



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 10 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

An enormous **THANK YOU** to our **wonderful PTFA Team** for the Fireworks event held last Sunday. We raised £5030.42 which will go towards providing exciting opportunities for the whole school.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this event such a success and for all those who supported by attending. You have to admit that the display was particularly spectacular!



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our **first Book Look** of the new academic year. It was lovely to see so many people on site celebrating their child's learning with them. I received many positive and encouraging comments about how much learning had taken place already and how pleased parents and carers were with their child's work. Thank you.



Don't forget that it's **Odd Socks Day** this **Monday** for **Anti-bullying week**. The children are to wear their usual uniform but can go a bit wild by wearing odd socks or brightly coloured tights to mark the start of this week. See below for more information.

Next Friday morning we have our **Individual School Photos**. We will be taking sibling photos of children that are in school. Unfortunately, we are unable to open this up to older or younger siblings that do not go to our school. There will be no PE that day so that everyone can come smartly dressed.

We will have two photographers so that all photos are taken before lunchtime.



Our **School Council** will be representing our school at **Headcorn's Remembrance Service** this Sunday morning on the High Street. It would be lovely to see lots of our school community supporting this important event. Here are Year R and Year 3 displays for this memorial.

Have a lovely weekend!
Miss Symonds



Dates for your Diary:

Monday, 13th November: Odd Socks Day

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

Wednesday 6th December: Inclusion Coffee Morning from 9.30am

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



Inclusion Coffee Morning

The Inclusion Team's next Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am. We will be joined by Louise Mayhew, an Independent Speech and Language Therapist from Maidstone and The Weald Functional Communication. Louise will be sharing information on Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and answering questions you may have around speech, language and communication. As it will be practically Christmas by then, we will have some hot drinks and festive treats for everyone! This Coffee Morning is open to all of our school community and anyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.

Next week is Anti-bullying Week, and we are kicking it off with something special - Odd Socks Day! This day celebrates the uniqueness and individuality of each one of our students. We encourage all children to wear mismatched socks or bright coloured tights to show that it's okay to be different, and we celebrate the diversity within our school community. During the week, we will explore important lessons about kindness, respect, and how to prevent bullying. We look forward to a week filled with valuable discussions, fun activities, and a reminder that together, we can make our school a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

If you want to know more about here is the link to the Anti-bullying Alliance website, for advice and support.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>



E-Safety

Internet Matters, a trusted organization dedicated to promoting online safety and digital well-being, has put together an informative article titled "Helping Children Create a Kinder World Online." This article is a valuable source of information that provides guidance and strategies for teaching your children how to be kind and considerate while using the internet. You can access the article by following this link: [Helping Children Create a Kinder World Online](#).

In this article, you'll find insights into various aspects of online kindness, including:

- Understanding the Importance of Kindness Online: Learn why fostering a culture of kindness in the digital world is essential.
- Practical Tips: Discover practical strategies to teach your children how to interact with others online in a respectful and caring manner.
- Conversations with Your Child: Find guidance on having open and constructive conversations with your child about their online experiences.
- Online Safety: Explore the connection between online safety and kindness, helping your child stay safe while being kind on the internet.

The internet is a vast and influential space where our children spend a significant amount of their time. Teaching them to be kind online is not only about their well-being but also about contributing to a better digital world for all. We encourage every parent in our community to explore the Internet Matters article and apply the insights to your family's online experiences. By fostering a culture of kindness and respect online, we can help our children navigate the digital landscape with confidence and integrity. Let's work together to create a safer and kinder online world for our kids. Thank you for your dedication to the well-being and digital literacy of our children.

