



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 11 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who organised, donated and attended our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** yesterday. There is still time to donate if you would like to – see the link below.



The fitting out of our new **Library Hut** is coming along well and now has a ramp installed. Power is to be connected, books are sorted and arranged, cushions being crafted, and **Reading Ambassadors** employed. The children have started to visit to be able to change books and guitar lessons are taking place in there making a lovely space for this activity. If you are handy with a sewing machine and would be able to help out with making the cushions please contact the PTFA on [info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk](mailto:info@headcornschoolptfa.org.uk).

We are working hard to ensure that all is ready for our **big launch day** on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** when the Mayor and local councillors will be opening this new space officially.

**Parent Teacher Consultations** are fast approaching. If you've not already booked in for an appointment with your child's class teacher, then please do so soon via your Scopay accounts.



We had a good sort out of the **Lost Property bins** and laid everything out last Friday. If you are missing anything specific (that's not a purple jumper/cardigan), we have attached a document with lots of photos of quite individual items that are available for collection.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Miss Symonds

### Dates for your Diary:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Parent Teacher Consultations 3.45 – 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Parent Teacher Consultations 3.45 – 6.30pm**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: NEW Library Launch**

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

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: INSET Day 3 – No children in school**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: PTFA Fireworks**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Start of Term 2: Children in school**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Parents' Book Look @3.15 – 4pm**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November: PTFA Quiz & Fizz**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 Nativity Performance (@2.15pm)**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Year R Nativity Performance (@2.15pm)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Year 2 Nativity Performance (@2.15pm)**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: End of Term 2**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: INSET Day 4: NO children in school**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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, our school assemblies will celebrate Black History Month. We'll be learning about inspiring Black figures from history who have made a positive impact on the world.





### 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. Mrs Hutchison's choice...

Feeling Good by Nina Simone. Want to hear it at home?

<https://youtu.be/oHRNrgDIJfo>

### Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Support

Public consultation closes 12 November 2024

Find out about proposals for a new Therapeutic Support Service and have your say!

[kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport](http://kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport)



Kent County Council (KCC) is running a public consultation on proposed changes to support for **children and young people with mild to medium emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.**

The consultation is from Wednesday 25 September to **Tuesday 12 November 2024.**

#### What is the consultation about?

KCC currently commissions the **Kent Children and Young People's Counselling Service** for children and young people aged 4 to 19, living in Kent with mild to medium emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.

This is delivered on KCC's behalf by the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust as part of the School Health Service. The proposal is to commission a new **Therapeutic Support Service** instead of the Counselling Service when the current contract ends in March 2026.

You are encouraged to complete the online questionnaire: [www.kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport](http://www.kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport)

### DLD Day – Friday, 18 October

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects at least 2 in every 30 children in a classroom, but is relatively unknown compared to other neurodiverse conditions. Those who have DLD have difficulty understanding and using spoken language and it is a lifelong condition, but we know that with the right support, children can achieve good academic and social success. That's why we want to raise awareness across the world to help children with DLD access the support they need.



Some local landmarks have kindly agreed to light up in purple on DLD day, so do look out for them: St Peter and St Paul's Church in our very own Headcorn, Union Mill in Cranbrook and Rochester Cathedral. There are lots of other landmarks lighting up across the world as well!

To help raise awareness in Headcorn, I will be running a pebble hunt next Friday! With some help from some of the children in school, and their parents, I will be decorating and hiding 20 pebbles around the village. Please search for them, and if you find them perhaps you could ask a grown up to post a photo of a pebble on their social media with the #DLDDay or #DevLangDis and tag me in



@lou\_mayhew\_mtwfc. When you find one, please make sure to put them back in the same spot! If you manage to find all 20, please ask a grown up to drop me a message on my social media pages with a list of where you found them, and I have a small prize for the first three children to get in touch 😊

### Earrings

Just a quick reminder that for the safety of all our pupils, earrings must either be taped or removed before PE lessons. We've had a few instances recently where children have tried to take part without doing either, we want to avoid any unnecessary accidents.

If your child wears earrings, please ensure they come to school with them taped up or can remove them on PE days. If they need assistance with taping, we're happy to help — just make sure they bring tape along!

Thanks for your cooperation in keeping PE fun and safe for everyone! 🏃⚽

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who attended our Macmillan Coffee morning and to those who provided delicious cakes and cookies. There is still time to donate

<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



### Get Your Digital Toolkit Ready! 🛠️💻

Hey parents! Does the online world sometimes feel like a giant obstacle course — full of fun but with a few twists and turns? No need to worry! Internet Matters has created the perfect toolkit to help you, and your kids navigate the digital world like experts.

