



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 28 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This week the school have enjoyed a reprise of the wonderful **Year 6 Leavers' Production** of **Matilda** that their parents were blown away by last Friday evening. The talent, confidence and performance that our 60 Year 6 children gave was absolutely second to none! We are all so very proud of them. Very well done! A big THANK YOU to Mrs Bramley-Harker, Mr Harris and the Year 6 Team for all their direction, choreography, prop-making, costumes and general efforts to bring this production together – one to rival the West End version!



On Monday we had **two fantastic guitar assemblies** with a range of children from across the school sharing their musical prowess and their progress from across the year. More information below.

Year 3 enjoyed a rather warm trip to **Kent Life** for their **Roman Experience**. We are very proud of how well behaved and engaged they were with all the different activities.

Next Thursday is our own school **Transition Day** where all classes move up to spend a day in their new classroom with their new teacher. They will be accompanied by their current Teaching Assistants so that they have someone who knows them and their needs but also that they know so they have a successful day. After school from **3.15pm** you can collect your child and they will take you to their new classroom to **meet their new class teacher**. On Monday we will be sharing more information about this day and the arrangements.

Have a lovely weekend – see you in July!

Miss Symonds



Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 4th June: Transition Day for the whole school / Meet the NEW Teacher @ 3.15pm

Thursday 11th July: Year 1 Trip to Kent Life

Friday 12th July: Year R Trip to Rare Breeds

Mon 15th - Wed 17th July: Y6 Kench Hill Residential

Fri 19th July – End of Year Discos (YR/1/2 during school day, Y3/4 5-6pm & Y5/6 6.30 – 7.30pm)

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 assemblies will be all about Embracing Change. As we start to think about the end of school year, our students will meet their new teachers, visit their future classrooms and our Year 6 children visit their next school. Change can be both fun and a little scary, so we want to help our students feel positive and confident. In the assemblies, we will talk about how to handle new situations, the importance of staying open-minded, and ways to support each other through changes.



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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.

Mr Allen's choice...Heroes – David Bowie. Want to hear it at home ?

<https://youtu.be/lXgkuM2NhYI>

Cupcake and Friends

Cupcake and her flock of 109 sheep are waiting to be found around Maidstone. Download the App (Shaun Heart of Kent) and start searching now! There is still time to donate at

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



If you find Cupcake – take a photo with her and send it to us at Birthday Event birthdayerent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk . We can't wait to see how many of you say hello to our new friend.



Guitar Assembly

This Monday, we were fortunate to enjoy two wonderful performances by over 50 of our talented students, showcasing a diverse range of songs and music to both pupils and parents. The repertoire included energetic tunes from The White Stripes as well as the more serene Harry Potter Theme. Each child put in tremendous effort and truly made us proud with their hard work and dedication.



TikTok

Hey parents and children, want to make TikTok a safer place to hang out online?

Say hello to Family Pairing! This nifty feature lets you customize safety settings to suit your family's needs.

Here's how to get started:

Step 1: Head to your profile, tap the three little lines in the top right-hand corner, and select "Settings and privacy."

Step 2: Tap on "Family Pairing" and choose your role (parent or teen) to get a QR code. Your teen will do the same on their phone. Scan and you're halfway there!

Step 3: Once the accounts are linked, select the account you want to manage and tweak the controls to your heart's content.

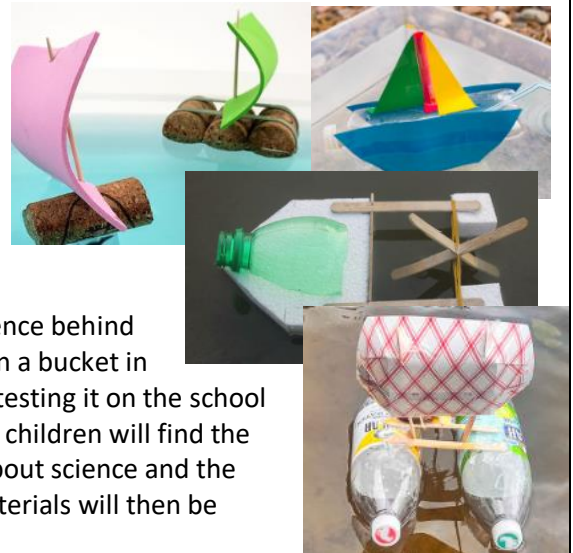
It's that easy! With Family Pairing, you can keep TikTok fun and safe. So, team up, link those accounts, and enjoy peace of mind while your teen explores the app!

Whole School Science Day



Next week, we will be holding a whole school science day. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to work in teams to design and make their own boats out of materials they bring in from home. We would like the children to bring in materials to help them with their project. They must be made out of junk materials.

They will be doing some lessons about the science behind boats, have the opportunity to test materials in a bucket in the classroom and make their product before testing it on the school swimming pool in the afternoon. We hope the children will find the day fun and engaging as well as informative about science and the properties of materials they are using. The materials will then be recycled at the end of the day where possible.



