

# THE JUNIOR

# TIMES

## CALENDAR

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 31st - 5th Week of Term

*Festival of Literature (online) until 11 February*

Y5 Focus Meeting for Staff

*all week*

4.15pm

### FEBRUARY

#### Tuesday 1st

Y3-6 'Commit to ComplEAT Lunch', Dining Hall

U9 A Football v Moor Park (h)

U8/9 A&B Netball v Moor Park (a)

12.15pm

2.30pm

2.45pm

#### Wednesday 2nd

PTA Coffee Morning & Second Hand Uniform Sale,  
St David's Hall

5B Form Assembly, St David's Hall

Colts A&C Netball v Moor Park (**The Point 4**)

Colts C&E Football v Burghill (h)

Colts A,B&D Football v Moor Park (a)

**Colts B Netball v Moor Park (The Point 4)**

Headmaster's Consultation Meeting, Briscoe Room

8.45-10.15am

1pm

**2.15pm**

2.30pm

2.45pm

**3pm**

4pm

#### Thursday 3rd

Y6 Trip to HCS Macbeth Matinee, Courtyard

Y5 Parents' Evening, Zimmerman Main Hall

1pm

5.30-8pm

#### Friday 4th

*NSPCC Number Day*

Y4-6 Shakespeare Workshop, St David's Hall

Cathedral Liaison Meeting, Chapter Room

all day

1.15pm

#### Sunday 6th

U11 Abberley Hall Cross Country Relays

2pm

### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

#### Monday 7th - 6th Week of Term

Staff Academic Focus Meeting

4.15pm

#### Tuesday 8th

*Safer Internet Day*

Nursery & Pre-Prep Vista Group Photo,  
St David's Hall

U8/9 A,B&C Football v King's St Alban's (a)

U8/9 A,B&C Netball v King's St Alban's (a)

10am-12noon

2.30pm

2.30pm

#### Wednesday 9th

Y6 Maths Taster at Senior School, Gilbert Library

Colts A,B,C&D Netball v King's St Alban's (h)

Colts A,B,C,D&E Football v King's St Alban's (h)

9.15-10.25am

2.30pm

2.30pm

#### Friday 11th

Governors General Purposes Committee Meeting,  
Briscoe Room

4pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Max Baillie and William Milestone.



## FROM THE HEAD

This week we have had two of our school Governors in the Junior School to review our provision for pupil personal development and peer relationships. This is one of a series of reviews that our Governors undertake across the year. This one is particularly significant as they meet and get feedback almost exclusively from the children, rather than staff or myself.



While I wasn't surprised, I was delighted that the feedback they received from the children was overwhelmingly positive and both Governors commented on how engaging and thoughtful the children were in their responses. This involved groups of children from Year 2 to Year 6, so a wide range of views were sought. The Governors were particularly eager to tell me that when they had asked some of the children what they would do if they had a magic wand for the school, one group had asked for hot chocolate on Fridays and that this could also raise money for charities. Not wanting to disappoint, I have asked Miss Jeynes to discuss this idea at the next School Council meeting.

I enjoyed escaping the office on Wednesday afternoon to watch the U11 girls playing netball matches at Gwynne Street. Every available boy and girl in Years 3,4,5 and 6 played in fixtures this week - a considerable feat of planning and logistics. My thanks to the Sports department for all their effort and support for the children's sporting endeavours this week. As well as this, we have had 11+ entrance exams, scholarship trials and a Y3 parents' evening making it another busy and purposeful week in the Junior School.

May I finish by wishing everyone a good weekend, but especially the choristers who will be singing in the Christmas Oratorio on Saturday evening, one of their most high profile events of the year.



## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

On Tuesday Mr Debenham spoke to the Pre-Prep children about Chinese New Year, which this year is on Tuesday 1st February. We watched a film showing us how children celebrated this event which included cleaning the house, special food, lucky red decorations and gifts of money purses. Mr Debenham also told the story of how the Jade Emperor decided on the order of the animals that each year was named after. Looking at our own birthdays we discovered that the Pre-Prep was full of Roosters, Monkeys, Sheep and Horses!

On Wednesday we had our first cathedral service of term led by 6G. They retold the 'Parable of the Sower' with visual aids bringing the story to life, including some very convincing looking farmers. Thank you to 6G for their assembly.

On Friday Dean Sarah led our Year 3 and 4 assembly. She talked about the importance of community and how we need all the different parts of a community to work together. This is the same with a car or an aeroplane where the result is a sum of its parts, each piece being interdependent with the others. Dean Sarah asked us to imagine what our bodies would look like if they were made up of all ears or noses. We finished with a prayer thanking God for all the different parts of our bodies.

## PTA COFFEE MORNING

Please come and join us for coffee and delicious Nizi Bakery pastries after drop off on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 in St David's Hall. The Second Hand Uniform shop in No 29 Castle Street will also be open. We look forward to seeing you there!

