



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 13th October 2023



Dear Parent and Carers

Thank you to everyone who supported, provided cakes and attended the recent **MacMillan Coffee morning**.

We raised **£320** which is a fantastic donation for the school to make towards this worthy charity. Thank you to the Inclusion Team for organising this for our school community.

We look forward to seeing you at next week's Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs) on **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October** from 3.40 – 6.30pm. If you've not booked your session yet there are a few appointments remaining. You can access the booking platform via your Scopay account. Please be aware that this opportunity will close the day before the event.



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.

As we enter the second week of our dedicated assemblies for Black History Month 2023, we continue to celebrate this occasion with great enthusiasm. This year, under the theme of 'Saluting our Sisters,' we have been spotlighting the significant role of black women in shaping history and inspiring positive change. We look forward to delving even deeper into their legacies and the broader celebration of black history throughout this second week of assemblies.



Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October: Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs): 3.45 – 6.25pm

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 Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December: Year R Nativity @ 2pm

Wednesday 13th December: Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm & Christmas Lunch

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 Please see the calendar on our website for a full set of dates: www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk

PTCs – Independent Catering

During the Parent Teacher Consultations our kitchen team will be providing delicious taster pots of school meals for you to try.

Harvest Festival

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have generously contributed to our harvest festival collection. Your support has truly made us proud. The Salvation Army will be collecting these donations on Wednesday, so there's still an opportunity to add a few more cans to make a difference this harvest season. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



E-Safety

Introducing YouTube Kids: A Safer Space for Young Viewers

In today's digital age, we understand the importance of providing safe and educational online resources for your children. As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping your child's online experience secure and beneficial, we're excited to introduce you to YouTube Kids, a platform specially designed for young viewers.

What is YouTube Kids?

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of the popular video-sharing platform, YouTube. It offers a wealth of educational content, entertaining videos, and engaging channels while providing robust parental controls to ensure a safer viewing environment.

Why Choose YouTube Kids?

Content Designed for Kids: YouTube Kids offers a wide variety of content, including educational videos, animated shows, and fun tutorials, carefully curated to be age appropriate.

Parental Controls: You have the power to customize your child's experience on YouTube Kids. Use the built-in parental controls to set viewing limits, manage search settings, and even disable specific videos or channels.

Educational Resources: Many reputable educational channels and organizations provide valuable content on YouTube Kids, making it an excellent tool to supplement your child's learning.

To help you make the most of YouTube Kids and ensure a safe online experience, we've attached a comprehensive guide from the National Online Safety Centre. This guide contains valuable information on setting up parental controls, choosing age-appropriate content, and helping your child navigate this platform safely.

We encourage you to explore YouTube Kids together with your child and utilize the attached guide as a valuable resource. It's important to strike a balance between technology and offline activities, and YouTube Kids can be a fantastic addition to your child's digital learning toolkit.

As always, we're here to support you in making informed choices about your child's online activities. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Follow us on Twitter/X

We're excited to share a wonderful opportunity for you to stay even more connected with us - by following our official Twitter page!

Why Follow Us on Twitter?

Instant Updates: Get real-time updates on school news, events, and important announcements. Whether it's a sudden change in the schedule, exciting achievements, or reminders about upcoming parent-teacher meetings, Twitter is where you'll find the latest information.

Celebrating Success: We're proud of our students' achievements, and Twitter is where we showcase their accomplishments. From science fair wins to sporting triumphs and academic milestones, you'll be the first to know.

Engagement: Join our active online community to engage in conversations, ask questions, and provide feedback. We value your input and welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Photos and Highlights: View photos and highlights of school activities, field trips, and special events. It's a wonderful way to see your child in action and relive those memorable moments.

Support and Resources: We share educational resources, tips for parents, and links to articles that can help you better support your child's learning journey at home.

How to Follow Us on Twitter

Following us on Twitter is quick and easy:

If you're not already on Twitter, sign up for a free account at www.twitter.com.

Once you're logged in, search for "@HeadcornPrimary"

Click the "Follow" button, and you're all set!

We'll do our best to keep our Twitter feed informative, engaging, and fun. We look forward to connecting with you online, sharing the latest school news, and celebrating the achievements of our students together.

Thank you for being a part of the Headcorn Primary School community. Let's stay connected and continue to work together to provide the best educational experience for your children.

