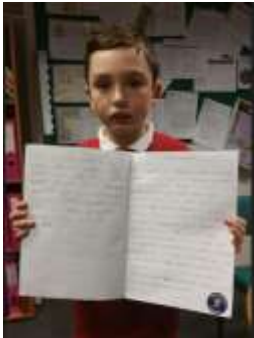




Congratulations to the following children who have impressed me with their wonderful work and attitudes since the last newsletter:

- Phoebe in Nursery for spotting patterns in maths and fantastic independent story-mapping
- Millie and Lily-J in Y5 for excellent fractions work
- Oliver F and Reuben in Y3 for focussed and independent work in science
- Theo in Y3 for concentration and focus
- Zack H in Y3 for amazing writing in his learning log homework
- Nate in nursery for persevering and managing to get his shoes and socks on by himself
- Tilly in Y4 for excellent Iron Man artwork
- Cameron in Y3 for fantastic reading
- Phoebe in Y4 for excellent writing
- Bradley in Y6 for excellent effort in science



Well done to them all!



Star Writers' Tea Party

On Friday 27th January, eleven children from YR-6 were invited to attend the writers' tea party in Ms Fredrickson's office. They were chosen for their exceptional effort in writing and producing high quality results. We shared cake, drank hot chocolate and squash and enjoyed listening to each other read out all our brilliant writing. Congratulations to all these star writers:

- Ayrton in YRBH for great sentences including adjectives
- Marley in YRM for independent sounding out
- Bronwyn in Y1T for excellent whole sentences in a letter to a book character
- Isabella S in Y1R for independent spelling and great sentences in a letter to a book character
- Ola in Y2M for great adjectives in a re-telling of 'The Paperbag Princess'
- Zak K-S in Y2D for sophisticated vocabulary and great adverbs in a re-telling of 'The Paperbag Princess'
- Julia in Y3C for a vivid setting description
- Matthew in Y3H for a character description with powerful verbs, adverbs and adjectives
- Erica in Y4T for a dramatic and suspenseful description of the Iron Man
- Drake in Y4B for great vocabulary in a description of the iron Man
- Niah in Y5P for a powerful argument about Macbeth
- Keira in Y5M for very sophisticated sentences in a re-telling of part of 'Romeo and Juliet'
- Hope in Y6G for a very persuasive letter to Theresa May about immigration
- Gracie E in Y6B for a very persuasive letter to Karin Smyth about budget cuts

Term Dates 17/18

NB change to terms 2 and 3

We have now set our INSET days for 17/18 and governors have also agreed to change the dates for terms 2 and 3 from the original Bristol City Council dates. Please note children will now be in school until and including Wed 21st Dec 2017 and will be back on Mon 8th January 2018. Dates for the year are as follows:

	Starts	Ends	INSET
Term 1	Mon 4 th Sept 2017	Fri 20 th Oct 2017	
Term 2	Mon 30 th Oct 2017	Thurs 22 nd Dec 2017	Mon 30 th Oct so children back in school Tues 31st Oct Thurs 22 nd Dec so children finish on Wed 21st Dec
Term 3	Mon 8 th Jan 2018	Fri 9 th Feb 2018	
Term 4	Mon 19 th Feb 2018	Fri 23 rd March 2018	
Term 5	Mon 9 th April 2018	Fri 25 th May 2018	Fri 25 th May so children finish on Thurs 24th May
Term 6	Mon 4 th June 2018	Tues 24 th July 2018	Mon 23 rd and Tues 24 th July so children finish on Fri 20th July

New Library Campaign

Headley Park Primary School needs a new library and we need your help!

Our library is too small and inaccessible and we want to create a fantastic new space for children and parents to enjoy every day.

We are aiming to convert a container unit which would be located on the strip of field between the gate and the Y5/6 block. Old shipping containers have been used for lots of similar projects (the photos provide some examples - we haven't got a specific design for ours yet).

We don't have the funding to make this happen yet so we are launching a community appeal and fundraising campaign which we hope children, parents, and our local colleagues and neighbours will be able to support.

How can you help?

You can help by donating cash (a donation page will be set up via parent pay) or by holding your own fundraising events.

Or, if you work or have contacts in the building trade, you could help us by offering labour or resources in a number of areas. There will be a link from our website for you to let us know what you could offer.

We will keep you informed via the website and newsletters with progress on how the campaign is going and anything we still need to make this dream a reality!





