



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 9 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Another term has come to close and we are officially half way through this academic year.

Here is a sneak preview of Cupcake our 'Shaun in the Heart of Kent' design that has now been sent to the organisers for varnishing ready for being displayed. We are not allowed to give you a photo of the whole of Shaun aka Cupcake as we are unable to reveal before the full flock have been assembled and put on display on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024! Well done to everyone who has designed a cupcake for this project. It looks stunning and individual. A big THANK YOU to Ms Woodgate, Vikki Nesbitt and Mrs Worthington who have championed this exciting, creative opportunity. Their hard work really has paid off.



Look out for another design competition below as the **Doctor's surgery** is looking for a new **sign** for their **Sensory Garden**. See below and the attached flyer for more details.



A big **THANK YOU** to **Mr and Mrs Mitchell and Costplan Services (South East) Limited** for donating the school a **LifeVac – a non-invasive Airway Clearance Device (ACD)**. We are very grateful for this.

I hope you all have a very good Half Term break. Remember that it is **INSET day** on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** so we won't see you until **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** for the start of **Term 4**.

Miss Symonds

### Dates for your Diary:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: End of Term 3**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: INSET Day 3 (No children in school)**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February: Start of Term 4**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February: PTFA Meeting 8pm**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Book Look: 3.20 – 4pm**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February: Leap Day Non-uniform Day**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: End of Term 4**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: INSET Day 4 (No children in school)**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Start of Term 5**



**NB These dates are also available on the calendar on our website: [www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk](http://www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk)**

### Shaun in the Heart of Kent update

Cupcake is now fully decorated with special thanks to Mrs Nesbitt and Mrs Worthington for their artistic talents and dedication. 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. 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>

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## Headcorn Primary School Rocks the Kent Championships for Indoor Athletics! 🏆

Hey Team Headcorn!

Guess what? Our amazing athletes just rocked the Kent Championships for Indoor Athletics on Monday, 5th February at Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park! 🌟 It was a day full of action, talent, and some seriously impressive teamwork!

In a nail-biting competition, our superstars narrowly missed grabbing those shiny medals, but no worries – they still bagged a cool fourth place overall! 🥉 🥈 🥇

Our champs showed off their skills in standing triple jumps, vertical jumps, and javelin throws during the field events – seriously, it was like watching superheroes in action! 🦸♂️ 🗨️ Big shoutout to our athletes for mastering these cool moves and proving they're a bunch of all-around sports stars!



But wait, there's more! The track events were where the real magic happened. Our crew aced the 4 x 1 relay, 6 lap paarlauf, and 2 x 2 relay, proving that when we work together, we can conquer anything! 🏃🏃🏃



Even though we narrowly missed those medal places, our Headcorn heroes gained some awesome experiences and grew into even more fantastic athletes! We couldn't be prouder of the positive vibes and sportsmanship our squad brought to the championships.

A massive shoutout to all the parents and carers – you're the true champions behind our champs! 🙌 Your support and cheers make a world of difference, and we couldn't do it without you. Thanks a million for being our biggest fans!

As we celebrate these victories and experiences, get ready for more excitement ahead. Our Headcorn stars are just getting started, and we can't wait to see what other awesome things they'll achieve. 🚀 Keep shining, Team Headcorn!



You're really missing out on so much more if you're not following Headcorn School on X! Stay in the loop with our latest updates, achievements, and exclusive insights into the vibrant learning community. Don't miss the journey – follow us now and be part of something extraordinary! 🌟 #HeadcornSchool #StayConnected #ExploreWithUs"

### 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.

Assemblies the first week back will be an opportunity to look back at the vibrant celebrations of Lunar New Year that will be taking place on the 10th February. We'll reflect on the diverse traditions and joyful festivities shared by millions worldwide.



Want to know more? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38668427>



**Messy Lego** will be on Tuesday 13th February in the village hall from 2:30 - 4:30. Free entry, all welcome and they will be making pizza for tea. Lots of Lego to play with and bigger bricks available for the smaller children.

### **E-Safety Update**

Hey there, fantastic parents, and amazing students!

We hope you're all doing well and enjoying the wonders of the digital world! Today, we want to chat with you about a super cool app called Wizz and share some tips on how to stay safe while using it.

First things first, safety is our top priority, and we've got an awesome guide from National Online Safety that's attached for you to check out. It's like our very own treasure map to help navigate the online seas. So, grab a cup of hot cocoa, cozy up, and let's dive into the magical world of Wizz!

#### **1. Set Sail with a Secure Ship:**

Before you embark on your Wizz journey, make sure your ship (device) is secure! Set strong passwords, update your software, and install the latest antivirus spells. This way, your digital vessel will be ready to sail smoothly through the Wizz-ard world.

#### **2. Keep Your Crew Informed:**

Chat with your family and friends about your Wizz adventures. Let them know where you're sailing and who's in your crew. It's always good to have a buddy system, just like in the real world. Remember, sharing is caring, but only share what's safe and appropriate.

#### **3. Treasure Troves of Information:**

Wizz might have some awesome treasure troves of information, but it's important to be cautious. Don't share personal details like your ship's location, your full name, or your magical passwords. Only share what you'd be comfortable shouting from the crow's nest for everyone to hear.

#### **4. Sailing Smooth Seas:**

Wizz has some fantastic tools to help you navigate its seas smoothly. Familiarize yourself with privacy settings and use them wisely. If something feels off or makes you uncomfortable, it's okay to wave your magic wand and report it to a trusted adult.

