



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 19 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your generous donations from this non-uniform day which all goes towards Heart of Kent Hospice which is the charity we are supporting through our Shaun in the Heart of Kent trail project.



This week we have been busily designing and creating our cupcakes ready to decoupage our Shaun the Sheep model which is currently standing proudly in the front entrance. We are also creating a new display of mini Shauns to replace our 'We all swim together' fish display for our lobby. Watch this space!

If you would still like to donate towards the HOKH please do this through our JustGiving page:



https://www.justgiving.com/page/headcorn-school-1702295401506?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fheadcorn-school-1702295401506&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

The second round of **Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs)** are being held at the end of this term on **Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February**. The bookings go live tomorrow, **Saturday 20th January at 8am**.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February: Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs): 3.35 – 6pm

Friday 9th February: End of Term 3

Monday 19th February: INSET Day 3 (No children in school)

Tuesday 20th February: Start of Term 4

Wednesday 28th February: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm

Thursday 28th March: End of Term 4

Monday 15th April: INSET Day 4 (No children in school)

Tuesday 16th April: Start of Term 5

Thursay 25th April: Parents' RSE Talk @ 2.30pm

Thursday 25th April: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm

Mon 13th – Thu 16th May: Year 6 KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd May: Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs): 3.45 – 6pm

Friday 24th May: End of Term 5

Monday 3rd June: INSET Day 5 (No children in school)

Tuesday 4th June: Start of Term 5

Week beg 4th & 10th June: Year 4 MTCs (Multiplication Tables Check)

Week beginning 10th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening & Year 2 retakes

Monday 17th June: Sports Day

Wednesday 19th June: RESERVE Sports Day (if unsuitable weather)

Friday 21st June: Year 6 Leavers' Performance @ 6pm

Tuesday 23rd July: End of Term 6 / End of Year



NB These dates are also available on the calendar on our website: www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk

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's school assemblies will focus on two important British values: respect and tolerance. We'll discuss the importance of treating everyone with kindness and understanding, regardless of their beliefs or backgrounds. The goal is to instil these values in our students and promote a harmonious and inclusive environment in our school community.



Shaun in the Heart of Kent Update

The children and adults of Headcorn School have created hundreds of cupcake pictures to decorate our own Shaun...sorry our lovely Cupcake. We will have to wait for the great reveal in Maidstone when Cupcake becomes part of the Heart of Kent trail. In the meantime, watch out for our Shaun pictures appearing in the entrance.



Thank you to all the people who have donated money to The Heart of Kent Hospice either through the buckets on the gate or the JustGiving Page. This page will remain active for some time so please continue to donate if you can. Thank you.

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E-Safety Update – Online Influencers

You won't believe the crazy digital playground our children are exploring! Yep, they're soaking up content from online influencers like sponges. Now, how do we make sure they're not just blindly following the crowd? Let's unravel this mystery together!

We have found an awesome article on Internet Matters (check it out here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/how-can-i-help-my-child-think-critically-about-the-social-media-influencers-they-follow/>), it's packed with tips on how to get our children thinking critically about the influencers they're watching.

They talk about nurturing those critical thinking skills. Making our little one's question stuff. For example, is that "Insta-perfect Life" life real? What's the deal with those filters? Get them curious about what they see and help them navigate through the smoke and mirrors.

Then, there's this awesome guide from *National Online Safety*, all about I-N-F-L-U-E-N-C-E-R-S and how they impact our children (we have attached this to Headlines for your info). They spill the beans on potential risks and throw in some real-deal advice to make sure our k have a positive online experience.

Keep the conversation flowing! Ask your children about the influencers they're into, what kind of content they're binging on, and let them spill the tea. The more we know, the better we can guide them through this digital jungle.

So, in a nutshell, be the cool parents and carers who stay in the loop. Use the tips from *Internet Matters* and *National Online Safety* to chat with your family, boost their critical thinking skills, and make sure their online adventure is a safe and positive one! 🌐 🚀

PTFA News

- There is still time to get in touch & express your interest for joining, or getting involved with the PTFA! Email us on info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk for more info. The more the merrier-we really ARE a friendly group! Don't take other people's word for it, come & find out yourself!
- Come along to the **PTFA AGM this Wednesday, 24 January in the school hall at 8pm**. We are electing a new committee & will be discussing ideas for the year ahead so come along, meet new people & let's have fun raising valuable funds for the school.
- As we vote in a new committee, we have had nominations from Toni Morgan for Chair, Jo Maher for Treasurer & Laura McCarthy/Sarah Richards for Co-Secretaries. If you would like to put yourself forward for these, or any committee role, please email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk, expressing your interest. Also, come along to the meeting on Wednesday to cast your vote & be a part of this new, exciting chapter for 2024.



