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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Sunday 3rd	Marches Rugby Sevens, Wyaside	all day
Monday 4th	'40acts Challenge' begins Reception & Y1 Parent Consultations, Moat	3.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 5th	Barnardo's National Choral Finals, Royal Festival Hall, London RGS The Grange U9 Netball Festival	all day 2pm
Wednesday 6th	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale, St David's Hall Ash Wednesday School Ash Wednesday Service (Y3-6), Cathedral	3-4.30pm 8.50am
Thursday 7th	King's Hawford Colts A Football Tournament Colts B Football v The Elms (h)	2pm 2.30pm
Friday 8th	Colts A&B Netball v The Elms (h) World Book Day Y4 to 'Lambing Live', Kentchurch Estate	2.30pm 2.30pm pm
Saturday 9th	ISFA U11 Regional Football Tournament, Clifton	1.30pm
Sunday 10th	Chorister Open Morning, College Hall National Prep Schools' U11 Cross Country Championships, Malvern College	9.30am-12noon 10am

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

Monday 11th	British Science Week IAPS Regional Swimming, Monmouth	4.15pm 2pm
Tuesday 12th	Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Assessment) Senior School Open Morning, Gilbert Library Y5 to Science Workshop, Senior School	4.15pm 8.30-11am 1.30-2.20pm
Wednesday 13th	U9 A,B&C Netball v The Downs (a) Chorister Instrumental Concert, College Hall 5B Form Assembly, St David's Hall	2.45pm 6.45pm 1pm
Thursday 14th	Colts A,B&C Football v Monmouth (h) Colts D,E&F Football v Monmouth (a) Colts A,B,C&D Netball v Malvern St James (h) Herefordshire Primary Schools' County Football Tournament, Wyaside	2.30pm 2.30pm 2.30pm 10.30am-4pm
Friday 15th	Home Clothes Day (in aid of Comic Relief) Colts A&B Girls' Netball Tour to Somerset departs	12.15pm
Saturday 16th	Y2-Y4 Swimming Gala, Leisure Pool Colts A&B Girls' Netball Tour to Somerset returns	3.45-5pm 5.30pm

FROM THE HEAD

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

I hope all your children have enjoyed their first week back after the half term break. Thank you to those of our current Nursery parents who were able to come to our Reception Taster afternoon. The children certainly enjoyed spending the afternoon in the Reception classrooms and I do hope that parents enjoyed meeting September's new families too.

Internet safety has been a hot topic in the media this week, and of course we have received advice from Herefordshire Social Services and national internet safety bodies. I will send a separate letter to parents today. However, I should like to mention here that we will be featuring internet safety tips for parents over the next few weeks in the Junior Times. This week's focus is YouTube – next week, online games.

Looking forward to next week, I am sure we all wish the 40 members of the Chamber Choir well as we travel to London to sing in the Royal Festival Hall as finalists in the Barnardo's National Choral Competition. Also next week, I look forward to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten project (more details to follow) and to accompanying the children at Lambing Live!

Chris Wright

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

As noted in the calendar, our Ash Wednesday Service is on Wednesday 6th March (8.50-9.10am) in the Cathedral. The Service is conducted by the Precentor, and features the Choristers. All parents are welcome to attend.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2019 AT HCJS

We will be celebrating World Book Day at HCJS on Thursday 7th March. This year's theme is 'Share a Story', so we hope that you will enter into the spirit of this at home, alongside the exciting ideas we have for school. All Year 3 to 6 children will be bringing home a 'World Book Day Big Bonanza Quiz' sheet today. All completed entries need to be returned to school on or before 7th March, with the pupil's name and class written on the back. There will be a prize given to the winner in each class (in the event of a tie, a name will be drawn out of a hat).



In Nursery and Reception, the children are being set the task at school of drawing and colouring their favourite book character on the 'Booky Bunting', which they will display on World Book Day. The Year 1 and 2 children are also being asked to 'get creative' by decorating one of the World Book Day bookmarks. Winners will be picked from all of the Nursery and Pre-Prep classes. On 7th March, all pupils will receive a £1 Book Token and a sticker, along with a poster to inspire the 'Share a Story' theme. When they bring this home, perhaps you could spend some time talking about the ways to share reading; and even have a go at some of them! At school, even the staff will be getting involved in sharing a story. The teachers have been set a challenge to read a short extract to each of the classes that they will be teaching during World Book day. The classes have got to try and guess what book the extract has come from!

