

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone! The children have obviously had a restful and enjoyable holiday and have come back to school full of energy and ready to learn. The term has got off to a great start.



Congratulations to the following children who have impressed me with their wonderful work and attitudes since the last newsletter:

- Jasmine in Y1 for writing a brilliant explanation of a Christingle on the last afternoon of term
- Romaan, Millie, Katie and Charlie in Y3 for excellent attitude to spelling work
- Alice in Y6 for meeting her writing targets in a great piece of persuasive writing
- Gracie E in Y6 for a powerful piece of persuasive writing
- All of Year 6 for a thoughtful and mature approach to their interviews with their local MP today



Headley Park Restaurant

The trial of the new lunchtime 'restaurant' has got off to a great start and thank you to all those who have given such positive feedback. Well done to all the children for managing the change so well. We have made adjustments through the week and will continue to do so until it's perfect! There were some concerns about the plan, particularly about the role of year 6, and changes have

been made to address these. Lots of the children have told us that they are enjoying the new layout and the talking points and we are very grateful to the group of Year 6 who continue to help us evaluate and pass on feedback from the other children.

Staffing News

Miss Dale (Y2 teacher) has resigned for personal reasons and will be leaving at the end of term 3 (February half term). Y2D will be taught for the rest of the year by Miss Blackman (who is returning from maternity leave after half term) Wed-Fri and Miss Holmes Mon-Tues. Miss Blackman will be working for one day a week alongside Miss Dale this term to get to know the children and ensure a smooth transition. We are very sorry to see Miss Dale go and we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Murray will be working Mon-Thurs from term 4 and Ms Brown will be teaching Y2M on Fridays.

There will be some adjustments to PPA cover (half day cover for teachers to plan and prepare) in some classes as a result of these changes. Y3/4 PPA will be covered by Mr Jackson, Y5M by Ms Fredrickson and YRM by Mrs Evans. Otherwise the cover remains the same.

New Parent Pay

From Term 4 we are planning to change our online payment system to ParentPay as part of our move to become a cashless school. This is a very widely-used system which allows parent/carers to have a single account to cover all their children at our school and other schools using ParentPay. A lot of children from Headley Park move to Chew Valley or Bedminster Down, both of which use ParentPay.

An introductory letter outlining the system is attached and questions can be raised at next week's Parents' Coffee when Mr Mountjoy and Ms Fredrickson will be explaining the system.

Clubs

Most clubs start next week and you will have received a text informing you if your child has a place in the clubs requested. If your child requested a place but didn't get in, they will be automatically put on the waiting list and you will be informed if one becomes available. If you would like to request a place in any other club, please ring the office at any time and you will be given a place as soon as one is available. Clubs on this term are:

Monday lunchtime	Reading (Y1-6), science (Y4)
Monday after school	Choir (Y1-6), Y6 maths booster, newspaper (Y5-6)
Tuesday after school	Homework (Y1-6), cookery (Y1 term 3; Year 4 term 4); netball (Y5-6), Y6 English booster
Wednesday after school	Girls' football (Y5/6)
Thursday after school	Hockey (Y5/6); gymnastics (Y1-3); ukulele (Y4-6); sketchbook (Y1-3)
Friday after school	Y5/6 boys' football



Parents' Coffee

The next coffee mornings / afternoons are as follows:

Date	Time	Led by	Topic
Wed 11 th Jan	8:50	Mr Mountjoy and Ms Fredrickson	Parent Pay - new electronic payment system to replace EZ Pay
Tues 24 th Jan	2:45	Mrs Robinson	Growth Mindset
Thurs 9 th Feb	8:50	Mr Laken	Learning support - how LSAs help children in school
Mon 27 th Feb	2:45	Ms Fredrickson	General Communication between home and school
Thurs 16 th March	2:45	Miss Grant	Rainbow Maths and Times Tables Challenges

Key Dates Term 3

Tues 10 th Jan:	Y5 start swimming
Tues 9 th Jan:	Tour for prospective parents (YR 2017) 9am
Thurs 12 th Jan:	KS2 trip to Cinderella at Tobacco Factory
Thurs 12 th Jan:	Athletics training session 3:30-4:30
Fri 13 th Jan:	5/6 Boys' Football match vs BGS (home)
Thurs 19 th Jan:	Football League starts @Merchants (weekly)
Mon 30 th Jan:	Sportshall athletics County finals @ UWE
Fri 10 th Feb:	INSET day - school closed

End of Term 3

Future Dates for your diary:

- Parents' evenings will be held **week beginning 13th March 2017** (dates and times to be confirmed nearer the time)
- Y4 Camp is 15th - 18th May 2017. A letter will be going out with camp and payment details next week and there will be a parents' meeting to discuss it on **Thurs 27th April at 3:30pm in the small hall.**



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Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay!

From Term 4, w/c 20 February, we intend to introduce a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay. ParentPay is widely used by local schools including both of the local secondaries which the majority of pupils from Headley Park move to in year 7.

We will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores.

Making secure payments online using your credit or debit card

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these, and to keep them safe and secure. **If you have more than one child at our school, or children at other ParentPay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children.**

Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Using PayPoint

PayPoint payments are recorded by ParentPay and can be seen by logging into your ParentPay account and viewing your payment history online. The nearest PayPoint stores to school are Best Buy 145 St Peters Rise, St Peters Rise Convenience 5a-6a St Peters Rise, Chaitan News 151 Bishopsworth Road, Co-op 99 Bishopsworth Road and McColls 141 Church Road Bedminster.

Please notify the School Office if you wish to use the PayPoint facility. A plastic card will be issued to you to make cash payments for school meals at local PayPoint stores. The first card is free of charge; however, any lost or damaged cards will be charged. Payment cards take about two weeks to arrive but we can issue a barcode letter as an interim measure.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

You will receive your unique ParentPay Account activation details w/c <date>

For further information on ParentPay please see the FAQs overleaf or visit www.parentpay.com.

ParentPay FAQs

- **When can I log in to my account?**

Once you have received your activation letter from school with your activation login details you will be able to activate your account and start making payments. This letter will be sent to you soon by your school.

- **Which cards can I use?**

ParentPay accepts MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards, and Maestro, Switch, Delta, Electron, Solo and Visa debit cards. Some schools may limit the use of credit cards for some transactions; you will be informed by the school directly of any such restrictions.

- **Is it safe to make payments on the internet?**

Yes. ParentPay uses leading technology to process your card transactions securely. All communication with the bank is encrypted and neither ParentPay nor the school have access to your card details.

- **How can I check that it's secure?**

Standard website addresses begin with *http*: the address for a secure site will always begin with *https*. You will also see a padlock at the bottom/top right of the screen on our login page and after you have logged into your account; never enter your card details or personal data on any web page whose address does not start *https*.

- **What about our personal information?**

ParentPay holds a very limited amount of information about you and your child solely for the purpose of administering your account however; ParentPay does not use your personal information other than for supporting the school. We do not share or give information to any other organisations. We operate under strict guidelines set out by the Data Protection Act 1998.

ParentPay will NEVER contact you by phone, email or mail and ask you to divulge confidential information like passwords or card numbers. If you are ever contacted by someone claiming to be from ParentPay, please contact us immediately on 02476 994 820.

- **I do not have a home PC so how can I use ParentPay?**

Why not visit your local library, internet café or see if you can get access to a computer at work. Alternatively ask if you can use your school's computers. Many schools have computers available for parents and will be happy to show you how to use them.

For more information please visit www.parentpay.com