help parents and carers plan well ahead of time so they can attend events.

We're looking forward to our **150th Birthday Party** next weekend on **Saturday 23rd September from 12 – 4pm** on the school field! See below and last week's invite poster for more information.



Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

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.

We are happy to share that next week's school assemblies will be dedicated to the exploration of Jewish festivals, specifically Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. These festivals hold deep cultural and spiritual significance in the Jewish tradition, and we believe it's important for our students to learn about and appreciate the diversity of our world's cultures and celebrations. We aim to introduce our students to the customs, meanings, and values associated with these festivals.

Is my child too ill for school?

As the winter season of sniffs, coughs, viruses and illness approaches, the NHS provide information about when you should and shouldn't send your child to school. Take a look as we want to encourage parents and carers to help us continue to improve attendance so that your child doesn't miss out on key parts of their education, socialising with their friends and generally enjoying fun and engaging learning experiences together at school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September the Inclusion Team will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning in school from 9.30 to 11.00am. Please come along to support this worthy cause while meeting new people and enjoying a cuppa and a slice of cake! This is an opportunity to meet the Team and ask us any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome!

If you are a keen baker, we would love to accept any cake donations on the day. Shop bought donations would also be warmly welcomed 😊 If you are able to donate a cake, please email

tracey.jefferson@headcorn.kent.sch.uk **We are unable to accept cash donations on the day please use the QR code to contribute or click here** <http://www.justgiving.com/cm23059323> Thank you! 😊

E-Safety Update...

As we kick off the new school year, it's crucial to prioritize online safety for our students. To support this effort, we've included a valuable 'Back to School' e-safety guide from the experts at National Online Safety in this week's headlines. We encourage all families to take the time to read and share this guide.

In today's digital age, it's essential that we equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the online world safely. This guide provides practical tips and information on how to do just that. We

also want to emphasize the importance of open and honest conversations about online safety within your families. Encourage your children to discuss their online experiences, questions, and concerns with you. Together, we can create a safe and secure digital environment for our students. Thank you for your commitment to the well-being of our students, both in the physical and digital realms. Let's work together to ensure a safe and successful school year.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 18th Sept: Welcome to Year 6 Parent Meeting @ 2.30pm – 3pm

Saturday 23rd September: PTFA 150th Birthday Party @ 12 – 4pm

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October: Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs): 3.45 – 6pm

Monday 30th October: INSET Day 2 (No children in school)

Tuesday 31st October: Start of Term 2

Monday 6th November: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm

Friday 17th November: School Photographer in for individual & school-aged sibling photos

Friday 8th December: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December: Year R Nativity @ 2pm

Wednesday 13th December: Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm

Thursday 14th December: Year 3&4 Church Service @ 10am

Thursday 14th December: Year 5&6 Church Service @ 11am

Thursday 14th December: Year 1 Nativity @ 2pm

Friday 15th December: End of Term 2 / Christmas Party Day!

Tuesday 2nd January 2024: Start of Term 3

Tuesday 9th January: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm

Monday 19th February: INSET Day 3 (No children in school)

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February: Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs): 3.45 – 6pm

Friday 9th February: End of Term 3

Tuesday 20th February: Start of Term 4

Monday 28th February: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm

Thursday 28th March: End of Term 4

Monday 15th April: INSET Day 4 (No children in school)

Tuesday 16th April: Start of Term 5

Thursay 25th April: Parents' RSE Talk @ 2.30pm

Thursday 25th April: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm

Mon 13th – Thu 16th May: Year 6 KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd May: Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs): 3.45 – 6pm

Friday 24th May: End of Term 5

Monday 3rd June: INSET Day 5 (No children in school)

Tuesday 4th June: Start of Term 5

Week beg 4th & 10th June: Year 4 MTCs (Multiplication Tables Check)

Week beginning 10th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening & Year 2 retakes

Monday 17th June: Sports Day

Wednesday 19th June: RESERVE Sports Day (if unsuitable weather)

Friday 21st June: Year 6 Leavers' Performance @ 6pm

Tuesday 23rd July: End of Term 6 / End of Year



NB These dates are also available on the calendar on our website: www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk

PTFA News

- Don't forget the SEPTEMBER SOCIAL, **Saturday 23 September** on the school field. FREE ENTRY! Come along & have lots of fun with games, inflatables, cake competition & so much more! There will be a bar & BBQ. Cash & card accepted. SEE YOU THERE! Check out the attached posters form more info!
- The green wheelie bin is now out through the main entrance gates waiting for your pre-loved school uniform. We are always looking for branded school jumpers, jackets, PE shirts & T-shirts that are in good enough condition to be worn again!

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: Learning to recognise and write our numbers.

English: Learning to recognise and write 's' and 'd'.

Topic: Getting to know our school community and understanding that we are part of that community



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

English: We will be continuing to look at the emotions of the main character throughout the story and creating story maps to show the changes in emotion.

Maths: We will be looking at comparing groups of objects as well as numbers using the language: fewer, same, greater than, less than and the same. We will be beginning to look at the symbols for greater than $>$, less than $<$ and equals $=$.

Other: In Art, we will be looking at comparing two different pieces of art, considering colour.



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

Maths: We will be comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to symbols ($>$, $<$, $=$). We will also be practising to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

English: Book talk & story -mapping

Other: We will be learning all about nutrition in science.

Computing: It would be great if you could practise your typing at home as this is an important skill and will help us in our computing lessons. You can practise on

BBC Dance Mat Typing.

Please remember to bring your purple home learning books in every day.



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

English: Using adjectives and nouns to describe scenes in our new class text.

Maths: Comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 and using a number line to estimate.

Topic: Learning about the tools invented during the three periods of the Stone Age.



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

Math: Comparing and ordering numbers to 10000 and introducing Roman Numerals

English: Looking at types of nouns and speech; directed and reported speech.

Other: In RE we are looking at the 10 Commandments and in History we will be looking at the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms.



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

English: in SPaG we will be looking at possessive apostrophes

Maths: we will be moving onto rounding numbers to 1,000,000

Music: we are learning our song 'Living on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi



Year 6 Lion & Ocelot Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: rounding numbers within 10 million

English: setting descriptions of the slave compound in our book 'Freedom'

Other: continuing to explore the transatlantic slave trade and how it shaped history, and beginning to explore the structure of the heart in Science.