



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 19 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As our final full week of the term and year draws to a close, we have enjoyed the Year 6 residential to Kench Hill, Year R trip to Wingham Wildlife Park, a visit by Wild Classroom plus lots of wrapping up of our learning topics and our PTFA End of Year discos!

We are thrilled to announce that Headcorn Primary School has been awarded the prestigious **School Games Silver Mark Award** for the 2023/24 academic year! Well done to everyone who has been a part of making this happen. In addition to our wonderful children, staff and volunteers for helping us achieve this, a particular mention to **Mr Peters** for the many various clubs he runs and events he leads to provide our children with the opportunities to take part in competitive sport.

There is still plenty to take place in the remaining last 2 days all ending with our Year 6 Leavers Assembly on Tuesday afternoon! Please continue to send your child in with a bag to bring things home, including wellies, so that we can reset site ready for the new academic year.

Please take a look at the Summer Challenges below, including our very own **Summer Life Skills Challenge** which our teachers have set for their outgoing year groups to support their transition to their new classes.

Have a lovely sunny weekend! Hope to see some people at **Rev Fiona Haskett's Goodbye Concert** this **Saturday** from **7pm** in **St Peters and St Paul's Church** where a representative of our wonderful choir will be opening the performances!



Miss Symonds

### Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: End of Term 6 / End of Year**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Leavers' Assembly @ 2pm for Year 6 parents/carers only**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: INSET Day 1 – No children in school**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Children back to school**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: End of Term 1**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: INSET Day 2 – No children in school**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October: INSET Day 3 – No children in school**

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



### Summer Life Skills Challenge



This summer, we are introducing a Summer Life Skills Challenge. These are skills that we believe are important and will help develop children's independence at school and at home. Please have a look at next week's curriculum overviews below for more information on the challenges we would like each year group to complete. We would love to hear how you have got on with these challenges! Please send us any photos to [birthdayevent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:birthdayevent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk) or show us what you have learnt in September! There will be Dojo points up for grabs too!



## Summer Challenges



This year's Summer Reading Challenge for children, Marvellous Makers, is nearly here!

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Children have from Saturday, 6 July to Saturday, 7 September to earn their free medal and certificate at [any library in Kent](#), including at any [mobile library](#) stops. Bring your Medal into school and earn 20 Dojos!!! Children can also choose to join in with the online Challenge, setting their own reading targets via the [Marvellous Makers website](#). **Not a member of the library yet? [Join here](#)**



**Fonetti**  
The read-aloud app

Fancy doing a different reading challenge why not join us on read-aloud....



Fonetti, the award-winning interactive read-aloud platform, which uses proprietary patented advanced Automatic Speech Recognition to help children improve their reading and English language skills. Complete the challenges and reach the leaderboards – Children can read aloud with confidence building their skills and enjoying reading.

**Dojos will be rewarded to those taking part.**

Scan our unique QR code and register today!

Plus, our Shaun the sheep is on display. She's at Clinton Cards in Fremlin Walk. If you visit take a picture with her and send it to [birthdayevent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:birthdayevent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk). We are doing a display of everyone finding her...

Can you find all 109 Shauns? 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](https://www.justgiving.com/page/headcorn-school-1702295401506?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fheadcorn-school-1702295401506&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)



## Amazing Achievements

Climbing a mountain? Winning a medal? Learning a new skill? If you do something amazing that you want to share with us in September. Send in a picture and you can be part of our new achievement wall in the hall and we will share these in assembly plus you can earn Dojos! Email [birthdayevent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:birthdayevent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk)

We can't wait to see what you have all been up to this summer.

## Headcorn Primary School Achieves School Games Silver Mark Award

We are thrilled to announce that Headcorn School has been awarded the prestigious School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year!

The School Games Mark, a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, recognizes schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. This accolade reflects our dedication to fostering a strong sporting culture and encouraging our pupils to participate in a variety of competitive sports.

This year, a remarkable number of our young athletes competed in local inter-school competitions. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and enthusiasm for school sports.

Our journey to achieving the Silver Mark Award involved meeting criteria across several key areas, including participation, competition, workforce, and clubs. The hard work and collaboration of our staff, students, and dedicated volunteers have been instrumental in this achievement.

We extend a special thanks to everyone who contributed to this success and look forward to continuing our commitment to school sports. Our aim is to apply once again in 2025, striving for even greater heights.

Congratulations to everyone involved! Let's continue to build on this fantastic achievement and keep the spirit of sportsmanship and competition alive at Headcorn School.

### **Puddle Duck Assembly**



FREE LESSON

We were very lucky to have Annabel from Puddle Ducks to talk to all the children about how to stay safe near water and how to help themselves and others if they fall in. Every child was given an activity sheet. Look out for the QR code. Use Duck20 to receive a free swimming lesson!



### **Thank You to Our Amazing Pupils**

As we near the end of this academic year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students who have represented Headcorn Primary School at the various sporting events and competitions we have taken part in. Your dedication, effort, and sportsmanship have made us immensely proud.

To those of you who are moving on to secondary school, we wish you the very best. We hope you continue to participate in sports and carry forward the values and skills you've developed here at Headcorn. Remember, you will always be a part of our family, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.

For those returning in September, we eagerly anticipate seeing you at our after-school sports clubs and seeing the continued commitment and positive attitude to learning during PE lessons.

We are also proud to share that we recently received an email of praise from a parent at another school. They commended our pupils for their excellent behaviour and sporting attitude during competitions. This recognition is a testament to the character and sportsmanship each of you brings to the field.

Thank you once again for your hard work and dedication. Enjoy your summer break, and we look forward to another fantastic year of sports and achievements.

