



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 8 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a lovely, excitable day wearing our **Christmas jumpers** and accessories! Even though we have been rehearsing for Nativities and Christmas Church Services, it feels like Christmas countdown has well and truly started!



Our very own giant **'Elf on the Shelf'** has been doing the rounds about the school getting up to mischief much to the children's delight! Try to guess his name. For details of the competition see the PTFA section below.

We're very excited about all that next week holds for our school community. It almost feels like the last few lines of 'The 12 Days of Christmas' song: 3 Nativities, 2 Church Services and a Party Day on the Friday!

Our PTFA are a fantastic team of parents, staff and community volunteers who work hard to raise funding for the school so that we are able to provide opportunities, events, resources and experiences for our children and the wider community.



As a community we have enjoyed events such as the May Fair, Fireworks Night, Curry Nights, Quiz and Fizz, pupil discos, Colour Run, Silent Disco, Boot Fairs - to name just a few!

There are so many things that we would not be able to enjoy as a school that have been purchased using PTFA funding. Some examples of these:



- the upkeep of our swimming pool and staff training for lesson delivery
 - £200 for each year group to spend on whatever they'd like!
 - Our 60 iPads
 - the Nurture Room and its resources
 - our Outdoor classroom development
 - our stunning Christmas Trees and individual pupil and staff baubles
 - our Year 6 Leavers gifts (eg Graduoke film recording and Yearbooks)
-and SO much more!

On **Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 8pm** the PTFA will be holding their **AGM** which is a great opportunity to hear of all the fantastic things that have been done and money raised over the last year. It is also an opportunity to **vote in new committee members** so please see the PTFA section below regarding who to chat to so you can find out more information.

Many thanks to our **fabulous PTFA Committee** for their time, efforts, creativity and sacrifice for giving us another bumper year of enjoyable events and amazing fund-raising! Thanks also to the whole community for all the support that you have given to our PTFA and our school. It is much appreciated by us all.

Take a moment to go and see the **Christmas Tree Festival** at St Peter & St Paul's Church in Headcorn. Our PTFA have decorated a tree in our school colours and logo!

Roll on Christmas Week! Lots of fun to be had and memories to make. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Symonds



Dates for your Diary:

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 (No INSET Day!)

Year R September 2024 Primary Admissions

Please remember to complete your sibling application by **Monday, 15 January 2024**. Applications can be made at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. If you are unable to access the online site, an alternative format can be requested by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Please see attached poster for further details.

E-Safety Update – PEGI Ratings

As we dive headfirst into the festive season, the magical scent of gingerbread and the twinkling lights of the Christmas tree fill the air. 🎅 ✨ But hold your reindeer, because we've got a special message for all our gaming enthusiasts out there! 🎮 🧑

Unlock the Joy, Check the PEGI Rating! 🌈 🎮

Imagine unwrapping the perfect gift on Christmas morning – a brand new game that's been at the top of your wish list! But wait, before you embark on that epic gaming adventure, have you ever heard of PEGI ratings? It's like the secret code to ensuring your gaming experience is as epic as the North Pole itself! 🎅 🔍

🌟 What's PEGI, you ask? 🌟

PEGI, which stands for **Pan European Game Information**, is like the Santa's helper for video games. They give games age-appropriate ratings so that you know if a game is a perfect fit for you or your friends. Think of it as a treasure map guiding you through the gaming wonderland!

👁️ Peek at the PEGI Ratings! 👁️

Head on over to [PEGI's official website](https://www.pegi.info) and take a stroll through their virtual game world. Each game has a magical number that tells you about the recommended age for players. Whether it's PEGI 3 for our little elves or PEGI 16 for the more seasoned gamers, these ratings ensure everyone has a jolly good time!

🚀 Why Does it Matter? 🚀

Picture this: You're exploring a galaxy far, far away, battling dragons, and solving puzzles. With the right PEGI rating, you're guaranteed a gaming journey that matches your skills and maturity level. It's like having Santa's elves tailor-make your gaming experience just for you!

🌈 Spread the PEGI Cheer! 🌈

Parents and gift-givers, you're the real MVPs! Before wrapping up those game-shaped surprises, make sure to check the PEGI rating. It's the gift that keeps on giving – ensuring smiles, laughter, and safe gaming for all!

So, dear Headcorn heroes, let's make this festive season a gaming sensation! Check those PEGI ratings, unwrap the joy, and let the gaming adventures begin. 🌟 🎮

Wishing you all a PEGI-perfect holiday season filled with pixels of happiness and endless fun!

Stay safe and game on.