Uniform Offer

Get 20% off EVERYTHING at Simmonds between 16th October 2023 - 22nd October 2023! Use code DEAL20 at checkout or in store to save simmonds-ltd.com

PTFA News

- Don't forget to buy your **FIREWORKS** tickets for **Sunday 5 Nov**. Tickets are on sale exclusively for school families until Monday, so get in fast to avoid disappointment! Follow the link, <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/fireworks-display-tickets/>
- For Firework ticket collection, there will be someone outside reception between **3-3.30pm on Wed 18 Oct, Thurs 19 Oct, Tues 31 Oct & Wed 1 Nov**. If you can't get to any of these dates, you can collect them on the gate on the day of the event but it would be really helpful if you are able to collect them before the day!
- Hopefully you've seen the poster for this year's **Halloween Trail, Sunday 29 Oct 430-630pm**. Come & join in the Spooktacular fun! Open to everyone, no need to book, dress up (optional!) & come along to be a part of the new look trail! New route, new format but same great fun! See poster attached! Why not stay for a Halloween pizza at the end to warm up? A portion of the cost of each pizza sold will be donated to the school, so come along, join the route, warm up with pizza & some Witches Molten Brew (adults & kids versions available!) afterwards! Lots of fun to be had along the route with the selfie competition & our supporters along the High Street, including Bake My Day, Oldfields, JK Foods, Headcorn Hardware & of course, The George & Dragon!
- Another date for the diary-**Saturday 18 Nov, Quiz & Fizz**-adults only fun in the school hall! Get your team together for the quiz (tables of 4 or 8) the dance the night away with a disco! Dust off those dancing shoes & get ready to party!

Sports Round Up

Headcorn School's young hockey enthusiasts showcased their skills and sportsmanship at the recent Hockey Tournament held at Maidstone Hockey Club on **Friday, October 6th**. The tournament saw participation from two teams composed of talented students from Years 5 and 6. A very special thank you goes to Mrs Collins and her husband, a fully qualified hockey umpire and coach, who supported the school throughout the competition by refereeing games and coaching from the sidelines.

Headcorn's A team exhibited remarkable teamwork and determination throughout the tournament. Their performance included:

One impressive victory against Greenfields School.

Two hard-fought draws against Allington and Parkway Schools.

A single loss against the tournament's eventual finalists, Roseacre.

Despite their commendable efforts, Headcorn A finished 3rd in their group, just one point shy of qualifying for the semifinals. The team's dedication and sportsmanship were evident in their competitive matches.

Headcorn's B team also demonstrated their passion for the sport and gave their best on the field. Their performance featured:

A well-deserved win against Jubilee School.

Two closely contested draws against Greenfields and Westborough Schools.

Two challenging losses against Loose and St. Johns.

Though they faced tough competition, Headcorn's B team showed resilience and determination throughout their matches.

The tournament provided a platform for some exciting hockey action, and both teams represented Headcorn School admirably. Their dedication to the sport and the school's values was evident in their spirited performances. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the parents and carers who supported our teams, not only by providing transportation but also by cheering them on from the sidelines. Your encouragement played a



crucial role in motivating our young athletes. Headcorn School takes pride in its commitment to promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and a love for physical activity. The hockey tournament was a shining example of these values, and we look forward to more opportunities for our students to showcase their talents in the future. Congratulations to all the participants, and let's continue to support our students in their sporting endeavours!



Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: We will be matching sets of objects to the correct numeral.
 Literacy: We will be learning to read and write the letter sounds 'u' and 'b' and using them to make words.
 Topic: Making Halloween potions (science).



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

Maths: We will be using the directional language of left and right, linking with our geography learning. Please could you practise your left and rights at home.
 English: We will be looking at the end of the story and comparing our predictions to the events that happen. We will also be exploring our feelings regarding how the story has ended.
 Computing: We will be learning to program the beebots to move in different directions.



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

Maths: We will be adding and subtracting numbers such as $56 + 5$ and $16 - 7$. We will be discussing the most efficient written and mental methods we could use. Remember to complete work set on Sumdog as this will help consolidate learning that we have done in class.
 English: An introduction to whole class guided reading and comprehension questions using VIPERS (Vocabulary, inference, predictions, explanations, retrieval and sequencing). We encourage using a similar approach at home when reading with your child to ensure they have understood what they have read: you could try asking simple questions about what new vocabulary words mean, ask them to make predictions about what might happen next, discuss how we know how a character is feeling and encouraging them to summarise the story at the end.
 Other: Evaluating our final pieces in art and looking at 3 historically significant artists in History



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

English: Using their knowledge of our Topic, The Stone Age, and our class text, Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura, the children will write in role to retell the narrative using expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.
 Maths - subtracting two numbers, adding and subtracting 2 digit and 3 digit numbers.
 History: The children will use a variety of historical sources to describe life in a Neolithic Stone Age settlement similar to that of the character Om in the class text Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura.
 Science: The children will continue to learn about Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System.



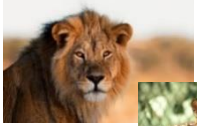
Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: Efficient ways to subtract and check addition and subtraction strategies.
 English: Writing Kenning poems and finishing our Guided Reading text of 'The Saga of Eric the Viking.'
 Other: We have an exciting opportunity where a Humanist will be speaking to the year group and discussing moral problems. In Geography we will be looking at the contrasting climates of North & South America.



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

Maths: Continuing with multiplication and division.
 English: We will be continuing to write our story.
 Music: We will be filming our final rendition of Living on a Prayer!



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

Maths: we will be looking at the order of operations and using this knowledge to complete a range of problems.

English: we are continuing our narrative poems.

Other: we will be evaluating our final landscape paintings in Art and carrying out an investigation into how our heart rate affects sprint times in Science.