



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 23 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week of learning had by all with a school trip for **Year 4** and the hosting of **netball and football matches**. (See below for the match report for the football win!)



Year 4 had a very enjoyable trip to **Horton Kirby** where they did **river fieldwork** and learnt about the human and physical features of rivers. They would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to the **PTFA** for providing some subsidy for this trip as part of the PTFA's generous annual year group allocation from everyone's fundraising.

We also hosted an **Inclusion Coffee Morning** which was found to be very useful by those parents and carers who attended, not only for the information shared, but in the sharing of experiences, challenges and solutions and the knowledge that there's lots of support and help available.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to **Ascertus**, a local business, who has **donated 5 nearly-new laptops** to the school. This is much appreciated and they will be put to very good use.

Next week is a 4-day week as **Friday 29th March** is **Good Friday Bank Holiday!** We will be learning about the **Easter Story** and the many other traditions surrounding this festival. See the assembly section below for more information.

Have a lovely weekend!
Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

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 6



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 assemblies at school will focus on Easter and its significance. Our aim is to provide our students with a better understanding of the holiday's cultural and religious importance. We're pleased to let you know that our local vicar, Fiona, will also be visiting to speak with the children.



Music of the Week: Each week, we're inviting members of our school staff to share their favourite songs and music with the children during assembly time. Next week Ms Woodgate has chosen O Mio Babbino Caro- Puccini. Want to hear it at home? <https://youtu.be/ZRuYQ9KRJms>



Red Nose Day

Thank you to all the people who have donated to Comic Relief we have raised so far, an amazing £405. Help us reach our target of £500 through our 'Just Giving' page – link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-headcorn-primary-school>



Ready Steady Craft

Calling all Early Years Parents and Carers from Leopard and Cheetah classes! Come and unleash your creative flair!



On Tuesday 26th March we are inviting all Parents/Carers of children in Early Years (Leopard and Cheetah Classes) to join us for a fun packed afternoon of arts and craft in the school hall. There will be two activities running where you can work with your child to create some fantastic farm machinery using junk modelling resources and also an Easter Bonnet challenge to make an Easter Bonnet for your child to wear at Easter. We will have some resources for you to use but please feel free to bring in anything you would like to use to add that special touch!



The afternoon session will begin at 1.30pm and run until 2.50pm. After this, we will parade our models and Easter Bonnets around the hall so that we can celebrate them! We will then return to our classrooms and dismiss children as usual. Unfortunately younger siblings will not be able to attend. Please let either Mrs Day or Miss Gelder know if you are able to attend, it would be lovely to see you all there!



Headcorn Sensory Garden

Grand Opening – Saturday, 30 March from 10am to 12.00pm (see separate flyer)

Headcorn Football Club Update

In recent months Headcorn Football Club has been working with local landowners and other local groups to explore the potential of building a modern sports centre in Headcorn. The new centre would be run by the community for the community and would offer access to a broad range of indoors and outdoors sports and leisure facilities to people of all ages and backgrounds. The aim would be to build a large, modern multi-sports facility as inclusive, accessible and affordable as possible – a friendly place for everyone in and around Headcorn to exercise, get fit, stay healthy and make new friends.



Before we go too far with making potential plans we want to hear from people across the community – in Headcorn and in the surrounding villages. Your responses to the following survey questions will tell us if the community actually want a new sports centre and if so, what it needs to plan for.

Link to survey - <https://forms.office.com/r/t3xVd2n0zM>

Thanks so much for taking the time to complete the survey. Your input really matters!

Best regards, Headcorn FC

PTFA News

- Our Bingo night took place last Saturday. We had great fun, lots of prizes were won and we made £465.74. Thank you to everyone that came and joined in or helped run the event. Another great success and it's all down to you!
- This week we subsidised part the Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby Environmental centre. They had a great time observing the River Darent, taking measurements and loved getting out into the great outdoors! Watch out for more ways the money we raise supports your children...
- 2 Save the dates - Monday 6th May for the May fair and Saturday 29th June summer social.
- We would love for you to attend our next meeting, we appreciate the support and fresh ideas. This will be on Tuesday 16th April, 8pm at The White Horse.
- If you have any further ideas or comments or want to get involved email us at info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk

Match Report: Headcorn School v. Marden Primary School

In a thrilling home game, Headcorn School emerged victorious against Marden Primary School with a commanding 3-0 win. The match, played with fervour and determination, showcased Headcorn's prowess on the field, securing them a comfortable victory.

Right from the kick-off, Headcorn demonstrated their attacking intent, putting pressure on Marden's defence from the get-go. The breakthrough came early in the first half when Matthew Burger capitalized on a well-executed play, slotting the ball into the net with precision, giving Headcorn an early lead.

As the game progressed, Headcorn continued to dominate possession, creating several scoring opportunities. Their relentless efforts were duly rewarded when Matthew Burger struck again, netting his second goal of the match with finesse, further solidifying Headcorn's advantage.

However, Headcorn's attacking prowess wasn't the only highlight of the match. Ethan Lintern, continuing his impressive goal-scoring form from the previous week, added to Headcorn's tally with a clinical finish, showcasing his sharp instincts in front of goal.

