



HCJS NEWSLETTER NO.901



HEREFORD
CATHEDRAL
SCHOOL

THE JUNIOR

TIMES

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13th (No clubs this week) - 16th Week of Term

50p Change for Change

Nursery Concert, **St David's Hall**

9.30am

Reception Tableau Performance to Parents, St David's Hall

2.45pm

Tuesday 14th (No clubs this week)

£1 Change for Change

Head Boy & Head Girl's Christmas Jumper Charity Day

all day

Christmas Lunch, Dining Hall

11.45am

Pre-Prep Christmas Party, St David's Hall

pm

Final Evensong of Term, Cathedral

5.30pm

Wednesday 15th (No clubs today including no Phoenix Club)

Y5 Full Reports & Y3 Short Reports published

Y4&6 Progress Grades published

£2 Change for Change

Carol Service Rehearsal, Cathedral

12.30-1.30pm

Carol Service, Cathedral

2.30pm

Term Ends

3.30pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Wednesday 5th

Y3&4 Pre-Season Football Training, Wyeside

10-11am

Y3&4 Pre-Season Netball Training, Sports Hall

10-11am

Y5&6 Pre-Season Football Training, Wyeside

11.30am-12.30pm

Y5&6 Pre-Season Netball Training, Sports Hall

11.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 6th (No clubs this week) - 1st Week of Term

Pupils return

8.30am

First Evensong of Term, Cathedral

5.30pm

Friday 7th

Junior School Fire Practice

10.15am

Monday 10th (clubs begin today) - 2nd Week of Term

Staff Academic Focus Meeting

4.15pm

Thursday 13th

School Council Meeting, 5B

3.40pm

Friday 14th

Senior School 11+ Sports Scholarship Trials

10.45am-3.45pm

Sunday 16th

Colts A In2Hockey County Tournament, Bridge St., Leominster

am

SPRING TERM CALENDAR

The Spring Term Calendar will be published on Firefly from Wednesday 15th December on this [link](#).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

George Windsor-Collins, Yvan Andrade, Richie Wang, Jed Sockett, Reuben Bilbie, Freddie Clark, Anna Dotchon and Harriet Morgan.



FROM THE HEAD

The penultimate week of the Autumn term is always an incredibly busy and exciting time in any Junior School and this week has been no exception. There are classrooms illuminated with Christmas lights, corridors adorned with decorations and Nativity costumes hung in every spare corner of space.



With all the restrictions of last year and the impending concerns around the Omicron variant, it is not surprising that everyone wants their Christmas routines to be as normal (or even as extraordinary) as possible.

We have been treated to some fantastic entertainment this week with our magnificent Christmas Celebration in the Cathedral involving every child in Years 4, 5 and 6 and our Year 1 and 2 pupils performing their delightful Nativities to appreciative audiences. All the children performed with poise, confidence and energy - no mean feat at the end of such a long and challenging term. A huge thank you to all the staff concerned, but particularly to Miss Toolan, Miss Davies, Mrs Jones, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Williams and Miss Welham for supporting, cajoling and enthusing the children in their care. I am also very much looking forward to the Nursery Concert and the Reception Tableau on Monday, when our youngest pupils have their opportunity to shine.

As I have alluded to, it has been an incredibly long and challenging term for many different reasons and I would like to personally thank all parents for their support this term. The determination to provide the best possible education for your children is very much a shared endeavour and I very much appreciate your role in this.

I would also like to highlight the amazing job that the staff have done throughout the year in educating your children and thank them publicly. None of us went into teaching to wear masks in front of the children, teach remotely via Zoom or risk assess our practice every step of the way, but collectively, each and every member of our fantastic team has adapted and put your children at the front and centre of everything they do.

I sincerely hope that we are able to finish the term safely and return in January refreshed and invigorated for the Spring term. May I finish the final Junior Times of the year by wishing everyone a very happy and restful Christmas.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

It has been a quiet week for assemblies as rehearsals for the Christmas Celebration and Pre-Prep Nativities have been in full swing and replaced our scheduled assembly programme. However, Year 3&4 did have an assembly on Friday, led by Mrs Denny, all about 'Christmas Traditions'.

Mrs Denny asked the children what they thought was meant by a tradition and if the children knew of any Christmas traditions from around the world. The children then shared their own, family Christmas traditions. Mrs Denny then told the children about some of hers...

'We always put the decorations up on December 1st and watch Muppets Christmas Carol, drinking out of our Christmas mugs. The Christmas tree has to go up before my birthday, which is what happened when I was younger. We have quite a strange Christmas Day because it is my son's birthday too, so we have to mix-up Christmas and Birthday during the day.'

