



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you to those who were able to attend our **150th Birthday Celebration** on Monday. We had a lovely time sharing our memories and stories whilst touring the school reminiscing and chatting over a cup of tea. The hall was packed full of displays of old school registers, event records, memory books, a wide selection of photos alongside a PowerPoint of photos of the school and village and a timeline of history of the school on this site over the last 150 years provided by **Headcorn Historical Association**.



We will be creating a display of some of these visuals in our lobby area soon. Other events to celebrate this landmark will continue to take place over this academic year such as our **whole school panoramic photograph** in April, the creation of a **permanent commemorative display**, our **decoupage Shaun the Sheep** (see below for more information) amongst other activities that will unfold over the year.

We are really looking forward to the **popular annual Headcorn PTFA Fireworks event** this Sunday 5th November. Gates open at 4pm. Get your children designing their 'guy' to bring along to pin on the large guy and the winner will be selected on the night. Get tickets beforehand to avoid disappointment as the weather forecast is looking positive so hopefully we'll see you there. More information below.



Don't forget our next **Book Look** is being held after school from **3.15pm – 4pm on Monday**.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday is the Remembrance Sunday Service held on Headcorn High Street by the memorial. Members of our School Council will be representing the school in the parade and laying a wreath on behalf of our school community.

We will be selling a limited stock of poppy items such as wristbands and reflectors on Thursday and Friday of next week. Items will be available (one per child) for a £1 donation, except the click wristbands which will be £2. We do not have paper poppies this year, however, these are available in the village.



Dates for your Diary:

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

Monday, 13th November: Odd Socks Day

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



Assemblies

SHAUN IN THE HEART OF KENT

Following the success of Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade in 2021, Heart of Kent Hospice are excited to announce they are bringing a second art trail to Maidstone and the surrounding area from 29 June to 30 August 2024.

Shaun the Sheep! Named 'Shaun in the Heart of Kent,'



Thanks to our amazing PTFA, we at Headcorn Primary School are going to be part of this. Our Shaun has arrived and is relaxing in Glennie building, waiting to be decorated. As part of our 150th Birthday celebration we will be covering him with birthday cakes drawn and created by all the members of our school. This will be done during an exciting fundraising week ...details to follow.

What we need now is his name.....

What do you think we should call our birthday sheep?

Next week during assembly time children will have the chance to meet Shaun, find out a little about the amazing work of The Heart of Kent Hospice and discuss name choices. So, get your thinking caps on and we look forward to hearing from 'EWE'.

E-Safety

In today's fast-paced digital age, it's more important than ever to ensure that our children have a safe and balanced experience while using their devices. Fortunately, there are tools like Google Family Link that can help us manage and monitor our children's online activities.

Internet Matters, a valuable resource for online safety, highlights the significance of staying informed and actively involved in our children's digital lives. By using Google Family Link, we can take a proactive approach to guide our children in using technology responsibly.

Here are some key features and benefits of Google Family Link:

1. **Setting Screen Time Limits:** Google Family Link allows you to set daily screen time limits for your child's devices. This feature helps ensure that they have a healthy balance between screen time and other activities like schoolwork, play, and socializing.
2. **App Management:** You can approve or block specific apps and games, making sure your child only accesses age-appropriate content. This feature aligns with Internet Matters' advice to help kids explore the digital world safely.
3. **Safe Browsing:** Google Family Link offers safe browsing filters to prevent your child from stumbling upon harmful or inappropriate content on the internet, reinforcing Internet Matters' goal of creating a safer online environment for kids.
4. **Location Tracking:** You can keep tabs on your child's location through their device, giving you peace of mind and ensuring they stay safe when they're out and about.
5. **Remote Lock and Unlock:** If it's time for homework or bedtime, you can remotely lock your child's device. This feature aligns with Internet Matters' recommendations to establish tech-free zones in the house and promote a healthy digital routine.

Google Family Link empowers you to become a responsible digital parent, actively participating in your child's online journey. It fosters open communication about online safety, helps in teaching good digital habits, and ensures your child's online experiences are positive and educational. We attach a guide from the people at www.internetmatters.org for your further consideration.

Odd Socks Day and Children in Need

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. So amaze us with your smashing socks!




