



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 06 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year! I hope you all had good summer holidays. It seems the brief spell of sunshine has been well and truly replaced by the rain in the latter half of this week so please remember to send your children in with a coat and their wellies!



Welcome to the new children and families who have joined our school community. Hopefully everyone has received their Transition Postcards over the summer holidays. Thank you to the PTFA who funded these!

We also need to **THANK** the **PTFA** and everyone who supported and raised funds towards our **new library hut**. This was installed on the KS2 playground over the summer holidays and now needs to be kitted out with storage, books and décor so we can start making use of it as soon as possible. The hut can accommodate up to 35 children, has a lovely skylight and even an antler as a door handle!



Happening again this year are our **'Welcome to Year X' Meetings** to Years 1 - 6. These are for parents and carers to hear from the teachers about their child's new year group, their expectations, forthcoming events, curriculum, topics, potential trips, any statutory assessments that take place, how to engage with your child's learning at home, etc. There will also be a chance to ask questions at the end of the meeting. These meetings are being held at 2.30pm just before collection across the next couple of weeks (see below for the dates). If you are unable to attend then please be reassured that all of this information will be shared via a parentmail afterwards, as well as being made available on our year group pages on our new website which is coming soon too!



Following the very sad news of the passing of **Mr Curteis, our lovely Road Crossing Patrol**, a JustGiving page was set up by parents to be able to make a donation. Your generosity has been overwhelming and over £665 has been raised so far. Members of the school community, Mr Curteis' family and the Parish Council will be meeting to discuss using these donations for a memorial. We will keep you informed of our progress. If you still wish to donate the page will remain open for a short while longer. Please use this link: <https://pay.collectiv.com/mr-peter-curteis-the-lollipop-man-15987>
The Road Crossing Patrol division of KCC are busy recruiting for someone to take on this role for our school. In the meantime, please can parents continue to cross their children at safe places on Kings Road. Year 6 pupils who walk to and from school will be supported to cross the road safely.



Please take time to look at the **Dates for your Diary** section below each week. Next week we will be sharing some significant dates set for this academic year so you can plan for these **including PTCs, nativities, sports day, statutory assessment weeks** etc.

Finally, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has ensured that their child has returned to school in the correct uniform and PE uniform. It is much appreciated, and we all look very smart! Please see below for a reminder of our PE uniform and the allocated PE days.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 9th September: Welcome to Year 1 Parent Meeting @ 2.30pm – 3pm

Tuesday 10th September: Welcome to Year 5 Parent Meeting @ 2.30pm – 3pm

Wednesday 11th September: Welcome to Year 6 Parent Meeting @ 2.30pm – 3pm

Thursday 12th September: Year 6 Grammar Entrance Test Day

Thursday 12th September: Welcome to Year 2 Parent Meeting @ 2.30pm – 3pm

Monday 16th September: Welcome to Year 4 Parent Meeting @ 2.30pm – 3pm

Tuesday 17th September: Welcome to Year 3 Parent Meeting @ 2.30pm – 3pm

Wednesday 23rd October: End of Term 1

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

Friday 24th October: INSET Day 3 – No children in school



NB: More key dates for the remainder of this academic year to follow next week!

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. Our first assembly topic of the year will be "Being me in this world." This theme aligns with our PSHE Jigsaw curriculum, which aims to promote children's understanding of themselves, their emotions, and their relationships with others. During the assembly, we will explore the importance of self-acceptance, kindness, and respect. We hope that this topic will encourage your children to feel confident in their own individuality and appreciate the diversity that exists within our school community.



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. This week Mrs Randall has chosen 'I'm Your Man' by Wham. Want to hear it at home?

<https://youtu.be/6W0d9xMhZbo>

Shaun in the Heart of Kent

The trail is now over but the fund raising is not... if you would still like to contribute to this amazing charity, please use the QR code below.

If you managed to visit our Cupcake do remember to send in your selfie to



birthdatevent@headcorn.kent.sch.uk

There are still limited places for their farewell event where you can view all the Shaun sculptures in one place.

<https://shaunheartofkent.co.uk/events/farewell-weekend/>



PE Uniform:

Children are to wear their PE Uniform to school on their allocated PE days. As this is in place of wearing their usual school uniform, we expect children to be smartly dressed in the correct PE uniform items.

- School or plain purple PE T-shirt with black or navy shorts / skirt / skort / leggings (The previous red, yellow, blue and green House T-shirts are still part of our PE uniform and a few remaining stock items can be bought from the uniform shop at a reduced price)
- School or plain purple jumper, cardigan, fleece or our NEW purple hoody (available from the uniform shop)
- Trainers with plain white or black socks

PE Days:

YR – Mondays (PE uniform not required until Term 2)

Y1 – Wednesdays & Fridays

Y2 – Wednesdays & Fridays

Y3 – Mondays & Thursdays

Y4 – Tuesdays & Thursdays

Y5 – Mondays & Wednesdays

Y6 – Tuesdays & Thursdays

E-Safety Update...