Wintersong 2024

St Mildred's Church Tenterden on Friday 2nd February at 7pm presented by the Heart of Kent Show Choir. It is their chance to sing a set of magical music by wonderful artists such as Billy Eilish, Tori Amos, Sarah Bareilles and Kate Bush. A few surprises from Bocelli and Ennio Morricone too. This is one of their sold out events over many years to support Cancer Research UK. Tickets £10 from Box Office: heartofkentshowchoir.co.uk and Webbs Ironmongers Tenterden.

Next Week's Curriculum Overview

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



Maths: The activities this week will support children to focus exclusively on the numerosity of sets, without being diverted by colour, shape or size. They will then be encouraged to notice when quantities are equal or unequal, and will begin to consider how they can manipulate the number of objects in 2 sets to make them equal.

Literacy: We will be applying our 'special friend' sounds to write a range of simple sentences, introducing capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Topic: We will be reading *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers and thinking of imaginative ways that the boy could have tried to catch the star.

RWI Links:

Miss Gelder's and Mrs Day's Groups:

The sound ng

The sound nk

Miss Young's and Mrs Griffiths' Groups:

Spelling words using igh

Spelling words using ow

Spelling words using oo (poo at the zoo)

Spelling words using oo (look at a book)

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



English: We will be looking at the emotions of our main character Beegu as she has landed on Earth, thinking about her thoughts and feelings and how we know this.

Maths: We will be starting our new unit addition and subtraction within 20. We will be looking at the numbers bond within 20, doubles and adding one more.

Computing: In our unit 'We are publishers', we have been creating an e-book. This week we will be adding text to our book and formatting it.

RWI Links: P

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

Miss England and Mrs Tucker's Group: [the sound 'ay'](#), [the sound 'ee'](#), [the sound 'igh'](#)

Mrs Robins' Group: [the sound 'aw'](#), [the sound 'are'](#), [the sound 'ur'](#)

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



Maths: We will be writing multiplication sentences, using arrays and beginning to learn the 2 times table.

English: Persuasive writing

RWI Links: If your child is in Miss Hynes', Mrs Foweraker's or Mrs Baldock's phonics group, please watch the video links below to help consolidate learning.

Miss Hynes's group: [qu sound](#), [ng sound](#) and [nk sound](#)

Mrs Foweraker and Mrs Baldock's groups: [ou sound](#), [ir sound](#) and [oy sound](#)

Other: In geography we will be looking at human features of a coastal town.



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

English: Using the class text, *The Firework Maker's Daughter* as our inspiration, the children will develop their writing skills by using a range of descriptive vocabulary, conjunctions and story mapping.

RWI Links:

Miss Reigate's Group ['or'](#) and ['air'](#)

Mrs Baker's Group ['ai'](#) and ['ow'](#)

Maths: The children will begin a unit on **Measure** using cm and mm. We will also begin **Times Table Tests** on a Wednesday each week. You should have received an email regarding this. In summary all children will start on the 2 times table. They will need to get 12/12 for two weeks running before they move on to the next number. Please use Sumdog and Times Table Rockstars to practice at home. Please ask if you need log in details again.

Science: This term our Science and Geography go together in our Topic **Rocks, Relics and Rumbles**. This week the children will learn about Fossils in Science and learn about the work of a Volcanologist in Geography.

Art: After designing an ammonite motif the children will investigate different printing techniques culminating in printing their very own t-shirt!



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

Maths: Dividing 2 and 3-digit number by 1-digit numbers and looking at ways to multiply efficiently.

English: Writing a race programme for The Great North Race.

Other: In Geography we will be looking at topography and how to read contour lines. In Computing we will continue to explore creating music on Garage Band. These websites are also fantastic ways for the children to explore this further if they wish to do so:

<https://www.incredibox.com/>

<https://www.isleoftune.com/>

RWI Links:

Miss Reigate's Group ['or'](#) and ['air'](#)

Mrs Baker's Group ['ai'](#) and ['ow'](#)



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

Maths: we will be learning to identify and multiply fractions

English: we will be learning to write a letter from the perspective of Mary Lennox, the main character from Secret Garden

Geography: we will be learning about allotments and understand the advantages of creating an allotment.



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

English: We will be exploring our class text and using inference skills to determine information.

Maths: Next week, we continue learning more about Algebra, including writing formulae and solving algebraic equations.

Other: In Geography we will be learning about polar climates and in Art we will be starting to work towards creating our own Inuit inspired prints.