

THE JUNIOR TIMES

SPRING TERM CALENDAR

We are looking forward to the return of our printed calendar next term. The Spring term calendar will be available via Firefly in due course. We will send parents a notification when it is available.

FROM THE HEAD

I do hope that your children have enjoyed the last week of term. Certainly, the school has been filled with much Christmas excitement and anticipation.

The younger children have enjoyed a visit from a very special person this week and we have all enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day in aid of the charity, Acorns, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties. We are also very much looking forward to this afternoon's virtual Carol Service.

Chris Wright

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

We hope that you have enjoyed or will enjoy watching the Christmas productions below as much as we have enjoyed making them!

HCJS Advent Calendar Stories
[Christmas Nativities and Shows](#)
[HCJS Virtual Carol Service](#)



'CHANGE FOR CHANGE'

Thank you to children and parents for the support we have received for our end of term 'Change for Change' initiative. The children have been so enthusiastic about bringing in their coins each day in support of our four chosen charities, and it has been fantastic to have guest speakers from each charity talk to the children during our recent assemblies.

We raised a total of £643 for our charities:

- Day 1 - 6.5kg of 1p coins
- Day 2 - 11.3kg of 2p coins
- Day 3 - 4.9kg of 5p coins
- Day 4 - 4.4kg of 10p coins
- Day 5 - 3.9kg of 20p coins
- Day 6 - 1.3kg of 50p coins
- Day 7 - 0.96kg of £1 coins
- Day 8 - 1.2kg of £2 coins



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2020

There was much excitement and colour in school yesterday as the children and staff came into school wearing their Christmas jumpers. We raised over £200 for the Head Boy and Head Girl's chosen charity, Acorns. Thank you everyone for your support.



YEAR 4 DRAWING CLUB

Dr Barber's Year 4 Drawing Club created this wonderful African scene this term!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner with all the trimmings today – thank you to Mr Prosser and the catering team for the wonderful meal!



REPORTS

We are today sending home (via email) progress grades for children in Years 4&6, short reports for children in Year 3 and full reports for children in Year 5. If you would like to discuss your child's report, please request a meeting using the feedback form which accompanies the report (for Years 3&5), or get in touch with your child's form teacher or the relevant subject teacher at the beginning of next term.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Children in Years 3-6 have been working on some fun Christmas projects:

- Year 3 felt decorations and cards
- Year 4 Christmas stockings
- Year 5 Christmas hats
- Year 6 Christmas cakes



NURSERY

Amidst all the fun and frolics, the Christmas period has provided plenty of opportunities to harness our children's excitement into some engaging learning activities. Our favourite day was undoubtedly Christmas Jumper and Christmas Party Day! We also worked really hard to perform a Christmas play for our parents.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all Nursery children and staff!



RECEPTION

Reception have enjoyed writing and sending a letter to Father Christmas this week. They wrote on the envelopes and sent them to him at the North Pole.



STAFF NEWS

Miss Sevenoaks will be joining us in January as the new Nursery Leader whilst Miss Mann is on maternity leave. Miss Sevenoaks is a first-class graduate in Early Childhood Studies, and brings a wide experience of early years education. In her spare time, she enjoys going on long walks, spending time with her nieces and nephews and travelling to new places.



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception - Year 6): Good things come to those who wait. We discussed this time of Advent and how Christians mark this time by lighting Advent candles. Mr Wright suggested that Advent might also be a time for reflection, a time when we might think about those less fortunate than ourselves as we anticipate the celebration to come.

Wednesday (Final assembly, Reception - Year 6): We performed 'Jingle Bells' with body percussion and also heard an address from the Dean about Christmas. Mr Wright announced bronze and silver House point awards and we finished assembly by signing 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'.

MERITS

Merits this week to...William Ingmire, Oliver Cooke, Hunter Martin, Avitej Singh, George Matli (x2), Margot Turner, Freya Webb (x2), Rupert Pattison (x2), Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon (x2), Freddie Inott, Oscar Prosser, Oliver Lort-Phillips, Toby Baxter, Charlie Fowler, Beatrice Kinch, Florence Brown, Henry Cobb, Annie Macklin, Sophia O'Leary, Tallulah Powell, Jessica Wolverson, Leonard Ray, Jamie Pope, Callum Orme, Florence Moseley, Fearn Middleton, Anna Lines, Vanessa Holman, Glasha Connolly, Jessica Austin and Rafe Lines.



Happy birthday this week to...

Oliver Daw, Yvan Andrade, Richie Wang, Jed Sockett, Reuben Bilbie, Aidan Jelf, Anna Dotchon, Harriet Morgan and Toby Baxter.

ABRSM EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to the following pupils for their success in their ABRSM Music exams:

Theo Hartley - Grade 2 Piano
Emilia Buck - Grade 1 Clarinet
Hannah Whitaker - Grade 3 Violin with Merit



FROM THE PTA

The PTA would like to thank Duncan at [The Children's Bookshelf](#) on Catherine Street for all his help and support with the Christmas gifts for the Junior School pupils this year. He is currently running a closing down sale as it has been a very tough year for them so if you are looking for any last minute book gifts please think about giving the shop a visit!

We also want to thank all the staff for their support and for making this term feel as normal as possible for the children this year and we wish them and all the parents and children a Merry Christmas and a well-deserved break! Stay safe and healthy and see you all next term!