A warm welcome to the new school year at Headcorn Primary! We hope you've had a fantastic summer break and are as excited as we are to get started on another year of learning and growth. As always, we're committed to keeping your child safe in every aspect of their school life. That's why, in our weekly newsletter, you'll find a section dedicated to e-safety tips to help you and your family navigate the online world with confidence.

This Week's E-Safety Tip: Watch Out for QR Code Scams

You've probably noticed that QR codes are popping up everywhere these days. They're super handy, aren't they? Whether you're scanning a code to pay for something, check a menu, or get more information, it's amazing how quickly they can connect us to what we need. But, like many good things, there's a downside. Some less-than-honest people are using QR codes to trick others into giving away personal information or even payment details. It can be tricky to tell if a QR code is safe, especially when it looks just like any other. That's why it's so important to be aware and know what to watch out for. If you come across a QR code that seems a bit off, or if you're not sure where it came from, it's best to be cautious. Always try to verify that the code is from a trusted source before scanning it. And if a link looks strange after you've scanned the code, don't click on it. Legitimate organizations will never ask for your personal details through a QR code link, so if you see anything like that, it's a red flag.

To help you stay one step ahead, we've attached a detailed guide from National Online Safety. It's full of useful information on how to spot QR code scams and protect yourself from them. We encourage you to take a look and share it with your family, so everyone stays safe.

We're looking forward to a great year ahead and working together to keep our community safe online. Be sure to check back next week for more e-safety advice!

PTFA News

- Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer & are all set for another year of fun & fundraising! A special welcome to the new YR families - we hope you enjoy your cookie & cup of tea. A huge thanks to Pippa Gardner for baking the tasty goodies, & Philippa Lazenby for the tea bags!
- Have you seen the new Hobbit Library on the KS2 playground? It looks great & will no doubt be a wonderful asset to the children. Massive thanks to all our supporters last year that made the library purchase possible. Your hard work & dedication really does make a difference to our children.
- Do you shop at Asda? Have you got the Asda Rewards app? We've just signed up to the Asda Cashpot so you can raise money for Headcorn School without it costing you a penny-what could be better?! See the attached poster for details of how to link your app to school & every time you spend, school gets a percentage. Every penny helps, so get on board & help raise valuable funds.
- Dates for your diary-
 - Halloween Trail, Sun 17 Oct
 - Fireworks, Sun 3 Nov
 - Quiz & Fizz (adults only), Sat 30 Nov

FIREWORKS EVENT!!

Sunday 3rd November 2024. Gates open at 4pm, display at 5.30pm.

Priority tickets available for Headcorn School families only for the next week. Tickets go on sale to the general public from Fri 13th September, so get in quick-this is a sell out event!!

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 you tickets FROM 4PM TODAY (Fri 6 Sept)!!

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

St Peter and Paul Church

This Sunday take your pets to the special pet service at the church. See the attached poster for this event and next week's Teddy Fun Day.

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



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

We would like to welcome you to Headcorn Headlines! The children have had a very successful start and have enjoyed their introduction to Early Years over the past four days. We have been carrying out Baseline Assessments which are a statutory requirement and hope to be moving forward onto our first topic of 'Me and My Community', next week. Please could you all send in a photograph of your child with their family as we will be using these to aid discussion. We hope you have a lovely, restful weekend!



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

Maths: We will be recognising numbers as words and continuing to practise our accurate counting to 10.

Science: We will be making observations about our bodies, counting how many body parts we have and recording them in a table. We will consider why we have two arms, legs, eyes etc and how they help us.

English: We will start to explore our new text, Wild. We will look at the front cover to see what we can infer and make predictions about the story plot.



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

English: We will continue to read Lila and the Secret of Rain;

Maths: We will be learning to partition numbers into ones and tens;

Science: We will be learning about human life cycles;



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

Maths: We will be looking at representing and partitioning numbers to 1000

English: We will be writing descriptive settings using accurate sentence structure and a range of effective adjectives.

Other: In History we will be starting our new topic, 'Through the Ages' by creating a timeline to really start to understand where The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age fits in. The children have made a great start already with their French lessons and this week they will be using key greetings, as well as learning how to ask and answer the question 'how are you?'

We wanted to congratulate the children on a great start to Year 3! It is quite a transition from KS1 to KS2 and we have been so impressed with the seamless move and their mature, can-do and hardworking attitude.



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

Maths: In maths this week we will be looking at place value of numbers up to 10,000 including how they can be represented and partitioned.

English: We will be continuing to explore persuasive letters as we write to Professor Brownstone to select us to visit the family vaults.

RE: In RE we will be exploring how Christian communities use their faith to help them decide between right and wrong.



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

Maths: next week we will be continuing with place value, looking at powers of ten and partitioning.

English: we will be looking at our new book Mulan in more detail, tying in with our history topic about Ancient China.

Science: we will be looking at the movement of the earth, sun and moon.



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

Maths – Next week, we will continue developing our knowledge of place value to understand the value of numbers and digits

English – We will begin to write our diary entries in character as Nat, the main character from our class text 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson.

Geography - We will look at Headcorn as our local settlement and how it has changed throughout the years

Science – We will begin to look at the heart as part of the circulatory system in more detail