



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another jam-packed week full of learning and the school has been buzzing with activity. Watch out for your 'Welcome to Year X' information documents coming out today. You can also find lots of additional information about the topics that your child is learning about on the Teaching & Learning tab on our school website:

www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk Click on the links under your child's year group to find Yearly Overview Grids and Subject Knowledge Organisers which give a detailed overview of the learning areas.

It is with disappointment that the PTFA had to announce that tomorrow's **150th Birthday Party** has been **cancelled** due to low numbers of volunteers to be able to run this event safely and successfully. The school will look to marking this landmark in some other way and look forward to sharing the details of this with you soon.

I want to take this opportunity to **recognise and thank our PTFA Team** for their continued hard work and efforts to put on events such as this for our school community and to raise funds to provide opportunities and resources for our children that are above and beyond the capacity of our school budget. One of these is the enormous £10000+ raised at last year's May Fair. This is being spent on developing an area of our site into a useable Quiet Area and Outdoor classroom. This space has been cleared and laid with a surface that we can now start developing further. The children have been asked for ideas so watch this space as it is transformed!



We look forward to seeing many of you are our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** next Friday – see below for more details.



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.

In celebration of the European Day of Languages, our school will be organising themed assemblies throughout the upcoming week. Each day, we will explore a European country, delving into its language, culture, and traditions. This presents a valuable opportunity for your child to gain insight into the rich tapestry of European languages and cultures.



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!

Everyone is welcome! **Please complete the form here** <https://forms.office.com/e/gmHWuK3Aqd> to confirm your attendance or whether you can donate a cake. 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

This week in Headcorn Headlines, we're excited to feature a guide titled "14 Ways to Be Kind Online." We encourage you to share this informative infographic with your families and foster ongoing conversations about positive online behaviour. **In a world where you can choose to be anything, let kindness be your first choice!**

Dates for your Diary:

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



NB For the full set of dates for this academic year please see previous week's Headlines or they are also available on the calendar on our website: www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk

PTFA News

- Upcoming events, dates for your diary-
 - Halloween Trail, Sunday 29 Oct
 - Fireworks, Sunday 5 Nov
 - Quiz & Fizz, Saturday 18 Nov (adults only)

More info will follow about these events which are always great fun for everyone involved, but WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP TO RUN THEM!!

- School uniform donation green wheelie bin is always out through the main gate for good condition, pre-loved uniform, especially branded bits, please! Keep yours eyes out for the next sale

Next Week's Curriculum Overview

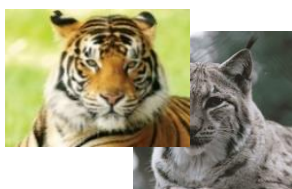


Year R Cheetah and Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Literacy: We will be learning to read and write the letter sounds 't' and 'i' as well as consolidating 'a', 'm', 's' and 'd' so that children know these letter sounds at speed. It is crucial that children practise this at home as well as practising writing each letter. They will then be ready to move on to the next step in their reading and writing.

Maths: We will be learning all about numbers 6 and 7. We will be counting out small sets of objects and learning how to form these numbers probably. Again, this is something that will only get better if it is constantly practised.

Topic: Talking about each of our senses and making clay faces.








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

English: In English this week, we are looking at video clips and documentaries about bears, foxes and birds to further understand what life is like for the main character of our focus text, Wild.

Maths: In Maths we are looking at ordering sets of 3 numbers within 10 from greatest to smallest and smallest to greatest. We will also be looking at a number line, using it to compare and order.

Science: In our human senses topic we will be taking part in a simple investigation testing the functions of our five senses. We will see if we can identify 5 different things we can hear, see, smell and taste in our investigation.

	<p><u>Year 2 Puma & Panther Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>English: We will be retelling Lila and the Secret of Rain in our words and writing a poem to celebrate the rain.</p> <p>Maths: We will be learning to count in 3s. We will also be beginning our new unit on addition and subtraction, starting with number bonds to 10.</p> <p>Other: We will be completing an exercise challenge in science as part of our 'Human Survival' topic and looking at how power and rule have changed over time in History.</p>
	<p><u>Year 3 Jaguar & Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>English: Linked to our Topic, The Stone Age, we will write a set of instructions on how to make a weapon and a Bell Beaker Pot from clay.</p> <p>Maths: Moving onto addition and subtraction where we will first explore adding and subtracting 10s.</p> <p>Topic: Linked to Art and English we will learn about the Beaker People from the Neolithic Period.</p> <p>Art: Begin making a Beaker Pot from Clay and develop clay techniques.</p> <p>Please continue to read regularly at home and fill in the MyHigh5 card within the Home Learning Book.</p>
	<p><u>Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>Maths: Rounding numbers to the nearest 10,100 or 1000</p> <p>English: Newspaper articles and sentence types.</p> <p>Other: In RE we are looking at Judaism and in Geography; 6 figure grid references.</p>
	<p><u>Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>Maths: we will be moving onto addition and subtraction</p> <p>English: we will be continuing with our character descriptions from the book 'Bronze and Sunflower'</p> <p>Art: in Art, we will be creating our final piece using shades, tones and tints</p>
	<p><u>Year 6 Lion & Ocelot Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>English: We will be exploring Nat's dilemma in our book, 'Freedom' leading up to writing a balanced argument about whether he should remain in Jamaica and search for his family or seek a new life in England.</p> <p>Maths: We will be exploring factors, multiples, primes, square and cube numbers.</p> <p>Other: In Science, we will be dissecting a heart to learn more about its structure and function. In Computing we will begin to explore how we can use a Micro:bit to programme an interactive toy.</p> <p>Please can children bring an old, unwanted toy into school (in a named carrier bag) by Tuesday 26th September. These toys will be deconstructed and re-purposed, so please nothing new, expensive or with sentimental value!</p>