

It's hard to believe we've come to the end of the first term already - it's been a very full term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their topics and have settled well into their new classes. Key highlights of the term include:

- Fantastic sporting success already in a wide range of sports (see sports update below)
- Year 5's fabulous harvest assemblies
- Brilliant RSPB workshops in KS1
- Learning to Lead teams taking off and already starting to fly!
- Y6 camp
- Bristol Together trip to Bordeaux
- The Big Draw
- Trips to Avebury (Y3) and Weston Aquarium (Y1)



Thank you for all your support as always, and I hope you have a fantastic half term.

Miriam Fredrickson
Head Teacher

Headley Park
A poem by Lexie in Y4

Headley Park is a place to play
Headley Park all day.
Headley Park lots to do
Headley Park for me and you.
On Friday it is so much fun
But on Friday the work is done.
Now it's time to say goodbye
To the people that were deep inside.
Some were small
Some were tall
But Headley Park accepts all.
Now it is a new start to the year
Now I'm year 4.



I'm so excited to learn so much more.
My work is good
But the thing I love more
Is Mrs Pryde and my teachers in year 4.
My headteacher is wonderful
If you come to Headley Park
You will agree with me.
Ms Fredrickson and Mr Laken are filled
with glee
Headley Park is an amazing school.
Just come down
There's a place for you!



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

- Esme in YR for excellent letter formation and sounds
- Josh in Y6 for this fantastic volcano cake (learning log homework)
- Lexie in Y4 for amazing maths and poetry
- Macauley, Josh and Olie in Y6 for a wonderful collaborative climate change poster
- Tilly and Faith in Y4 for excellent growth midset
- Scarlet in Nursery for being very kind
- Seth and Roman in Y1 for brilliant recount writing
- Sofia in Y1 for excellent counting
- Phoebe in Reception for very impressive reading
- Theo, Reuben and Euan in Y4 for excellent story writing
- Louise, Lily, Harry and Sam in Y6 for incredible homework (see photos below)
- Woodie, Joe, Ashton B and Max for being very kind to year 3 children during a football game at lunchtime
- Alicia in YR for writing a lovely card for her dad
- Dylan J in Y3 for wonderful table manners and considerate behaviour in the dining hall
- Harry and Archie in YR for showing growth mindset in writing
- Theo, Dennis and Reggie in YR for being supportive and considerate classmates and showing good understanding of how to show good behaviour
- Koby in Y2 for being the only one in the class able to solve some maths problems
- Nathanael in Y3 for a fantastic diary in his learning log homework
- Kaden, Skye, Miasie, Ruby and Thomas in Y4 for working collaboratively to solve very tricky maths challenges
- Ruby in Y4 for writing her own version of 'The Hole' in her spare time
- Louie, Isla, Buddy, Jenson and Haniah in Y1 for amazing improvement in their handwriting

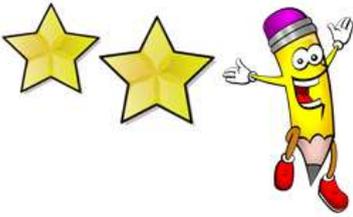


Well done to them all!

Staffing News

Welcome to Steve Maule, who has joined our staff as lunchtime supervisor. The children are very pleased with their new 'dinner man'.





Star Writers' Tea Party

On Friday 6th October, eleven children from YR-6 attended 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, listened to music, drank hot chocolate and squash and enjoyed listening to each other read out all our brilliant writing.

Congratulations to all these star writers:

YRBH	Seren	Shopping list - using sounds and letter formation
T2T	Koby	Rewriting of Mrs Armitage using great vocabulary and fronted adverbials
Y2BH	Bronwyn	Rewriting of a story with sophisticated vocabulary and innovation
Y3H	Mia	Wanted poster in a sophisticated style
Y3M	Dylan	Non-chronological report about a woolly mammoth. Great vocabulary and sentences
Y4T	Thomas	Description from a story with amazing punctuation.
Y4P	Arnie	Poem with great imagery
Y5c	George	Greek Myth - evocative and great vocabulary
Y5G	Teegan	Re-writing of a Greek myth - excellent sentence structure and vocabulary
Y6BB	Harrison	Diary entry based on the book 'Floodland' from the perspective of the main character. Written with style and flair
Y6GB	Josh	Leaflet about global warming - in a formal style including passive voice and complex sentences



Cathedral Schools Trust

One of the big advantages of being part of CST now is that we have the support of Eiron Bailey, Director of Music, to help us develop and improve music in the school. He has visited several times this term and will be working at Headley Park one day a week from term 2, initially teaching in Y4 and running a lunchtime choir. He will work with other year groups through the year. We will also be taking part in the CST Christmas Concert in

December in Colston Hall, there will be another visit to the Royal Welsh Opera and we have tickets for a whole year group to attend the Bournemouth Symphony orchestra concert in Colston Hall in April. Mr Bailey will also be organising BCCS student to play instruments at some of our future performances and assemblies.