#### **5. Treasure Map from National Online Safety:**

Attached to this message, you'll find a magical guide from the wise folks at National Online Safety. It's packed with tips, tricks, and spells to keep your online adventures safe and enjoyable. Give it a read with your crew, and you'll be well-prepared for any challenges the digital seas throw your way!

Remember, the digital world is full of wonders, but with a bit of caution and the right knowledge, you can embark on amazing journeys without worry. Stay safe, have fun, and let the Wizz-ard adventures begin!

Have a great half term, and don't forget to look after that screen/life balance with all that free time!

### **PTFA News**

- Tickets now available for our first ever Risque Bingo on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March! Tickets sold in singles so even if you don't know anyone else we would love you to come and join in the fun. Friendly faces all around, 6 games of Bingo with a twist, fully stocked reasonably priced bar, fun games in between rounds and dancing all for £10. Also available on the night dabbers for £1 pound! Tickets can be purchased here: [www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/shop](http://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/shop)
- A reminder of our other MAIN events for 2024 with more to be added. More info about each event will come out nearer the time.
  - Mon May 6<sup>th</sup>, May Fair
  - Sun Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Trail
  - Sun Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fireworks
  - Sat Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, Quiz & Fizz
- This week on our facebook page is an introduction to our co-secretaries. Follow the page to keep up to date with what we are up to, discover more about us and things you can get involved in <https://www.facebook.com/HeadcornPTFA>
- As always we love to hear from you so if you have any ideas or comments or want to get involved email us on [info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk](mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk)





### Headcorn Community Garden Design a Sign Competition

We are excited that the Headcorn Sensory Gardens will soon be opening and are hoping to arrange our Grand Opening for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We will be giving prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and would love to come into the school and give out the prizes in due course. **Please see the attached flyer for more details.**

## Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: This week, the children will consolidate their understanding of the composition of numbers by investigating the numbers within 7.

Literacy: Reading and retelling the story of *The Gigantic Turnip* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Topic: Where does food come from?

RWI links:

[The sh sound](#)

[The th sound](#)

[The ay sound](#)

[The ee sound](#)

[The long oo sound \(zoo\)](#)

[The short oo sound \(look\)](#)



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

English: We can't wait to start our new text – *The Robot and the Bluebird* by David Lucas.

Maths: We will start our next White Rose unit which is place value within 50.

Art: We will be looking at weather symbols and exploring line and shape in our new cornerstones unit Art and Sunrays.

RWI Links: 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 'igh'](#), [the sound 'ou'](#)

Mrs Robins' Group: [the sound 'ou'](#), [the sound 'air'](#), [the sound 'oy'](#)

Mr Allen's Group: [the sound 'u-e'](#), [the sound 'are'](#), [the sound 'ur'](#)



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

Maths: Measuring in centimetres and metres, comparing lengths and heights, ordering length and height and solving problems. Please remember to complete set work on [Sumdog](#) if you can!





English: Making predictions on our new class text

Other: We will be beginning our new science unit 'Plant Survival'. In DT we will be exploring different toy/model vehicles as part of our new 'Mechanisms' unit.

RWI Links: Please use the following links to recap sounds that your child has learnt in their phonics groups this week: Miss Hynes' group: [oo sound](#), [ar sound](#) and [or sound](#)

Mrs Baldock and Mrs Foweraker's groups: [u-e sound](#), [aw sound](#) and [are sound](#)

**Please note that new spellings will be given out in the first week back, ready for a test on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. We hope you all have a lovely half term! 😊**

	<p><b>Year 3 Jaguar &amp; Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</b></p> <p>Maths: The children will be learning about and investigating Fractions. Times Table Tests are on Wednesday each week. Please ensure that your child brings in their Purple Home Learning Book.</p> <p>English: We will begin two next Class Texts: The Pebble in my Pocket (The history of our Earth) by Meredith Hooper and The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd. Across the term the children will work on: Poetry • Descriptive Writing • Story Mapping • Drama • Writing in role • Explanation Writing.</p> <p>Geography: We will continue learning about Physical Geography within our term long Topic: Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.</p> <p>Design Technology: <b>Making it Move</b> This project teaches children about cam mechanisms. They experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making and evaluating a child's automaton toy.</p> <p>RWI links: Miss Reigate's Phonic Group: <a href="#">ee igh</a> Mrs Baker's Phonic Group: <a href="#">ire ear</a></p>
	<p><b>Year 4 Jungle Cat &amp; Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</b></p> <p>MATHS: In our fraction topic we will be looking at mixed numbers by firstly partitioning them and then by looking at them on a number line.</p> <p>ENGLISH: We will be starting our new exciting text, 'The Rhythm of the Rain,' responding to the thought-provoking illustrations.</p> <p>OTHER: In Geography we will be looking at the journey of rivers, starting at their source, travelling through the different courses and finally flowing into the sea. In French we will be starting our new topic on animals.</p> <p>RWI links: Miss Reigate's Phonic Group: <a href="#">ee igh</a> Mrs Baker's Phonic Group: <a href="#">ire ear</a></p>
	<p><b>Year 5 Caracal &amp; Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</b></p> <p>Maths: We will be continuing with fractions and decimals and moving onto percentages.</p> <p>English: We will be moving onto persuasive writing.</p> <p>Science: We will be starting our new topic of 'Properties and Changes of Materials'.</p>
	<p><b>Year 6 Lion &amp; Ocelot Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus</b></p> <p>English: We will be writing our own alternative chapters of our class text The Wolf Wilder</p> <p>Maths: We continue our work with decimals, introducing how they link to fractions and percentages</p> <p>Science: We will be starting a new topic, exploring electrical circuits and components</p>