Friday 17th November is Children in Need. We also have school photos on that day so **FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER WILL NOT BE NON-UNIFORM**. We will however be having 'Dance Dash' where an intrepid group of dancers from Homewood School show us their amazing moves. So, we would still love to collect money to give to them to help raise funds for this amazing charity. There will be buckets at the gate on Friday where all donations are welcome. Thank you for your support.

PTFA News



- A HUGE thanks to all of you who attended the Halloween Trail last weekend, & those who decorated their houses. We hope you had lots of fun & managed to enjoy the tasty mulled wine & pizzas that were on offer afterwards at The George & Dragon! We haven't done a final count up yet, but it looks like we raised just over £500, which is AMAZING!!
- Don't forget, FIREWORKS, THIS SUNDAY!! If you haven't already got them, buy your tickets NOW online by following this link, <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/fireworks-display-tickets/>
- Also, why not design your own guy by drawing it? Bring your artwork along on Sunday to be in to win a prize at the event!
- If you have purchased your fireworks tickets, but not been able to collect them yet, they will be available for collection from the school on SUNDAY FROM 12 NOON.
- Have you got your QUIZ & FIZZ tickets yet?? Saturday 18 Nov, adults only fun in the school hall. Follow the link below to get your tickets-groups of 4 or 8. £10/ticket. Bring your own nibbles. Bar available. <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/quiz-and-fizz-tickets/>
- ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS: Reap the benefits of low-cost hassle-free advertising for 2024! We're putting together our colourful, easy reference Wall Calendar, 1750 copies are delivered in/around Headcorn in the run up to the New Year. Slots are limited and reserved on a first come first serve basis. Deadline: Friday 17th November 2023. Please refer to booking form attached.

Next Week's Curriculum Overview

	<p>Year R Cheetah and Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</p> <p>Literacy: We will be learning to recognise, sound out and write 'h' and 'r'.</p> <p>Maths: We will be comparing the number of objects in 2 sets, using the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set.</p> <p>Topic: We will be learning about Remembrance Day and the celebration of Diwali.</p>
	<p>Year 1 Tiger & Lynx Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</p> <p>English: We will be drawing an illustration of the main character from our story following a tutorial by the Author and Illustrator. We will also be labelling our pictures using descriptive adjectives.</p> <p>Maths: We will be beginning to look at subtraction. We will be calculating how to work out the missing parts of a number sentence for example $3 + \underline{\quad} = 8$</p> <p>PE: In dance, we will be using our body to create still shapes to represent different parts of the forest. In send and return, we will be practising hitting and catching a ball.</p>
	<p>Year 2 Puma & Panther Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</p> <p>Maths: Adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. Please remember to login to Sumdog to complete set tasks!</p> <p>English: Reading more of our class text 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. We will learning about the features of a non-chronological report and writing our own all about polar bears!</p> <p>RE: We will be learning about how Passover is celebrated in RE.</p> <p>DT: We will be looking at different tools used for cooking and preparing food.</p>



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

English: Writing a set of instructions on how to reassemble the Iron Man and writing a diary entry in role and creating a Wanted Poster for the Iron Man this week!
Look out for our amazing Iron Man drawings on Twitter too!
Maths: finishing off our addition and subtraction unit with exploring compliments to 100 (partitioning), estimating answers and making decisions.
Topic: The children will learn about life in the Bronze Age. Has your child told you how Bronze is made yet?
DT: We are learning about food groups and healthy eating this terms so we hope that you can have a chat about his at home too!



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

Maths: Comparing the area of shapes & looking at multiplying and dividing by 3 and 6.
English: Developing our dramatic plans to re-write the ending to Red Riding Hood.
History: We are learning about the Viking raids.
French: We are using the possessive adjective 'my' to describe family members.



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

Maths: We will be converting and ordering fractions.
English: We will be writing a diary entry on the life of a worker in the Shang Dynasty.
DT: We will be starting to look at mechanisms, please could you bring in large, squeeze bottles for us to use!



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

English: We will continue working towards writing our persuasive letters based on our class book 'Pig Heart Boy'.
Maths: We will be developing our understanding of fractions, moving onto mixed numbers.
Topic: We will be learning about the abolition of slavery and the aftereffects of its ban
DT: We will be learning more about healthy eating and will be making our own bread and comparing it to shop bought bread.