Sports News



Mixed Tag Rugby League - South Bristol Winners AND Runners-Up

After four tough weeks of tag rugby at Broad Plain Rugby Club, Headley Park were announced as winners AND

runners-up! The 22 children who represented the school performed to an incredibly high standard, improving their game every week.



It's the first time we have entered two teams in the competition, so to finish in the top two positions from 20+ teams is credit to how hard the children worked not just at the event, but also in the training sessions preceding it. Thanks also to the number of parents who came and supported the children.

Swimming Gala - Runners-Up

Our Year 5/6 Swimming Team performed brilliantly at the South Bristol Swimming Gala at Hengrove LC on Thursday. Many of the children finished their races in medal positions, but the most pleasing aspect was the level of support and encouragement the children gave each other throughout.



Run, Bike, Shoot!

12 of our Year 6 children recently attended this inaugural event, which consisted of a cycle distance ride, a team sprint and an archery competition.



The children who attended represented Headley Park fantastically and were a joy to accompany - lots of smiles!

Boys' Football (Y5/6)

We've had loads of football during Term 1, with 39 different boys representing the school across various teams. Progress in the League and victories over Cheddar Grove and Ilminster x2 has illustrated once again the high level of ability the children at our school possess. Lots more to come in Term 2.





Parking Patrol Team

A couple of parents have suggested getting a group of volunteers together to patrol parking at the start and the end of the day, to encourage safe and considerate parking and make a note of any unsafe parking for us to pass on to the CPSO and road safety team. Please let the office know if you would be interested in being part of this.



Henna Painting

Huge thank you to Uzma Hussain, who visited Reception as they learned all about Diwali, to paint these beautiful henna patterns on the children's hands:



Reception Parents Meeting

We are holding meetings for parents of children in Reception to discuss how we teach reading and writing and how children could be supported at home. They will run 3 times to give you a choice of times - 8:20am, 3:30pm and 6pm



Transformed Classrooms...

All the staff stayed late this week to transform the classrooms ready for next term's topics. The children are very excited! The topic maps have been emailed and are on the website in case you want to do any preparatory reading, discussion or research with them.

Talking to teachers

We are very happy to talk to you about any concerns or questions you have about school and will arrange to do as soon as possible. However, there is not enough time to have lengthy conversations in the morning at bell time. Sometimes the teacher will be able to come out a few minutes early, but mostly, communication at this time should be very brief messages. If you need longer, please write a note, make an appointment to meet after school or come and see Ms Fredrickson. Teachers have been asked to take their classes in promptly when the bell rings.

Reading Volunteers

Thank you to all the parents and neighbours who have volunteered to help reading. The team has got off to a great start and is already a huge help. If you would like to join the team, please let the office know and Mr Laken will contact you to arrange.



Harvest

Thank you for all your donations to support the Withywood Food Bank. They were delighted to receive such a huge donation. Well done to Year 5 on a brilliant assembly to celebrate harvest and remind us

to be grateful for the food we eat and to remember those who are less fortunate. Well done to Miss Grant and Mr Court for all the hard work in preparing the children for such a great performance.



Well done Year 6 for your amazing creations for your learning log homework linked to your 'Extreme Weather' topic.

Key Dates Term 2

Mon 30th Oct:	INSET DAY - school closed to children
Tues 31st Oct	Term 2 starts for children
Tues 31st Oct:	Y4P swimming
6th - 9th Nov:	Parents' Evenings (Y1-6)
Tues 7th Nov:	Parents' coffee @ 2:50pm (topic: spelling)
Wed 8th Nov:	YR trip to Leigh Woods
Wed 8th Nov:	Maths Challenge @ Explore Learning (5 x Y6)
Wed 8th Nov:	Tour for prospective parents (YR 2018) 2:30
Thurs 9th Nov:	Y5/6 Athletics @ Ashton Park after school
Tues 14th Nov:	Y5/6 football v Parson St (home)
Wed 15th Nov:	Parents' Coffee (transport)
13th-17th Nov:	Parliament Week
Fri 17th Nov:	Karin Smyth MP visiting
Fri 17th Nov:	Writers' Tea Party
Tues 21st Nov:	Y3/4 athletics competition @BDS
Wed 22nd Nov:	Spanish tapas workshop Y5/6
Thurs 23rd Nov:	Parents' Coffee 8:50 (Christmas Plans)
27th Nov - 1st Dec:	Road Safety Week
Tues 28th Nov:	Y5/6 Betty Bus
Wed 6th Dec:	CST Christmas Concert @ Colston Hall 8pm
Thurs 7th Dec:	Writers' Tea Party
Mon 11th Dec:	Parents' coffee 2:50pm
Mon 18th Dec:	Y1 /Y2 Christmas Performance
Tues 19th Dec:	Carol singing at local care homes (Y5)
Wed 20th Dec:	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
	Last Day of Term for children
Thurs 21st Dec:	INSET - End of Term 2