

*As this epic 7.5 week term comes to end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and staff for making it such a brilliant term. They have worked with energy and enthusiasm all term and have packed in so many exciting and enjoyable activities. Huge thanks to parents and carers too for all you do to support the school and your children's learning. It has been wonderful to see so many of you over the last few days at the different Christmas events. Thanks too to our governors and colleagues at Cathedral Schools Trust who have provided tremendous support in this first term of being an academy and working as part of the CST Multi-Academy Trust. It has got off to a brilliant start, and we are already beginning to see the benefits of working together, particularly in the development of music in the school.*

*I wish you all a very happy Christmas - I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and a very peaceful break.*

*Miriam Fredrickson  
Head Teacher*

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

- Niamh in Y1 for making this great model of bats at home
- Mason G and Chance in YR for practising their phonics at home and making loads of progress
- Faith, Jayden, Vlada, Skye, Zach H and Cameron in Y4 for brilliant poetry
- Riley B and Ollie E in Y3 for practising their times tables during wet play
- Charlie C in Y6 for a fantastic learning log about different forms of energy
- Kyrah in Y4 for showing perseverance in maths



**Well done to them all!**

### **Thank you, Governors!**

6 lucky winners from the Purple Learner Draw enjoyed a fantastic trip to Sam Dyson's (son of James Dyson) private recording studio where they got to try out their own recordings and play with the mixing equipment (and saw Frank Sinatra's original mixing console!). This was the fifth in a series of trips that money can't buy, designed to reward and celebrate children who have shown growth mindset. Thanks to Miss Grant, whose father designed the studio and who arranged the trip.



# Christmas at Headley Park Primary

Here are just a few snapshots of our end of term festivities....

			
Knitting Club's yarn bombing	Card making at after-school club	Christmas shop in Nursery	YR singalong and craft sale
			
Y4 Carols and Viking Jewellery sale	Y3 Stone Age Fashion Show and Carols	Hey Ewe! By Y1 and Y2	Y5/6 Concert
			
Christmas Dinner	Festive mile run	Christmas Jumper Day	Colston Hall Christmas Concert
			
Nursery Singalong and mince pies	YR singing at HP church	Nursery Christmas Baking	Y4 Christmas Baking
			
Y1 Christmas stocking making	Festive office staff		



Tracey

## Message from Tracey at Withywood Foodbank

Thank you- staff, parents and children for all the gifts and food donated to the food bank. We are truly grateful.  
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas  
Kindest regards



## Tuesday Mile

Well done to everyone who braved the cold for the final festive mile of the term. We haven't quite made the 100 yet - hoping for plenty of New Year's resolutions next term.



## Super Science Give Away

Unfortunately, despite collecting 15,700 vouchers, we didn't win the £10,000 prize. Congratulations to Hareclive Academy who won the draw. We'll try again next year!



## Topic Maps

Term 3 topic maps will be sent by email and posted on the website by the end of this term so you know what topics your children will be studying next term.



## Reading Survey

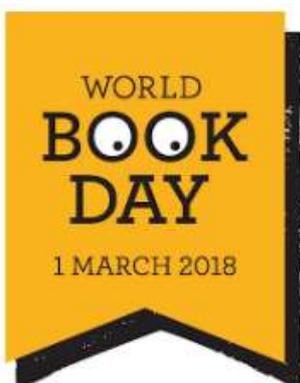
Thank you to everyone who completed the reading survey given out during this term's Parents' evening. It was generally very positive about reading in school and some useful suggestions were made. The key message was to increase the range of books available and to ensure books are changed frequently. We will do our best to improve this as quickly as possible. It was also clear that people had different ideas about what the reading diaries are for. The purpose of the diaries varies depending on the year group and can include:

- To monitor frequency of reading
- To record a child's progress with reading
- As a child's own reading journal
- As a communication book with parents
- To keep a record of books read

However, it cannot serve all these purposes. Each teacher will be sending out a message soon on SeeSaw to clarify the what the diaries are and are not for in your child's class.

## Book Week 2018

More details will follow nearer the time, but just to give you advance notice that we will be celebrating World Book Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March and will



have a week of activities from Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. We are still planning the week, but it will include dressing up as a book character (on the 1<sup>st</sup>), and whole range of book-related activities which may include trips to the library, books at bedtime and hopefully an author visit. Details to be confirmed.



## Message from House Captains - Bake Off Success!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the bake off competition and supported us by buying cakes. The standard of entries was very high and Mr Laken, Miss Murphy and Mr Butler really enjoyed being the judges. The clear winner, both on taste and appearance was **ORANGE HOUSE**. The judges particularly enjoyed the chocolate orange cookies. Orange House also made the most money. We raised a total of £92.50, with the following amounts raised by each house on the first day:

Purple	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	White
£19.80	£6.50	£21.70	£4.50	£7	£5.50

We put all the leftovers together for the second day and raised a further £27.50. We will now order books for the library, chosen by members of Orange House.

Niah, Olivia P, Immy, Faith, Keira and Kelsey  
Year 6 House Captains

## Housepoint Winners

Congratulations to **YELLOW HOUSE** who won the housepoint competition this term. They will have their treat on the afternoon of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan - our friends at Headley Park Church have kindly agreed to put on a special games session for them and for the afternoon. The final results were:

Yellow	Orange	White	Red	Purple	Green
95	92	88	82	75	72

## Enterprise Week and Fundraising

Thank you for all your support with the children's fundraising endeavours this term. We managed to raise:

Nursery	Mince pies and biscuits	£63
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Reception	Craft sale	£118.94
Year 1	Christmas stockings	£94.50
Year 2	Candle holders and snowmen ornaments	£112
Year 3	Fashion show and refreshments	£170.76
Year 4	Viking jewellery and refreshments	£110
Year 5	Space calendars	£86.50
Year 6	Camp photos and concert refreshments	£200
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>£955.70</b>	

50% of the money raised will be donated to a homelessness or local anti-poverty charity of the classes' choice. The remainder will go towards the library or other school resources, again chosen by the classes.

The two fundraising events we chose to support this year were Christmas Jumper Day and Sports Relief. During Parliament Week, many of the children felt very strongly that we should do more to help homeless people and local people living in poverty, so all other fundraising activities for the rest of the year will support these causes.

## Key Dates Terms 3 and 4

### Term 3:

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Term starts
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Y5/6 Athletics finals
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	5C swimming
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Y5/6 boys football league starts @ Merchants
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Yellow House Treat (pm)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition @ Ashton Park
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Road safety workshops and assemblies <sup>9</sup>
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Girls' football v St Pius
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Girls' football v WTL
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Big Maths Day
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Writers' tea party
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	End of Term 3

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Term 4 starts
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	BOOK WEEK
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	Dress as a book character
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	Y2 trip to SS Great Britain
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> March:	Y4 Fruit music workshops
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> March:	writers' tea party
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	End of Term 4