



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has truly sped by at such a rate – I can't believe we've completed 7 weeks jam-packed full of learning!



Thank you to everyone who attended this week's **Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)**.

The hall was buzzing with lots of positive conversations! A **BIG THANK YOU** to our **Independent Catering Team** who provided taster pots for the sampling of their menus. We hoped you enjoyed this little treat and it encourages you and your children to sign up to some meals if you're not already doing so.



Today we had our first visit from our School Improvement Advisor. He spent the morning visiting classrooms, speaking to children and looking at books and other evidence of learning. He was very pleased with the progress that has already been made this term. Our children spoke confidently and with knowledge and enthusiasm about their learning, proud of their work and their school. Thank you to everyone for their hard work this term, for their partnership with the school and for such a successful start to this academic year.

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Have a lovely Half Term break.

Don't forget that Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day with our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for ex pupils, staff and Governors!

See you all on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October for Term 2. Don't forget to pop Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November in your diaries for our next Book Look!

Miss Symonds



### 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 [www.simmonds-ltd.com](http://www.simmonds-ltd.com)

### Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: INSET Day 2 (No children in school)**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Start of Term 2**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: School Photographer in for individual & school-aged sibling photos**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Year R Nativity @ 2pm**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm & Christmas Lunch**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3&4 Church Service @ 10am**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 5&6 Church Service @ 11am**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 Nativity @ 2pm**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: End of Term 2 / Christmas Party Day!**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk)**

### E-Safety

Hello, young online explorers!

Do you love taking pictures with your family and friends? It's so much fun to capture all those happy moments and memories! But did you know that it's important to be smart about sharing photos online?

*Here are some quick tips to help you share photos safely:*

**Ask First:** Always check with your grown-up before posting any pictures. They can help you decide if it's okay to share.

**Privacy Is Key:** Make sure your social media accounts are private. This way, only your friends and family can see your photos.

**Kindness Counts:** Be nice and only post photos that make people feel good. Remember, we should never share embarrassing or mean pictures.

**No Personal Info:** Avoid sharing pictures that show your school, house, or any other personal information.

**Help from Grown-ups:** If you're not sure, ask a grown-up for help. They can show you how to be super safe online.

And guess what? There's an amazing guide from the National Online Safety website that can help you and your grown-ups stay even safer online. Be sure to check it out with them!

Remember, sharing photos online can be lots of fun, but it's super important to do it the right way. Let's all be kind, smart, and safe when we share our pictures online!  
Stay safe and happy exploring the digital world!

### **New Kit...**

Exciting news! Our PTFA has generously sponsored a new cricket kit for our school. This equipment boost comes after our remarkable success at the Kent School Games last year.

As summer approaches, our students will be ready to hit the cricket pitch with confidence and pride. The PTFA's generous support provides us with top-quality gear, including uniforms, bats, balls, and more. This kit will help our teams perform at their best and continue our tradition of excellence in cricket. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTFA for making this possible. Their support strengthens our school community and enhances our students' educational journey.

Get ready for an exciting cricket season ahead, and let's aim for even more victories with our new kit!



### **PTFA News**

- Get ready for the ALL NEW Spooktacular Halloween Trail, SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER! Starting & finishing at The George & Dragon, do the trail then why not enjoy a special Halloween Pizza, plus warm up with a mug of Witches' Molten Brew (kids alternative available!)? From 4:30pm. No need to buy a ticket, just turn up & join the fun!
- Don't forget to order your Fireworks ticket for SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER so you don't miss out! Tickets have been selling fast but there are still some available-follow the link below, <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/fireworks-display-tickets/>
- We do still need some volunteers to help on firework night. Don't forget, if you help, you get in for free, plus you get another ticket for free-win, win! Follow this link to let us know how & when you are available to help out. It can be an hour or all afternoon/evening, whatever time you can spare is greatly appreciated!  
<https://forms.office.com/e/qK3VSR4Wtk>
- Quiz & Fizz tickets on sale soon, watch this space! Have you got your team together yet? Tables of 4 or 8 (£10/head). Adults only-quiz followed by a disco. In the school hall. SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER.
- Come along to the first PTFA meeting of the school year-WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER at 8pm in The White Horse. Everyone is welcome-come & meet us, see what we have planned & find out how you can get involved, or just listen to what's going on!



### **Messy Church**

Messy lego, at the village hall on Tuesday 24th October from 2:30 - 4:30. Lots of lego to play with, free entry.



# Next Week's Curriculum Overview



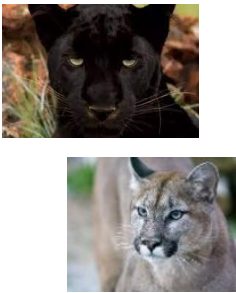
## **Year R Cheetah and Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus**

Maths: Counting sets of objects and matching them to the correct numeral.  
 Literacy: We will be learning to read and write words using all the sounds learnt so far.  
 Topic: We will be learning all about Bonfire Night.



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

Maths: We will be recapping some of the skills we learnt in Term 1 to refresh our brains. We will be revisiting less than, greater than, counting on a number line and systematic number bonds.  
 English: We will be looking at our new book 'How to be a lion' by Ed Vere. We will be researching what lions are like in their natural habitat and describing their appearance as well as their behaviour.  
 Geography: Learning to find and name the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world.



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

Maths: Finding 10 more and 10 less, adding and subtracting tens, adding two 2-digit numbers.  
 English: We will be looking at clues to make a prediction about our new class text! We will also be writing a recount based upon our special visit from Zoo Lab.  
 Other: We will be beginning our Habitats unit with a very exciting visit from Zoo Lab who will be doing a workshop with us on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Zoo Lab will be bringing in a variety of animals for the children to see. For more info on this workshop, please visit: <https://www.zoolabuk.com/habitats>  
 There will be no spellings this week as it is half term. We will give out new spellings on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



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

English: We will begin to read the legendary book 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Throughout this term the children will learn how to write a recount, instructions, diary, letter, menu and newspaper report. This week we will focus on prediction, setting and characters.  
 Maths: Introduce Multiplication and Division using practical and theoretical strategies.  
 History: The children will begin to learn about the Bronze Age and how the introduction of metal transformed lives.  
 Science: The children will continue to learn about Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System.



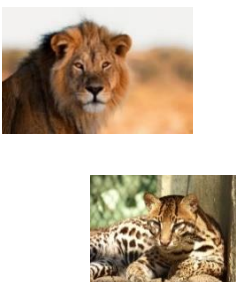
## **Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus**

Maths: We will be looking at ways to be efficient at subtracting and introducing our new Maths topic on Area  
 English: Starting our new book, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.'  
 Other: In History we will be learning about The Viking invasion and their raids at Lindisfarne. In Science we will be introducing the concept of Sound and how it travels.



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

Maths: We will be starting to look at fractions.  
 English: We will be writing our own poems.  
 Science: We will be starting our new topic on forces and mechanisms.



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

Maths: We will begin our topic of fractions, finding equivalents and comparing/ordering fractions by both numerator and denominator.  
 English: Children will make predictions and inferences about our new class book (title kept top secret until we're back in school!) and explore features of persuasive writing.  
 Other: We will kick off our 'Food for Life' topic in DT by exploring the packaging of a range of processed foods.  
**Please could examples of clean/washed processed food packaging (ready meals, pizza boxes, pasta sauces, soup etc) be brought into school on the first day of term? Thank you 😊**