Please send your child in with any materials they would like to use by Friday next week.

Shaun the Sheep in the Heart of Kent – from Maidstone Library

This summer, we are proud to be working once more with the Heart of Kent Hospice, and the Wild in Art trail that is coming to Maidstone from the 29th June to the 30th August. This year, there will be 100 uniquely decorated Shaun the Sheep sculptures, which will appear in and around Maidstone, Kent. At the Kent History and Library Centre, we will have a Shaun at the front of the library during the trail, and we are looking after 2 flocks of smaller Shaun's within our building. We will have various activities, free of charge, going on during this time for children to take part in whilst they visit. A complete list of all of our activities will be with you by the end of this term. For more information on the Shaun the Sheep trail visit - <https://shaunheartofkent.co.uk/>

Summer Reading Challenge – Marvellous Makers

This summer, once again, children aged 4-11 can visit any of our Kent libraries to join the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge, firing up their imaginations through the power of reading and creative expression. In partnership with Create, a leading arts charity, and public libraries, this year's Challenge celebrates kids' creativity and storytelling abilities. Children will be encouraged to explore new books and stories while taking part in free activities, arts and crafts, and much more. The Summer Reading Challenge aims to prevent the "summer dip" learning loss many children experience over the holidays when they aren't in school. With libraries' support, it provides a free, fun way to keep young minds active. In 2023, over 685,000 children across the UK participated.

We have a range of resources that can be found via the following link to google drive. This includes a PowerPoint that can be used in an assembly, posters, fliers and a short video for children to watch -

bit.ly/SummerReadingChallengeResources2024

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

Maths: Exploring and representing patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

Literacy: Reading wildlife facts and writing our ideas about how we can help wildlife.

Topic: Comparing the savannah with our local area.

RWI Links

Miss Young's Group - [Spelling using ea](#), [Spelling using ai](#)

Miss Gelder's Group - [Spelling using ar](#), [Spelling using or](#)

Mrs Day's Group - [Spelling using oi](#), [Spelling using ea](#)

Miss Ferguson's Group - [The sound p](#) [Learning to Blend](#)

Miss Creswell's Group - [The sound h](#), [Learning to Blend](#)

Mrs Griffiths' Group - [Spelling using aw](#), [Spelling using are](#)



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

English: We will be planning a debate answering the question 'Should all buildings have a rooftop garden?'

Maths: We will be starting our new topic 'time' with before and after.

Science: We are looking forward to science day on Friday!

PSHE: We will be thinking about all of the things that we have learnt to do since we were babies.

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 'ire'](#), [the sound 'ear'](#), [the sound 'ure'](#)

Mrs Baldock's Group: [the sound 'u-e'](#), [the sound 'aw'](#), [the sound 'are'](#)

Miss Arthur's Group: [the sound 'o-e'](#), [the sound 'u-e'](#), [the sound 'aw'](#)



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

Maths: Continuing learning on types of turns and shape patterns.

English: Writing a leaflet about how to care for a guinea pig.

RWI: Please watch the video clips from your child's RWI (phonics) group:

Miss Ferguson's group: [blending](#)

Mrs Baldock's group: [ar sound](#), [or sound](#) and [air sound](#)

Miss Arthur's Group: [the sound 'o-e'](#), [the sound 'u-e'](#), [the sound 'aw'](#)

Miss Harman and Miss Stanton's group: [reading longer words 'ear'](#) and [reading longer words 'tion'](#)

Other: Continuing to make our bag tags in design technology by sewing our fabric pieces together.



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

History: We will be using a range of Roman artefacts (on loan from Canterbury Roman Museum) to work as archaeologists.

PSHE: Y3 will think about how they can recognise stereotypical ideas that they might have about parenting and family roles. Our aim is that they will be able to express how they are feeling when their ideas are challenged and hope that they will be willing to change their ideas sometimes.

Mrs Batt's Recommended Reads:

'Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans' by Gary Northfield

'Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape' by Dermot O'Leary



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

Maths: In Maths we will be solving comparison, sum and difference problems using discrete data and continuing to interpret line graphs.

English: In English we will be researching Philip Astley, who is the father of the modern circus. Once we have collated our ideas we will be completing biographies about Astley.

Other: In Science we are investigating how plugs work. In PSHE/RSE our focus will be, 'Accepting Change' by looking at how to express fears and concerns about changes that are outside of control and know how to manage these feelings positively



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

Maths: We will be moving onto our final unit on measurement.

English: We will be writing our very own Greek myths!

Science: We will be looking at the human gestation phase and then on Friday, we are very excited to be building our own boats during science day! Please remember to bring in your materials from home!



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

Next week, Year 6 will be busy attending their new secondary schools for transition!

Good luck to you all- we hope you have a fantastic time! As we have lots of children out on various days, next week we will be unleashing our creative sides, delving into an art and photography project!