Junior Times

HCJS NEWSLETTER

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

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SPRING TERM CALENDAR

The Spring Term Calendar 2019 will be available next week via Firefly. We will send parents a notification when it is available.

FROM THE HEAD

It has been a wonderful few weeks of Christmas celebration and cheer. My thanks to all the parents and children who have supported our Nine Days of Giving initiative. I hope this has proved to be an impactful talking point at home. My thanks to all the children who have performed so magnificently over the recent weeks: be it at the Nursery Concert, the Reception Tableau, the Pre-Prep Nativity, the Celebration of Christmas or at today's Carol Service. My thanks to all school staff for their support of the children, particularly at this busy time of the year but also of course day-on-day, week-on-week throughout the year. I do hope you all enjoy the festive season. It is my pleasure to wish you all a very Happy Christmas on behalf of all at the Junior School. See you all in the New Year!

Chris Wright.

NINE DAYS OF GIVING

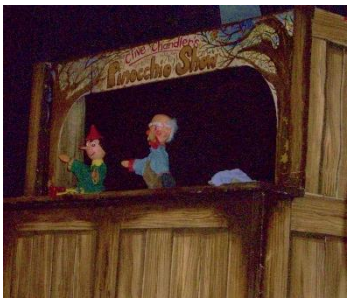
Our advent windows are now complete. Many thanks for all your kind support. The children have been supportive, enthusiastic, and full of empathy for the various causes. The total number of items that have been donated are:

- Day 1 (UNICEF) – 322 pairs of shoes
- Day 2 (Socks & Chocs) – 23 boxes of chocolate and 218 pairs of socks
- Day 3 (Hereford's Children's Community Nursing Team) – 158 toys, books and other gifts
- Day 4 (Dogs Trust) – 148 dog treats and other items
- Day 5 (Hereford Food Bank) – 153 items of food
- Day 6 (Mary's Meals) – 22 full backpacks
- Day 7 (The Samaritans) – 48 packets of biscuits
- Day 8 (People in Motion) – 22 bags of clothes, sleeping bags and other items
- Day 9 (Herefordshire Wildlife Trust) – 221 books, CDs and DVDs

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch on Wednesday – thank you to Mr Boast and his team!

PRE-PREP CHRISTMAS PARTY



The children in the Pre-Prep were treated to an afternoon of fun on Tuesday. It started with a puppet show from Clive the Puppet Man who told the story of Pinocchio using his fantastic puppets and props. After that the children went to the dining hall for a delicious Christmas party tea. At the end of the afternoon they had a special visit from Father Christmas, who, after assurances that the children had all worked hard, left some presents for them all.

NURSERY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The children performed beautifully for their Nursery Christmas Concert 'Spider in a Stable' this week. It has been a lovely end to this term that has been full of festivities!

YEAR 4'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Year 4 have made Christmas stockings for their DT textiles project this term. Each one has been stitched on a sewing machine before being decorated.

The Junior School children have also enjoyed doing some Christmas crafts in DT.

Y5&6 HOUSE RUGBY

The house rugby tournament on Friday at Wyeside proved to be an excellent conclusion to the rugby season. All the boys played with terrific commitment and skill, resulting in some incredibly close games and a tournament in which every try mattered. When the scores from the A&B team tournaments were combined, the result was:

1st Britten, 2nd Matthews, 3rd Woodall, 4th Oakeley.

NSEA REGIONAL GRASSROOTS FINAL

Evie D, Florence M, Milly M-J and Evelyn S (Senior School) represented HCS at the National Schools Equestrian Association Regional Grassroots Finals at Kings last weekend, they came 2nd overall in the 50cm class – well done to all!

CHARITY BOOKSHELF

Thank you to everyone who has been reading and using the charity bookshelf. We raised £15.67 which has been donated to Water Aid. We would like to fill up the rest of the bookshelves at the top of No. 28 so please do keep donating! Recently published books which your children have enjoyed reading would be wonderful to add to the collection.

REPORTS

At this stage in the academic year, we are sending home 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, or get in touch with your child's form teacher or the relevant subject teacher at the beginning of next term.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

Last Friday, we held some very successful Year 5 & 6 House Hockey and Rugby matches.
Congratulations to Britten who continued their sporting dominance by winning both competitions.

House Hockey
1st Britten, 2nd Woodall, 3rd Oakeley, 4th Matthews.
House Rugby
1st Britten, 2nd Matthews, 3rd Woodall, 4th Oakeley

Spring Term

Friday 4th January – Pre-season training, boys football at Wyeside and girls netball in the sports hall, 11am-1pm.
Saturday 12th January – Colts A & B Netball v HCS – 12.30pm – 2pm (Sports Hall).
Next term, all girls in Years 3 – 6 will play netball. All boys in Years 3 – 6 will play football.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception – Year 6): Mr Wright talked about the role of the angels in the Christmas story, and spoke about how if we enjoy giving presents with forethought and love we can all be angels this Christmas.
Tuesday (Reception-Year 2): Mr Debenham talked about surprises – stockings, presents and advent calendars, but the biggest surprise of all - baby Jesus.
Thursday (Reception-Year 6): We spoke about the magic of Christmas. Mr Turpin awarded sports cups and trophies, we applauded those who have won bronze house certificates, and Mr Wright read out the running totals for the house competition. The assembly was followed by house meetings.

AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

- Cathleenmae Bernabe-Harris - came 4th out of 800 at a cheerleading competition over the weekend.
- Florence Moseley, Milly Morgan-Jones & Evie Dorise – team 2nd in the 50cm class at the NSEA Regional Grassroots Finals.

FROM THE PTA

The PTA and PTA Committee wish all pupils, parents and members of staff a Merry Christmas! We hope everyone has a festive and restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone to our events and activities in the New Year.

Happy Birthday this week to…Jed Sockett, Marianna Antosik, Anna Dotchon, Harriet Morgan, Sam Wright, Sophie Lort-Phillips & Esha Chalasani.

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