



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 4 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

October is here and with it comes our **NEW WEBSITE!** Take a look at our new layout, new photos and additional information by visiting www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk



This website will continue to be populated with new information about your child's learning, the school curriculum and photos of all that our school offers through our learning opportunities.

In the last week of term, we will be celebrating our **Harvest Festival**. If you would like to make a donation of food for a local food bank then we will be collecting donations in on **Friday 18th October**. A list of items that can be received will be circulated in next week's Headlines.

We have our first **Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)** of the year coming up in the last week of this term so we will open the online booking form on **Monday, 7th October at 6pm**.

Have a lovely weekend!
Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 21st October: Parent Teacher Consultations 3.45 – 6.30pm

Tuesday 22nd October: Parent Teacher Consultations 3.45 – 6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd October: NEW Library Launch

Wednesday 23rd October: End of Term 1

Thursday 24th October: INSET Day 2 – No children in school

Friday 25th October: INSET Day 3 – No children in school

Sunday 3rd November: PTFA Fireworks

Monday 4th November: Start of Term 2: Children in school

Monday 11th November: Parents' Book Look @3.15 – 4pm

Friday 15th November: Children in Need

Saturday 30th November: PTFA Quiz & Fizz

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Monday 16th December: Year 1 Nativity Performance (@2.15pm)

Tuesday 17th December: Year R Nativity Performance (@2.15pm)

Wednesday 18th December: Year 2 Nativity Performance (@2.15pm)

Thursday 19th December: End of Term 2

Friday 20th December: INSET Day 4: NO children in school

Monday 6th January: Start of Term 3: Children in (No INSET Day)

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, we're blasting off into the exciting world of space! Our assemblies will be filled with inspiring stories, incredible facts, and thought-provoking discussions about the wonders of the universe. Join us as we explore the mysteries of space and the incredible achievements of space exploration.



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.

Ms Jefferson's choice... **Days Like This by Van Morrison**

Want to hear it at home? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UUWkr4FUlo>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 10th October the Inclusion Team will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning in school from 9.30 to 11.00am. Please come along to support this worthy cause while meeting new people and enjoying a cuppa and a slice of cake! Please bring along grandparents, aunties, uncles or friends - everyone is welcome!

If you are a keen baker, we would love to accept any cake donations on the day. Shop bought donations would also be warmly welcomed 😊 If you are able to donate a cake, please email tracey.jefferson@headcorn.kent.sch.uk

If you cannot make this date, but would like to support this worthy cause, an online donation would be gratefully received 😊

<https://cm24.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM24067607>



Year R 2025 Intake – Parent Tours

If your child is starting school in September next year the dates below are available to book via our website or by copying this link into your browser <https://forms.office.com/e/WsNeL1S4Pp>

Friday, 8 November at 10.00am

Monday, 11 November at 9.30am

Friday, 15 November at 10.00am

Monday, 18 November at 9.30am

Friday, 22 November at 10.00am

PTFA News

Wednesday 16th October- PTFA meeting, 8pm and The White Horse. Please come along and bring your thoughts and ideas. We welcome anyone and everyone who is keen to support us to raise valuable funds for the school.

Friday 18th October will be a non school uniform day to raise money. Buckets and card machines on the door to collect your donations.

Other dates for your diary-

- Halloween Trail, Sun 27th Oct
- Fireworks, Sun 3rd Nov
- Quiz & Fizz (adults only), Sat 30th Nov

FIREWORKS EVENT!!

- Sunday 3rd November 2024. Gates open at 4pm, display at 530pm.

Food & drink available on the night, as well as merchandise & candy floss (card & cash taken)

Adults, £12

Children, £7

Pre schoolers, FREE

Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children), £35

Tickets will be emailed to you before the event. Click here for your tickets -

<https://www.headcornschoolptfa.org.uk/shop/>

We really cannot run events these events without the help and support of volunteers and would be extremely grateful if you could give up some time. **Every** volunteer gets in **free** plus you will get another **free** ticket. Please complete the form below and state what times and roles you can help with -

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bThhSa3XQUybscs5aGTdMb5bUM89UvBBhIbRWTK9GLhUMjIQM0VGvjdZOERNVldOVzYxMVNLNVpHVC4u>

St Peter & St Paul's Church Events

Still time to enter into the scarecrow festival as part of our annual apple day celebrations. Get the whole family involved, the more creative the better... last year's winner was made by a Headcorn Primary School student who made a Spitfire pilot complete with Spitfire! What will you make?? Saturday 12th October 10:30am - 1:00pm

Next Week's Curriculum Overview

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



Maths: We will be learning to recognise and write numbers 7 and 8 and subitizing small sets of objects.

Literacy: We will be learning the sounds n and p and using the sounds we have learnt (m, a, s, d, t, i, n and p) to blend words!

Topic: Making hedgehogs using a variety of media.

RWI Links

[Fred's toy box](#)

[The sound t](#)

[The sound i](#)

[Learning to blend](#)

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



Maths: We will be starting our new addition and subtraction unit beginning with parts and wholes.

English: We will be creating our own story maps.

History: We will be looking at the different stages of life, the changes the children have gone through and what stages are to come.

Please remember to sign your child's yellow reading journal after every time you read together. The children get a Dojo after every 5 reads!

Please also remember that every week we set the children some practise questions on SumDog relating to that week's maths lessons.

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



Maths: we are going to be starting our new topic in maths focussing on addition and subtraction.

English: we will be continuing with writing our story of 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'.

Geography: we will be conducting a litter study around our school. This will conclude our focus on environmental damage.

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



Maths: In Maths we will be adding and subtracting 2 numbers with no exchange

English: In English we will be writing predictions and then making comparison between our lives and the text.

Other: In Computing we will be continuing to use Scratch to programme our interactive joke. In Music we will kick start our session by appraising, 'Ain't no mountain high enough' by Marvin Gaye and then continuing to learn our term's song; 'Let your spirit Fly' using tuned and untuned percussion instruments to accompany it.

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



Maths: Adding two 4-digit numbers and moving on to adding with exchanging.

English: We will be exploring DASH stories and working on building the elements of a story.

Other: In history we will be learning about what happened when the first Vikings arrived in Britain!

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



Maths: We will start our unit on multiplication and division. This will include exploring factors and multiples.

History: We will explore what everyday life looked like for different social classes during the Shang Dynasty.

Geography: We will look at our understanding of transport networks, including motorways.



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

Maths: We will be continuing our work on dividing, introducing the formal method for long division. We will spend the week becoming confident with this method through fluency lessons, before moving onto problem solving.

English: We will be completing our balanced arguments about whether or not the main character from our book, Nat, should travel to England. We will then begin to explore ideas in preparation for creating a narrative poem.

Science: We will be exploring the structure and function of blood, by making a representative sample, using cupboard ingredients such as corn syrup, oil and food colouring!