## FAREWELL

Miss Sevenoaks has enjoyed her year at HCJS Nursery immensely and will cherish the memories she has made with the children, parents and staff. She hopes the children continue to thrive and thanks everyone for their well wishes.

## MERITS

Francesca Ngouoto, Toby Maxted, Emily Evans, Florence Brown, Kensi Stapleton, Johnny Grahame, Seth Allmark, Martha Bozward, Harriet Morgan, Mattia Facchini-Zanini, Molly Goodwin, Archie Billig, Eva Nash, Millie Wyatt and Summer Breeze.

## YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have written their own versions of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. In our stories we have some very hungry squirrels, foxes, hedgehogs and even a sabre tooth tiger! In Science this week, we enjoyed going out into the school gardens looking for minibeasts. We had to dig around and look under logs and shrubs- it was great fun!



## YEAR 2

During Science lessons and the topic of 'materials', pupils have been recording and investigating the changes which occur during the heating of different materials. Year 2 were delighted when they had popcorn kernels to study and heat. All were delighted with the very edible end result!

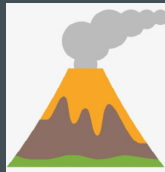


## YEAR 3

This week, Year 3 have been investigating different types of rock in Science and the children have been writing poems about the topic.

### The Earth

Earth, Earth hot inside  
volcanoes burst up and up  
we live on the crust,  
quiet as can be  
we all shout with glee



Cold, warm it's the Earth!  
Rocks, rocks we live on them  
volcano rocks, so hard!  
Earth, Earth, igneous rocks  
they are volcano rocks.

By Lorena A

Earth, Earth the wonderous Earth.  
Why are you so round,  
why are you so big?  
Why do you have so many layers?  
Are you the smallest or biggest planet?  
Even if you are the smallest,  
we still love you, Earth!

By Eva N

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Hereford has been 'alive with the sound of Ocarinas' as Years 3 and 4 brought their very own instruments home this week! They have been learning to play this instrument in music lessons and have already mastered their first piece of music. We look forward to hearing what they can play by the end of term.



It has been an extremely exciting week for the Year 5&6 Choir who heard that they have been selected as finalists in the

Barnardo's National Choral Competition and will be travelling to London to sing in March. Hundreds of choirs from across the UK entered the competition via a CD recording in November and so it is an honour to be chosen.



## CASTLE HILL HOLIDAY CLUB

Castle Hill Holiday Club (our holiday club provision for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils) will be running during the Spring half term holidays on the following days:

### Spring Half Term

Friday 18th February  
Monday 21st February  
Tuesday 22nd February  
Wednesday 23rd February  
Thursday 24th February  
Friday 25th February

Booking forms are now available for parents via the following Firefly link [HERE](#).

Booking is essential and bookings close for Spring half term on Friday 11th February 2022.

Bookings are now also available for Castle Hill Holiday Club during some of the Easter Holiday [HERE](#) and for our Y3-6 pupils Easter's Cool booking is now open [HERE](#). Book early to avoid disappointment.

## GAMES DEPARTMENT

The weather this week has been kind and a block fixture has meant that nearly every available pupil in Years 3 – 6 has taken part in a football or netball match against RGS The Grange. That's nearly 120 pupils. RGS The Grange are a big school and their football teams are some of the very best in the Midlands so it is always a challenge when we play them. Although we suffered a few defeats, there were many positives to take and I was particularly pleased with the resilience and determination shown by the players. Equally, the netball teams enjoyed some great matches, especially in the new 'Bee Netball' format that is now being played.



On Saturday, the Colts A footballers travel to The Downs, whilst next week, there are some matches against Moor Park and also some football against Burghill Primary School.

### 6 Nations Predictor

With the 6 Nations Rugby beginning soon, now is the time to enter the HCJS league and pit your wits against staff, classmates and fellow parents. The link to follow is [HERE](#) or you can download the Superbru app and search for the pool with code: torigels

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!

# EASTER'S COOL

Monday 4 April to Friday 8 April 2022

A fun multi-activity week for pupils at Hereford Cathedral Junior School in Years 3 to 6 full of fun, games and activities, including:

Dodgeball, Craft, Cricket, Zig-zag Rounders, Football, Danish Longball, Footy, Basketball, Treasure Hunt, Bingo, Kingball, Mummification, Playground Games, all things Easter and much more!

Booking form now available on Firefly

### This week's Words of the Week are:

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Year 3 - Early  
Year 4 - Increase  
Year 5 - Dictionary  
Year 6 - Hindrance

  
**HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL**  
JUNIOR & NURSERY

### FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 2nd February, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm.

### ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

[Letters to Parents](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Games & Match Information](#)

[Boys Team Lists](#)

[Girls Team Lists](#)

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