PTFA News

- WOW-massive thanks to everyone who came to, and helped out at, our firework event last weekend, we made a MASSIVE £5030.42!! We hope you all had a great time and enjoyed it as much as we did!
- BUSINESS OWNERS-Would you like your business to be included in our 2024 calendar that gets delivered in the run up to New Year, to over 1750 houses in/around the village? This is a great way to have some hassle free advertising! Slots are limited and on a first-in, first-served basis, so don't delay. The deadline for being included is FRIDAY 17 NOV. See the attached form. Any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch!
- QUIZ & FIZZ, Saturday 18 Nov - have you got your tickets yet? Get your team of 4 or 8 together and come along for a fun night of quizzing and disco-ing! Fully stocked bar, bring your own nibbles. Click on the link to get your ticket NOW!! <https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/product/quiz-and-fizz-tickets/>
- WEDNESDAY 24 JAN - PTFA AGM in the school hall from 8.00pm. Come along to the AGM, meet the committee and see what is planned, get involved, or just find out how we work and what we do! The more the merrier.



Next Week's Curriculum Overview

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



Maths: Exploring the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts' of numbers.
Literacy: Learning to read and write the letter sounds 'v' and 'j'.
Topic: King Charles' birthday, linked to royal families in traditional tales.
In Reception we work in partnership with you to help your child to learn. We enjoy being part of the learning and milestones they reach at school, but also love to find out about their experiences at home. We will soon be sending home a Learning Journey book for you to complete over the year. This is your way of celebrating your child's achievements or any events that might be significant to them. For example, you might have photos from a day trip that was enjoyed, they might have done something for the first time, baked a cake and weighed ingredients, learnt to ride a bike etc. There is no right or wrong way to complete this learning journey "scrapbook" as it is unique to you and your child. We might ask you to share the books with us at points over the year, so that we too can celebrate and share in your child's development. Thank you for your support in the home/school partnership.

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



English: We will be writing a character description of Leonard the Lion from our story 'How to be a Lion'.
Maths: We will be subtracting on a number line as well as consolidating our addition and subtraction unit.
History: We will be researching the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II which took in 1953.

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



Maths: We will be beginning our unit on shape and recognising 2D and 3D shapes. Remember to login to Sumdog and click on the yellow 'tasks' button to complete the set work.
English: We will be writing some expanded noun phrases and using these to create some poetry based around our new class text.
Other: We will be learning to locate the equator in geography! We will be continuing our learning about Emmeline Pankhurst in history.

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

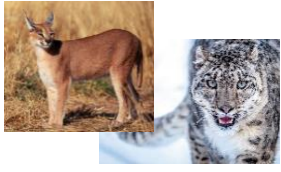


English: Whilst reading the wonderful class text The Iron Man by Ted Hughes the children will write a letter as a character and learn how to use Adverbial Phrases and a range of Conjunctions in their writing. We are really proud of their continuing progress in Writing! Please continue to reinforce this by reading and practising spellings at home.
Maths: moving into our next topic, multiplication and looking at groups and arrays.
History: We continue to travel back in time to The Bronze Age and will learn how Wealth and Power began to change society.
DT: We are continuing to learn how to Cook safely and will begin to cook some potato recipes. Please let the school office know if you child has any new allergies.

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



Maths: 7 and 9 times tables and corresponding division facts
English: Tenses and Poetry based on senses.
Other: In RE we are looking at the story of Rama and Sita following on from an amazing presentation from a Y4 child and in DT we are evaluating different food packages.

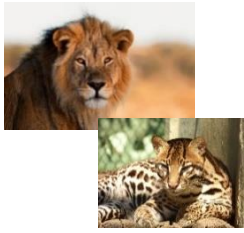


Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: We will be continuing with fractions and adding them.

English: We will be writing our diaries from the Shang Dynasty.

DT: We are looking at how to make our own pneumatic mechanisms.



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

Maths: Next up, we will be continuing with fractions, moving onto adding and subtracting mixed numbers before using our skills to work with multi step problems.

English: We will begin working on newspaper reports, starting by looking at some examples and identifying features.

History: Next, we will look at what happened after the abolition of slavery, by discovering what happened to slaves and slave owners after slavery.