### **Headcorn Athletes Excell at PASS Competition**

Last Friday, 12th July, Headcorn Primary School made a stellar showing at the PASS Athletics competition hosted by The Sutton Valance School (SVS). Competing against formidable teams from schools like Roseacre and Leybourne, Headcorn's athletes demonstrated extraordinary talent and sportsmanship, ultimately securing 2nd and 4th place overall.

The event was a true test of endurance, skill, and determination, featuring a range of track and field events. Our students competed in the 75m sprint, 300m and 600m races, javelin, shot put, long jump, and triple jump. Each event showcased the athletic prowess and unyielding spirit of our young athletes.

Highlights of the Day:

75m Sprint: Lightning-fast sprints from our runners who gave everything they had, leaving spectators in awe.

300m and 600m Races: Displaying remarkable stamina, our athletes pushed through every lap with unwavering determination.

Javelin and Shot Put: Strength and technique were on full display as our participants hurled javelins and shot puts with impressive power.

Long Jump and Triple Jump: With graceful leaps and bounds, our jumpers soared through the air, adding valuable points to our team's score.

Medal-Winning Performance

Our 'A' team, after an intense series of events, proudly clinched the 2nd place overall, earning themselves medals for their outstanding performance. Their dedication, teamwork, and resilience were truly inspirational, setting a high standard for future competitions. The 'B' team also showed remarkable effort, finishing strong in 4th place and demonstrating that Headcorn is a force to be reckoned with.

The Spirit of Headcorn

Throughout the competition, our students embodied the true spirit of Headcorn: determination, teamwork, and a never-say-die attitude. Whether it was sprinting down the track, launching the javelin, or soaring in the long jump, each athlete gave their all, making our school incredibly proud.

A special thank you goes out to our supporters whose encouragement was invaluable. This experience has not only highlighted our students' athletic abilities but also their incredible character and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all our participants for their hard work and spectacular achievements. We look forward to seeing more of your amazing performances in future events!

Go Headcorn!



## PTFA News

As we come to the end of the school year, the PTFA would like to say a massive thank you for all your support this year to help raise funds for the school and for all of the children. We are looking forward to September to continue this success. If you would like to join or come to the meetings, please please do! We are a very friendly bunch!

## Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for a wonderful year, culminating in our fantastic end of term trip to Wingham Wildlife Park which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Your support this year has been amazing, and we have loved teaching your children who have learnt so much. To ensure a smooth transition to Year 1, please keep practising reading and writing, and make the most of opportunities to develop real-life maths, such as weighing and using coins, so that the children retain confidence in their abilities.

**Our Summer Life Skills Challenge** will be developing independence by getting dressed without support and being kind and helpful.

Please could any school reading books be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thank you. Have a fun, safe and happy Summer break!



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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. We have had a fantastic year teaching you all and we are looking forward to spending fun filled last few days together! We will miss you but know you are more than ready for Year 2.

**Summer Life Skills Challenge** - Can you practice taking your own jumper on and off independently? Or perhaps practice tying your laces - and make sure your shoes are on the right feet!

Please could any school reading books be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thank you.



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

Next week we are looking forward to finishing off some of our work and bag tags in DT. Please continue to read regularly over the summer holidays and go on Sumdog if you can!

**Summer life skills challenge:** We would like you to practise tying your shoelaces independently. Click [here](#) to watch 'The Shoelace Song' to help you.

We would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to parents/carers for their continued support this year! We hope you all have a lovely summer.

Please could any school reading books be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thank you.



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

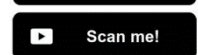
The year is nearly at an end and we wanted to thank you for all of your support this year. We are so proud of the progress that the children have made and want to wish you a very happy and safe summer holiday.

If you have time, please help prepare for Year 4 trying the following:

**Your Summer Life Skills Challenge** is to continue to tell the time, first to the nearest 5 minutes and then to the nearest minute.

Reading- Try a new author over the Summer holidays. Use this QR code: it will take you to the Book Trust where you can search for recommended reads using the author's you already like. What will you read next?

Please could any school reading books be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thank you.





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

Next week we will be celebrating the fantastic end to our Y4 journey with a talent show which the children may perform in if they wish to – so be prepared for some rehearsals at home. We will also be completing our very last cold write where the children will be given the opportunity to put all the skills that they have learn this year to write independently on a picture stimulus. In History we will be concluding our topic by using diamond 9 to rank the impact of the different civilisations that we have studied to deepen our understanding of the legacy of these famous civilisations.

As the year draws to an end, we really wanted to take this opportunity to say our deepest thanks to you all for always supporting and championing our ideas and decisions this year – however crazy – and to your incredible children who have made every day full of insightful learning questions, laughter and fun. We wish you all the most amazing Summer break and look forward to seeing the children develop as they move into Y5.

**As a Summer Life Skills Challenge** the children may wish to take on either:

Consolidating telling the time or learning greetings or manners in another language.

Please could any school reading books be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thank you.



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

**Summer Life Skills Challenge:** Next year, you will be allowed to walk home on your own. Do some research on road safety and make sure that you are familiar with how to cross a road safely. Practise your route home from school or to the park to make sure that you are ready for September.

Please could any school reading books be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thank you.



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

Wow! We can't believe we're writing our final Headlines for our amazing Y6 cohort. What a brilliant final full week we've had! Kench Hill was an amazing experience and so many epic memories were made. We've rounded off our Britain at War topic with an interesting local history study, visiting the war memorial in the village and then researching the servicemen to create our own memorial books. What a great end to a fabulous year- we look forward to celebrating with you at the disco! Good luck for the future Year 6 - thanks for a great year!

**Summer Life Skills Challenge**

As you prepare for your next chapter, over the summer holidays, it would be a good idea to practise using public transport, managing your own money and ensure you are using the internet safely and responsibly.

Please could any school reading books, Team Sport kits or other school property be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Thank you.