Parents' Coffee

Thanks to everyone who came to the coffee afternoon with Mrs Robinson to discuss growth mindset and for all your very positive feedback. The next coffee mornings / afternoons are as follows:

Date	Time	Led by	Topic
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
Wed 29 th March	8:50	Ms Fredrickson and governors	Topic to be confirmed



Headley Park are West of England Athletics Champions!!!

On 30th January, our Year 5/6 Athletics Team took part in the Athletics County Finals at UWE. The team had to win two heats to qualify and were competing against 11 other schools from Somerset, Baines, North Bristol etc. in a number of athletic disciplines.

On the day our children performed to an exceptionally high level and were announced as winners and given the title of West of England Champions. The level of ability and commitment displayed by the children, particularly in the months leading up to the event, was incredible and we are immensely proud of their achievements.

We also had a number of children who competed for Avon recently, in which they all performed well. Again, to compete at this level takes a huge amount of ability - well done to all the children who took part and huge thanks to Mr Butler and Mr Longden for all their hard work with the team - they couldn't have done it without the support and encouragement of such inspiring and dedicated members of staff.

Year 5/6 Football

The Boys' Football Team have been picking up some fantastic results recently - they are still undefeated in the South League with a victory over St Bonaventure's and a draw at home to Bristol Grammar School. They also remain undefeated in the Merchants Academy League.

In Term 4 we have the Coronation Cup Quarter Finals to look forward to (home to Bridge Farm), as well as further league fixtures for both the boys' and girls' teams.

In addition, we have netball, tag rugby, hockey and gymnastics events to take part in.

Cashless School

Our online payment system, ParentPay, is now available for all payments from Term 4. From this time we will no longer be taking cash payments in school for dinners and activities.

- Please ensure you have activated your ParentPay account using the log-in details sent home. **If you have lost or not received your activation letter please come to the school office and we will give you another one.**
- If you cannot pay online we can give you a PayPoint card so you can add credit to your account at the two convenience shops on St Peters Rise, McColls or any shop showing the PayPoint logo.
- Dinner menus are now on ParentPay to allow you to choose meals with your child and make payment. Payment is required in advance for a school dinner. Booking on line will automatically notify the kitchen to prepare a meal for your child.

Any new system takes a little getting used to so this is why we ask you to activate your account now and to start using it before the start of next term. If you are having problems activating your account or choosing the various options please call into the office on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th February and we will help you.

School Dinner Wed 8th February

One of our "Learning to Lead" pupil groups have been working with Mr Mountjoy on school dinners. They have suggested that occasionally KS2 pupils could be allowed to have a slightly different menu. We have agreed with Eden that on Wednesday 8th February, KS2 pupils (Years 3-6) will be able to order the following menu:

- Southern Fried Chicken Breast with chips, salad or coleslaw or crudités.
- Vegetarian Sausage as veggie option
- Chocolate Log with sprinkles or vanilla ice-cream with sprinkles

There will be no change for KS1 pupils.

Key Dates Terms 3 and 4

Term 3		Term 4	
Sun 5 th Feb:	Y2 trip to Bristol Rugby	Mon 20 th Feb:	Launch of ParentPay
Mon 6 th Feb:	Y2D Parents' Evening	Wed 22 nd Feb:	Coronation Cup quarter final
Tues 7 th Feb:	Cardiff Music Trip	Thurs 23 rd Feb:	Y2 SS Great Britain Trip
Thurs 9 th Feb:	Maths Champions and writers' tea party	Thurs 23 rd Feb:	Y5/6 Football vs Sea Mills
Thurs 9 th Feb:	Parents' Coffee	Mon 27 th Feb:	Parents' Coffee
Fri 10 th Feb:	INSET day - school closed	Tues 28 th Feb:	Science Day @ Redmaids
		Wed 1 st March:	Y2 Dance festival @ BDS
		Thurs 2 nd March:	Football league @ Merchants
		Thurs 2 nd March:	World Book Day
		Tues 7 th March:	Netball League starts
		13 th - 17 th March:	Parents' Evenings
		Tues 14 th March:	Y5/6 Hockey tournament
		Thurs 16 th March:	Parents' Coffee
		Wed 29 th March:	Maths/music big day
		Fri 31 st March:	Tag Rugby Festival
		Tues 4 th April:	MLP music concert
		Fri 7th April:	End of Term 4