NURSERY

It has been a lovely week in Nursery. We have enjoyed embracing the sunshine! The children acted out the story of 'Three Little Pigs' using handmade puppets - developing their creativity, social and imaginative skills.



RECEPTION

Reception were rather lucky today because Anna and Eliza wore their Welsh National Costumes into school in celebration of St. David's Day. We spoke about how different cultures and countries are unique and that Wales celebrate their special day a variety of ways including dressing up. Reception loved learning a few words of Welsh, ate some Welsh cakes and even practiced scoring tries in PE this week. Many thanks to Anna and Eliza and to Edward's Mummy for the yummy welsh cakes!





YEAR 2

Year 2 performed short plays of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' in Drama. Each pupil made a mask to enhance their character and their scripts were followed well. The pupils used a basic set and worked brilliantly in their small groups. The Big Billy Goat Gruff definitely enjoyed pushing the trolls into the river! Well done Year 2 for the superb teamwork demonstrated throughout.



CRAFT CLUB

The crafty Year 3's have been making bowls in Craft Club using air drying clay. The children painted their bowls using acrylic paints following their own designs, and then gave them a coat of acrylic sealer.

Lovely work by a super crafty group!



YOUTUBE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS. THIS WEEK, YOUTUBE...

YouTube is by far the biggest and most popular video watching/sharing website on the internet, with over 300 hours of content being uploaded every minute.

There is a mass of excellent, family friendly content on YouTube, everything from useful tips and tricks, to educational channels, music, creative activities, cat videos, and any number of other interesting ways to waste time. But there is also much to which we would not want our children exposed to.

Without going into too much detail, things like very strong language, aggressive opinions, crude and cruel behaviour, all have their own corner on the site. YouTube does have strong restrictions on nudity and violence, but it is best to still treat it as an adult-oriented site.

Problems often arise from videos that are recommended in the watch next list. Most are fine, but it only takes a couple of clicks on wild card videos here and there to change the path of a viewer towards possibly unsuitable material.

On a Windows or Apple PC/laptop one option is to use YouTube's restricted mode (see below for how to setup). This will at least filter out a fair amount of inappropriate content, but it is not a fool-proof option. For Android and Apple iOS phones/tablets a much better choice for controlled viewing is to install and use the YouTube Kids app: <https://www.youtube.com/yt/kids/>

Allowing your children to watch videos unaccompanied is always a risk. If possible, try to have them in the same room as you, and discourage the use of headphones. The constant chatter of Peppa Pig or Rainbow Dash (a My Little Pony character) and annoying music might be irritating, but you will at least know what they are watching and hearing.

4 ways to set parental controls on YouTube

1. Use YouTube Kids – a YouTube app that caters to children (only for Android and iOS devices).
2. Make a Google account to share with your child – easily monitor their activity (YouTube is owned by Google).
3. Restricted Mode – good for children on Laptops and PCs. How to enable YouTube Restricted Mode: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/174084?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>
4. Third party extensions or apps – outside sources can be useful to keep your children safe on YouTube.

SENIOR SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM OPEN MORNING - TUESDAY 12TH MARCH

The upcoming Open Morning at the Senior School offers the opportunity to see the School in action and have a full tour of the school with Senior School pupils who be able to tell you all about life at HCS. You will also have the chance to hear from the Headmaster, and other staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about the Senior School & Sixth Form curriculum, pastoral care and extra-curricular activities. All year groups are welcome. Please contact Mrs Nicola Castanet, Admissions Officer, on 01432 363506 or via email (admissions@herefordcs.com) if you would like to attend. Registration is at 8.30am in the School Library, Old Block, Castle Street, followed by Chapel, Headmaster's address, tours and refreshments.

CHORISTER OPEN MORNING

Parents are invited to attend a Chorister Open Morning on Saturday 9th March, where you can find out more about life as a Chorister.

Please feel free to pass on the details to anyone who you know who may be interested.

To book a place or for further information please contact:

office@herefordcathedral.org



HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

DO YOU KNOW A BOY WHO LOVES TO SING?

Chorister Open Morning
Saturday 9 March 2019

Hereford's historic cathedral choir offers a wonderful opportunity for boys to receive a unique musical education in a spectacular setting.