Think of it as your handy toolbox for all things digital. Need to tighten the screws on screen time? There's a spanner for that! Want to hammer in some good social media habits? You've got just the right hammer for the job! 🛠️🔨

The Digital Family Toolkit is packed with everything you need — from tips on setting up parental controls to advice on those important family chats about online safety. It's like the Swiss Army knife 🗡️ of parenting in the digital age — filled with all the tools you need, ready to go at a moment's notice.

Just like you'd use a tape measure to get the perfect fit, the toolkit helps you work out what's best for your child's age and online needs. Whether you've got a little one discovering Peppa Pig, or a tween glued to their favourite apps, this guide has all the tools you need to keep them safe while they explore the internet.

So, parents, it's time to roll up your sleeves and dive into your Digital Toolkit! Like fixing a wobbly table, online safety is much easier when you've got the right tools in hand.

Start today and build a safer digital world for your family! 💡🛠️

Check out the full toolkit here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

### NHS Children's Therapies - Talking Walk-In Service

Play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a Speech and Language Therapist, Family Hub worker or other staff. For pre-school aged children where there may be a concern about their speech, language or communication [Talking Walk-in Service | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/talking-walk-in-service)



### Headcorn Parish Church – Apple Day

Saturday, 12 October – 10.30am to 1.00pm

FREE entry please see attached flyer.

### PTFA News

- We made £107 for our uniform sale last week so thank you for your support.
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- Huge thank you to those who have offered to make cushion covers for our new library. If anyone wants to help please get in touch.
- Wednesday 16th October- PTFA meeting, 8pm, 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.
- Sunday 27th October- Halloween Trail. Please see attached poster.



- Saturday 30th November- Quiz and Fizz (adults only!)
- Sunday 3rd November- Fireworks. Gates open at 4pm, display at 5.30pm. 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=bThhSa3XQUybcs5aGTdMb5bUM89UvBBhlbRWTK9GLhUMjIQMOVGvjdZOERNVldOVzYxMVNLNVpHVC4u>

## Next Week's Curriculum Overview



### **Year R Cheetah & Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curricular Focus**

Maths: Weighing and comparing pumpkins using the language of lighter than, heavier than and equal to.

Literacy: We will be learning to read and write the letter sounds g, o and c.

Topic: Making pumpkin biscuits.



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

Maths: We will be learning about part-whole models and how to write the corresponding addition number sentences.

PE: The children will be working as a team to score and count points.

RWI: Please find your child's RWI group and have a go at the sounds at home!

Miss Marsh: [The sound 'x'](#), [The sound 'y'](#) and [The sound 'w'](#).

Mrs Tucker: [The sound 'nk'](#), [The sound 'ee'](#) and [the sound 'ow'](#).

Mrs Foweraker: [The sound 'ee'](#), [The sound 'oo' \(look\)](#) and [the sound 'ou'](#).

Mrs Goodwin/Mrs Terry: [The sound 'air'](#), [The sound 'oy'](#) and [the sound 'ea'](#).

Miss Arthur: [The sound 'ea'](#), [The sound 'oi'](#) and [the sound 'a-e'](#).

Miss Waterman: [The sound 'o-e'](#), [The sound 'u-e'](#) and [the sound 'aw'](#).



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

Maths: We will learn to add crossing 10.

Science: We will be learning about good hygiene routine.

Art: We will be creating our final piece of Art using clay print we have made.



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

Maths: We will be learning to add and subtract 2 numbers across a 10 or a 100

English: We will be using a story map of Stone Age Boy to help plan our own version of the story, changing the character and setting.

Other: In History we will be learning about The Bell Beaker folk and how they introduced metalwork, pottery and new religious beliefs to Britain. In French we will learn how to recognise, recall and spell 10 different colours in the foreign language.

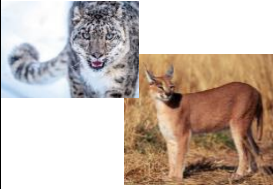


### **Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus**

English: Writing, editing and publishing our own DASH (description, action, speech and how characters are feeling) stories.

Maths: Subtracting two 4-digit numbers with exchanging and looking at efficient strategies to subtract.

Other: In science we will be carrying out a digestion experiment!



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

Maths: Please use Sum Dog to complete another home learning challenge. Thank you to those mathematicians that have started to do this.

Science: We will be exploring the phenomenon of lunar and solar eclipses.

English: We will be planning and drafting our own Chinese legend. We will use images from a Chinese creation story and our knowledge about the Shang Dynasty to inspire this.



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

English: We will be moving into our narrative poems next week, using figurative language to capture Nat's journey on the ship from Jamaica to England

Maths: Next week, we will look to consolidate all of our learning around multiplication and division to solve multi-step problems and reasoning questions.

History: Our next lesson will see us learning about the Triangular Slave trade – The three journeys between Europe, Africa and the Americas which fuelled the slave trade and Europe's growing power and wealth

Science: We will be learning more about our blood vessels (veins, arteries and capillaries), including their structures and functions within our bodies.