While the focus often falls on the goal scorers, credit must also be given to Headcorn's stalwart defence and courageous goalkeeper, who worked tirelessly throughout the game to keep Marden at bay. Their solid defensive display ensured another clean sheet, adding to Headcorn's impressive performance.

With this victory secured, Headcorn School looks ahead to their final game next week against Staplehurst with confidence and determination. Buoyed by their recent successes, Headcorn will undoubtedly aim to finish the season on a high note, building upon the momentum gained from this convincing win.

Congratulations to Headcorn School for a well-deserved victory, and commiserations to Marden Primary School for their valiant effort. The passion and sportsmanship displayed by both teams made for an exciting and memorable match.

St Peter and St Paul's Church

Messy Church

Saturday, 23 March – 2.30-4.30pm – Make Your Own Pizza

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 30 March – Starting in the Church Yard from 10.00am

(see separate flyers)



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 5 and practise recalling the parts of 5 when 1 part is not visible.

Literacy- Learning about the 'Easter Story' and using our letter sounds to write a range of simple sentences.

Topic- Creative Easter activities.

RWI Links

Mrs Day's and Miss Gelder's Groups

[The 'or' sound](#) [The 'air' sound](#)

Miss Young's and Mrs Griffith's Groups

[The 'ou' sound](#) [The 'oy' sound](#) [The 'ea' sound](#)

Miss Earl's Group

[The 'ch' sound](#) [The 'th' sound](#) [The 'sh' sound](#)

Miss Eaton's Group

[The 'ay' sound](#) [The 'ee' sound](#)

Miss Cresswell's Group

[The sound 'p'](#) [Fred's colour game](#) [Fred's body game](#)



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

English: We will be learning how to use similes to describe the Robot's feelings in our story. For example, he was as excited as a dog in a park.

Maths: We will be learning to measure capacity and compare the capacity of different containers using non-standard units of measurement.

Music: We will continue to practice singing our song, Round and Round, and performing it using the glockenspiels.

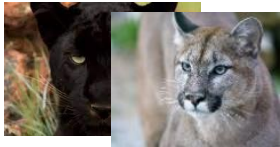
Read Write Inc: Please use the following links to recap sounds that your child has learnt in their phonics group this week.

Miss England and Mrs Tucker's Group: [the sound 'u-e'](#), [the sound 'aw'](#), [the sound 'are'](#)

Mrs Robins' Group: [the sound 'a-e'](#), [the sound 'i-e'](#), [the sound 'o-e'](#)

Miss Arthur's Group: [the sound 'er'](#), [the sound 'ow'](#), [the sound 'ai'](#)

Miss Buxton's Group: [the sound 'air'](#), [the sound 'ar'](#), [the sound 'ir'](#)



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

English: We will be doing some persuasive writing based on our class text 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'.

Maths: Recognises thirds, unit fractions and non-unit fractions.

Read Write Inc: Please watch the video clips to practise sounds taught from your child's RWI (phonics) group:

Mrs Foweraker's group: [ng sound](#), [nk sound](#) and [ay sound](#)

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

Other: We would be very grateful for more boxes for our DT project! Small/medium sized boxes would be ideal.



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

English: we will be finishing our class reading texts and developing our drama skills by role playing characters from both stories.

Please continue to tick and sign the Reading Initiative sheet – **Around the World in 80 Reads**: Please ensure that your child brings to school their Purple Home Learning Book on Wednesday each week. Thank you!

Read Write Inc

Mrs Baker's Group: ['tious' as in scrumptious](#)

Mrs Scanlan's Group: the children will be revising the sounds learnt this term: ee, igh, oo (as in cook), ou, air,ow, ar and oy

Spelling Test: on Wednesday.

Maths: we will consolidate learning on capacity and volume. Timetable Tests on Wednesday.

Design Technology: we were thrilled to have Mr Tillyard visit both classes to talk about the role of an aeronautic engineer in relation to our learning principles of Design, Make and Evaluate. This week the children will make a dragon pop up for a CAM mechanism and evaluate the term.

Science: the children will make a magnet toy to bring home. We hope that this will be fun and reinforce the termly learning on Forces and Magnets.



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

Maths: Tenths on a number line and dividing a 1-digit number by 10

English: Writing parts of a biography

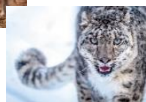
Other: In music we will be continuing to learn the chord G7 to help us perform Sur Le Pont D'avignon on the ukulele. In RE we will be concluding our unit by looking at what challenges and celebrations a Hindu person might face in Britain today

We really want to praise the year 4 children for being such great ambassadors on our school trip. We couldn't be prouder!

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

English: we will be writing our own non-chronological reports from all of the things we have learnt so far about them.

Maths: we will be finishing off our topic on statistics.

Reading: we will be reading the rest of our book 'The Secret Garden' we have really enjoyed studying this!



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

Maths: we will be finishing our Statistics unit by drawing pie charts and calculating the mean.

English: All aboard the RMS Titanic! Starting with a fun drama lesson, children will step into the shoes of a passenger on The Ship of Dreams, before applying their experience to write a diary entry later in the week.

Other: in Geography, we will conclude our Innovate projects as we finish our magazines. We will also end the term with a DT day, where we will explore the structure of bridges, before working in teams to design, create and evaluate our own bridges.