Boys aged 6–8 are welcome to attend the open morning from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Attendance is free, but places are limited, so booking is essential:

office@herefordcathedral.org
01432 374 212

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BATTERY RECYCLING AT HCJS

The Eco Club have been looking at recycling and they have received some special bins for batteries to be recycled. Every family in the school will be receiving battery recycling boxes so pupils can collect old batteries and bring them in to the bins placed around the school. Please be mindful of the safety instructions on the collection boxes.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Our online Community Noticeboard is for members of the school community to post messages, events and adverts <https://www.herefordcs.com/parents/junior-parents/community-noticeboard>. If you would like to submit an item for the noticeboard please do so to Mrs Stonehouse at l.stonehouse@herefordcs.com

This week, an advert has been posted about a piano for sale.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

The weather has been glorious for our first week back. Long may this continue! On Tuesday, the U9 boys played really well at the RGS The Grange tournament being defeated in the last minute in the semi-finals. On Wednesday, the girls had some positive results against Abberley Hall, whilst on Thursday, the Colts A netballers took part in the IAPS Regionals at Millfield. Placed in a tough group, the girls performed well finishing 5th out of 6 teams.

Girls Cricket – Monday 4th March

There will be no morning cricket club due to the Barnardo's Choral Competition in London.

Herefordshire A A Cross Country Championships – Sunday 24th March

If any pupil in Year 3 – 6 would like to take part in the above event, please let Mr Turpin know by Friday 15th March. The event is taking place at Hereford Racecourse starting at 11am. The distance for all ages is 1000 metres. There is a small entry fee of £1 which will need to be handed in to the office.

Football – RGS the Grange U9 Tournament

HCJS 2 – 1 Winterfold (Henry J, Humphrey)
HCJS 0 – 2 King's Hawford
HCJS 3 – 0 Malvern Downs (Humphrey 2, Oliver D)
HCJS 1 – 0 Abberley Hall (Oliver D)
Semi Final
HCJS 0 – 1 The Elms

Netball – Abberley Hall

HCJS Colts A 13 – 2 Abberley Hall A
HCJS Colts B 7 - 3 Abberley Hall B
HCJS Colts C 8 – 2 Abberley Hall C

Netball - IAPS Regionals

HCJS 1 – 6 King's Hall
HCJS 3 – 3 Bristol Grammar School
HCJS 2 – 5 Millfield Prep
HCJS 1 – 4 All Hallows
HCJS 6 – 1 Taunton Prep

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception – Year 6): We listened to the Chamber Choir, who will be performing at the Royal Festival Hall in London on 4th March. We also talked about community spirit, and how we can each make a difference.

Tuesday (Reception – Year 2): Mr Debenham talked about tolerance and diversity – it's about who we are and not what we look like.

Wednesday (Years 3 – 6): Miss Prosser, Mr Taylor and Miss Wilson led assembly. They performed the piece 'Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman on the piano and violin and they told the story of a caterpillar who - whilst remaining true to himself and daring to dream - became a beautiful butterfly. Rufus Morrison also played Intermezzo by Koldaly on the violin.

FROM THE PTA

Don't forget **tonight** (Friday 1st March 7.30pm) the PTA are hosting 'Alive & Brel' in the Powell Theatre. There will still be tickets available on the door so please come and join us. Tickets are £15 including a glass of fizz and cheese and nibbles.

On **Tuesday 5th March** the PTA are holding a Second Hand Uniform Sale in the PTA office at the back of St David's Hall. The sale will be held from 3–4.30pm. If you have any outgrown or unused uniform that you are happy to donate please could you leave it with the School Office.

AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

MERITS

P Middleton, E Walker, G Martin, J Gatherer, B Pinnell, I Debenham & F Hayes.

OTHER AWARDS

Congratulations to Florence Moseley who competed recently at the Hillview Showjumping Competition. Florence & Spy came 1st in both the 30cm class and the 50cm class, and 2nd in the 40cm class.

Congratulations too to George and Ellie-May and their ponies (pictured right), Crispy and Rollo, who competed in the Mounted Games Association pairs event last week, coming 1st in their age group.



Happy Birthday over half term and this week to... Archie Turtle, Aidan Priday, Luca Lewis, Kai Emery, Theo Gerrand, Isabel North, James Shone, Darcey Sherief & Eirian Thomas.

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Games team sheets are available via Firefly:

<https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/login/login.aspx?prelogin=https%3a%2f%2fherefordcs.fireflycloud.net%2f>

Junior School photos along with news, events and achievements can be accessed via our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/](https://www.facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/)

Head of the Junior School's Blog: <https://www.herefordcs.com/blog/category/head-of-junior-school>

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