PTFA News

- Have you noticed the Elf around school again yet? Think of their name and be in it to win it! What is a good Elf name?!
- The PTFA are having a Christmas Tree by the church this year, so pop along to see it during the festive season! The switch on is this Saturday (9th Dec) at 415pm, along with carol singing.
- Don't forget to put the **PTFA AGM** date in your diary-**Wed 24 Jan, 8pm**, in the School Hall. There will be nibbles and drinks available. Come along to see who we are, what we do and how you can get involved! We are a friendly bunch so don't be shy! Everyone is welcome!
- We will be looking for new committee members in January, so if you do think this is something you would be interested in, come and find us for a chat anytime, or email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk for more information. We look forward to hearing from you! We are a friendly team who have lots of fun while raising vital funds for the school, so come and get involved! There are plenty of ways to get involved without a huge commitment-promise!
- Don't forget to get your child's artwork order in by Thursday 14th Dec to ensure delivery before Christmas. There are some really lovely products. Follow the link, <https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=Headcorn&access-code=z7NopJPO>
- If anyone can help deliver our fundraising calendars around the village over the holidays, please complete the form by clicking on the link, & we will be in touch with more information <https://forms.office.com/e/wUhPMBtpH9>



Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths- This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are.
Literacy- Writing celebration cards using the letter sounds we have learnt.
Topic- Using a variety of media to make 'shiny' Christmas decorations that reflect light.

Read, Write, Inc. links-

Mrs Griffith's and Miss Young's groups

[The sound ng](#)

[Fred talking ng](#)

[The sound nk](#)

[Fred talking nk](#)

[Speedy sounds](#)

Mrs Day's and Miss Gelder's groups

[The sound th](#)

[Fred talking th](#)

[The sound ch](#)

[Fred talking ch](#)

[Speedy sounds](#)



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

Maths: We will be doing fun Christmas maths activities from our White Rose curriculum, covering all of the topics that we have learnt so far.

English: We will be watching the author of the story Ed Vere read his story. We will create a story map with key words and pictures of the key events of the story. Then we will write our personal thoughts and opinions about the book.

Other: We can't wait to perform our nativity on Thursday for you – we have been practising really hard! Please continue to practice any lines at home. Please make sure your child has their named costume in school on Monday if they haven't already. Thank you for your support.

Read Write Inc: Please use the following links to recap sounds that your child has learnt in their phonics group this week.

Mrs Tucker, Miss England and Miss Buxton's group:

[the sound 'j'](#), [the sound 'sh'](#) and [the sound 'ch'](#)

Mr Allen's group:

[the sound 'or'](#), [the sound 'air'](#), [the sound 'ir'](#)

Mrs Robin's group:

[the sound 'ie'](#), [the sound 'e-e'](#)

Miss Arthur's group:

[the sound 'ie'](#), [the sound 'e-e'](#)



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

Maths: Consolidating our learning on addition, subtraction and 2D and 3D shape.

English: Re-telling the story 'Leaf'.

Other: Learning about animal adaptations in science.

Read Write Inc: please practise the sounds from your child's RWI (phonics) group:

Miss Buxton's group: [the sound 'j'](#), [the sound 'sh'](#) and [the sound 'ch'](#)

Miss Harman's group: [i-e sound](#) and [o-e sound](#)

Mrs Foweraker's group: [o-e sound](#) and [u-e sound](#)

Mrs Baldock's group: [ire sound](#) and [ear sound](#)

Miss Hynes' group: [tion sound](#) and [tious/cious sound](#)



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

English: we will be finishing off our text the iron man and looking at the structure of the story.

Maths: we will be finishing the term by looking at the four times table in more detail.

History: we will be concluding our topic on the Stone Age and the Iron Age by exploring Invention and ingenuity. Such as looking at blacksmithing, improvements in pottery, woodworking and weaving and the creation of poetry, games and music.

Read Write Inc:

Miss Reygate's group:

Ou (shout) and oy (boy)

Miss brook's group:

O-e (phone) and u-e (brute)

Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Young's group:

Ow (cow) and ai (rain)



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

English: We will be continuing with our adventure stories inspired by Edward Tulane with a key focus on our editing skills.

Maths: We will be reviewing our understanding of all times tables and how they are related.

Topic: We will be considering where we stand on key religious issues such as the true meaning of Christmas.

Read Write Inc:

Miss Reygate's group:

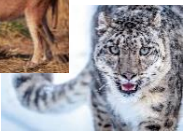
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Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: We will be starting to look at multiplication and division.

English: We will be writing our own non-chronological reports, which we started looking at this week.

PE: We will be finishing of our unit on outdoor adventurous activities.



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

Maths: we have finished our White Rose units for the terms so will be revising what we have covered so far through some fluency and reasoning sessions (place value, the four operations and fractions)

English: we will be writing free verse poetry and performing them as raps.

DT we will be cooking a healthy vegetarian curry to round up our Food for Life topic.