



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 26 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support and understanding with events yesterday. It is appreciated. Please be reassured that, although no-one came on site and all were safe, we will, as always, review the relevant safeguarding, health and safety policies and procedures.

Thank you to all who joined us at the PTFA AGM on Wednesday evening. We were able to thank our fantastic committee for all their passion, time and hard work and for our school through their fundraising towards so many resources and provision for our school community. We also voted in and welcomed our new committee who were buzzing with excitement about the year ahead. Thank you to these people also for willingly stepping up into these roles. We can't wait to see what direction they lead the PTFA over 2024! (See below for more info.)



Our Young Voices choir are getting excited as they are gearing up to sing with thousands of other primary-aged children next Wednesday at the O2 Arena! This is such a wonderful opportunity for our Key Stage 2 pupils and we would love to see even more children join us when we take part in this in future years.

Don't forget to sign up for this next round of PTCs (Parent Teacher Consultations) being held on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February. Booking is open on Scopay.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

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

Thursday 8th February: Inclusion Coffee Afternoon 2pm

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 21st February: PTFA Meeting 8pm

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



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



Inclusion Coffee Afternoon – Thursday 8th February 2pm

This term, the Inclusion Team will be sharing the 'Mainstream Core Standards'. These outline the provision available in mainstream schools for children with additional needs. We will look at the support and provision we provide here at Headcorn Primary School, including our Nurture Provision. Please join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake! All welcome.

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 be dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month. During these assemblies, we aim to foster understanding and appreciation for the diverse histories, experiences, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. The goal is to promote a culture of acceptance, kindness, and respect within our school community.



Shaun in the Heart of Kent Update

Cupcake is in the process of being covered in the hundreds of cupcakes drawn by the children and adults of Headcorn Primary School. We will have to keep Cupcake under wraps until the grand opening, but watch out for our sheep display in the lobby coming soon.



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. At present we have over £200 raised, this page will remain active for some time so please continue to donate if you can.

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

E-Safety Update

This week we wish to bring to your attention the existence of an online platform called **Reddit**, which serves as a vast virtual community where individuals engage in discussions and share a myriad of ideas. As stewards of your children's digital engagement, it is pertinent to address the question of whether your child should be utilizing this platform. **Reddit**, in essence, functions as a digital forum where users participate in conversations organized into thematic sections known as "subreddits." While the platform offers opportunities for knowledge-sharing and community-building, it is important to note that **Reddit** is not explicitly tailored for a younger audience.



Given the wide range of content available on **Reddit**, from educational to potentially inappropriate material, exercising vigilance over your child's online activities is of the utmost importance. If you are contemplating allowing your child access to **Reddit** or if this is something that they are already engaging with, we highly recommend consulting the attached guide to this week's Headlines. This resource provides valuable insights and strategies for navigating **Reddit** safely. While **Reddit** presents an avenue for discovery, the establishment of clear guidelines for your child's online engagement is important. Should you decide to permit your child's exploration of **Reddit**, open communication is essential in ensuring a secure and enriching online experience.

Stay safe, stay e-safe!

PTFA News

- A huge thank you to all of you that came & supported us at the PTFA meeting on Wednesday evening. It was great to see so many of you!
Massive thanks to those who have stepped up to be on the committee.
The PTFA committee is now-
Toni Morgan, Chair
Tracey Williams, Vice Chair
Jo Maher, Treasurer
Laura McCarthy/Sarah Richards, Co-secretaries
Lynette Revell, Social Media Manager
Please feel free to chat to any of us about any ideas you have, or email us on info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk
- The next PTFA meeting will be Wednesday 21 Feb. Venue/time TBC-keep your eyes out for more info!
- We have a few announcements to make over the next few weeks with new events etc, so keep an eye out & get involved!



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. We will also revisit the stable order principle and the concept of cardinality – the idea that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are altogether.

Literacy: Using our knowledge of night-time to write simple words and phrases to give Tessa Bear advice on how to get to sleep.

Topic: The Moon

Read Write Inc:

[The ay sound](#)

[The ee sound](#)

[Spelling words using ay](#)

[Spelling words using ee](#)

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



Maths: We will be continuing our addition and subtraction topic, with a focus on finding doubles and near doubles, subtracting by using number bonds, counting back or finding the difference.

English: We will be writing a character description of Beegu, based on what she looks like as well as her personality.

PE: In gymnastics we will be learning different ways of travelling using our feet, showing good body tension.

Read Write Inc: 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 'ar'](#), [the sound 'or'](#), [the sound 'air'](#)

Mrs Robins's Group: [the sound 'er'](#), [the sound 'ow'](#), [the sound 'ai'](#)

Mr Allen's Group: [the sound 'er'](#), [the sound 'ow'](#), [the sound 'ai'](#)

Miss Buxton's Group: [the sound 'th'](#), [the sound 'ch'](#)

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



Maths: Dividing by 2, doubling and halving and learning about odd and even numbers.

English: We will begin writing our own versions of our class text 'Halibut Jackson'.









Read Write Inc: Please watch the videos if your child is in the following groups

Miss Hynes' group: [ay sound](#), [ee sound](#), [igh sound](#)

Mrs Baldock and Mrs Foweraker's group: [ea sound](#), [oi sound](#), [a-e sound](#)

Other: We will be designing and creating some flower sculptures in art.

Please remember to book your child's school dinner in advance via Scopay. Thank you.

 	<p><u>Year 3 Jaguar & Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>Maths: Measure. The children will add and subtract different lengths and calculate perimeter.</p> <p>English: Story sequence and story writing based on The Firework Maker's Daughter. The children will develop their descriptive sentence writing by using adverbs, fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and correct punctuation.</p> <p>Geography – Rocks, Relics and Rumbles. The children will learn and investigate the volcanic eruption in Pompeii.</p> <p>Home Learning Books: Please can all children bring in their Purple Home Learning Book to school on a WEDNESDAY each week as we test Spellings and record Times Table results in this book. If your child does not bring in their book we are unable to share the results with you. Please contact your child's class teacher if you require a new book. Thank you for your support with this.</p> <p>Read Write Inc Links</p> <p>Mrs Reigate Phonic Group: 'ir' (whirl and twirl) and 'oy' (toy to enjoy) ir, oy</p> <p>Mrs Baker's Phonic Group: 'oa' (coat and boat) and 'ew' (new and flew) oa, ew</p>
 	<p><u>Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>Maths: Perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes.</p> <p>English: We are looking at different characters' points of view and preparing to write a newspaper article.</p> <p>Other: In Art we will start by sketching our landscapes. In Geography we are looking at mountains of the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Read Write Inc Links</p> <p>Mrs Reigate Phonic Group: 'ir' (whirl and twirl) and 'oy' (toy to enjoy) ir, oy</p> <p>Mrs Baker's Phonic Group: 'oa' (coat and boat) and 'ew' (new and flew) oa, ew</p>
 	<p><u>Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>Maths: We will be moving onto fractions and decimals.</p> <p>English: We will be planning and writing our own letters.</p> <p>Art: We are looking at taking photographs of nature.</p>
 	<p><u>Year 6 Lion & Ocelot Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</u></p> <p>English: We will begin to plan newspaper reports based on our newly introduced class text The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell</p> <p>Maths: We will be beginning a new unit of learning: Decimals. We will take a deeper look at the wonders of the decimal world!</p> <p>Other: In topic we will be continuing to look at the Polar regions by exploring the polar oceans. In art, we will be working on our Inuit inspired stencils to create our own prints.</p>