Mrs Denny then read her son's favourite Christmas book, from when he was younger - Aliens Love Santa Claus.

ABRSM MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

Well done to the following pupils who achieved a grade in their instrument in November:

Solilia Peppercorn	Piano Prep Test
Jamie Pope	Piano Prep Test
Emily Jones	Piano Grade 1 with Merit
Freddie Turtle	Cello Grade 1 with Merit
Freya Panniers	Flute Grade 1 with Merit
Glasha Connolly	Clarinet Grade 2 with Merit
Richie Wang	Piano Grade 4 with Merit

MERITS

Freddie Clark, Jessica Wolverson, Guy Coleman, George Matli, Annie Macklin, Gabriel O'Rourke, George Debenham, Anna Lines, Florence Moseley, George Windsor-Collins, Jemima Letts, Oliver Cooke, Luca Lewis, Margot Turner, Layla Chapman x 2, Isla Storey, Emily Evans, Martha Bozward, Donna Hanna, William May and Edward Meadows.

NURSERY

Christmas has well and truly started quite literally with Santa's sleigh crash landing in Nursery. The children have enjoyed many sleigh rides delivering presents and using different reindeers to help. The children have also created beautiful crafts and we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love from all the Nursery staff!



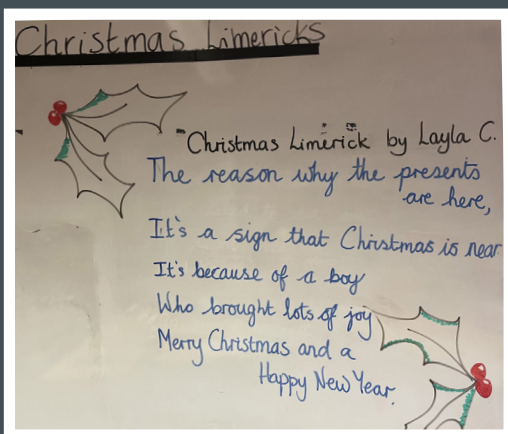
YEAR 1 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Year 1 have had a lovely time preparing for their Nativity show. They have enjoyed learning the songs and lines and dressing up in some exciting costumes to tell the special story. Having never been on stage before, they were very nervous but excited to share their show with the audience who loved every minute.



YEAR 5 ENGLISH

Year 5 English have been exploring Limericks; their rhyme, rhythm and overall story content. They were challenged with the task of writing a Christmas Limerick and Layla C came up with the following original creation:



WORDS OF THE WEEK

Why not have a Brain Break this week ... or recycle the spellings of all the WOWs published so far this term in the Junior Times.

There will be more WOWs to follow in the Spring term!

YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Year 2 performed their nativity musical, 'Shine Star, Shine' to an audience of parents this week. The children looked fabulous in their costumes, and they all sang superbly. Miss Davies was very pleased all children remembered their cues and lines and spoke expressively. Year 2 told a story about the biggest star in the sky, who just could not shine. Characters included narrating camels, stars, kings, shepherds, an angel and of course Mary and Joseph. The teachers were delighted with



the childrens' team performance and Year 2 were proud of themselves and thoroughly enjoyed performing too!

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

How fantastic it was to be able to hold our Celebration of Christmas once again in the Cathedral. There was much excitement in the air as the concert started in darkness with a beautiful solo from Jamie P and then the choir drifting in by candlelight. We had some beautifully read poems and soon



everyone was up on their feet singing away. We missed our friends in Year 3 but we look forward to having them with us next time. The 'Shepherd Rock' seemed to be a firm favourite amongst the children and 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' gave a rousing ending to a fantastic evening.



U9 HOCKEY TEAM

The U9 Hockey team have had a fantastic season winning all of their games convincingly and remain undefeated all season. I think they have only conceded one goal all season.

This photograph is the U9s winning The Elms Tournament featuring Dr Barber's Snowy as team mascot.



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The Change for Change totals so far are as follows:

Monday 1p = £14.19
Tuesday 2p = £17.36
Wednesday 5p = £45.85
Thursday 10p = £30.70
Friday 20p = £84.40



The total this week has been £212.50 including a £30 extra donation.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who have given money so far!

POTTERY CLUB

This week at Pottery Club the children made Christmas trees and decorations. All ready for the festive holidays.



YEAR 3 ART

The Year 3 children created Christmas calendars and decorations in Art this week.

