

## Issue No 824, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

### THE WEEK AHEAD:

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Wycliffe Colts A&B Football Tournament	1.30pm
	Colts A&B Football Tour to Wiltshire	returns 6.15pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival	all day
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Maths)	4.15pm
	Calendar Planning Meeting, Briscoe Room	5.15pm
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival	all day
	U11 In2Hockey West of England Regional Finals, Millfield	all day
	<del>U9 A,B&amp;C Netball v King's Hawford (h) (CANCELLED)</del>	<del>2.30pm</del>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival	all day
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival	all day
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival	all day
	Nursery Mothers' Day Coffee Morning	10am

### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	(No clubs this week)	
	ABRSM Music Examinations	all day
	Y3&4 Roman Workshop, St David's Hall	all day
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Departmental)	4.15pm
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	ABRSM Music Examinations	all day
	Pre-Prep Instrumental Concert, St David's Hall	8.45am
	Reception Trip to Pizza Express, Hereford	9.30am
	Y3&4 Netball House Matches, Gwynne St.	2.15pm
	Y3&4 Football House Matches, Wyese	2.15pm
	Final Evensong of Term, Cathedral	5.30pm
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	ABRSM Music Examinations	all day
	5W Form Assembly, St David's Hall	8.45am
	Y5&6 Netball House Matches, Gwynne St.	1.45pm
	Y5&6 Football House Matches, Wyese	1.45pm
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Y2,4&6 Full Reports and Y3&5 Progress Grades published	
	Pre-Prep & Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade, Quiet Garden (Refreshments served from 8.45am in Dining Hall)	9.45am
	PTA Pre-Prep Easter Egg Hunt	pm
	Term Ends	3.35pm
	PTA Y3&4 Disco, Dining Hall	4.30-5.30pm
	PTA Y5&6 Disco, Dining Hall	5.45-6.45pm

### FROM THE HEAD

A longer Head's piece than usual, please bear with me...! I should like to thank parents for the role that they play in supporting their own and each other's children. There have been two events this week where this has been striking.

Many of us enjoyed Saturday's swimming gala – a big event for the less experienced swimmers (one dominated by nerves for many, I'm sure) and a big event for our more experienced and accomplished swimmers too (chasing a win or a school record in an individual event or perhaps competing in the all-stars relay). It was a great afternoon, and one which I hope was enjoyed by all the children. I hope each of them came away feeling that they had done their best and enjoyed the occasion.

What struck me was how those of us supporting the children supported all the children – we made just as much of a point of applauding the child who finished a few metres behind the field as we did those who finished a few metres ahead.

The audience instinctively interrupted the Head as he announced the house results, ensuring that the efforts of the house which came fourth were just as recognised and appreciated as those of the 'winning house'.

Similarly, this week's Instrumental Concert was a first occasion for some, and not for others. Some felt confident, some less so. Some performed to a level higher than many of us adults could accomplish. However, the audience hung on to every note of *every* piece, and recognised the efforts and achievement of *each* child equally.

I appreciate that the above may sound obvious and I certainly do not mean to patronise, but it is important and should not be taken for granted. Its impact on the children and on our school community cannot be underestimated. A School Governor visited school yesterday, meeting with children and staff. One of the focuses of his discussions was whether or not the children felt they could improve whatever their current level might be in whatever activity. He suggested to 18 Year 6 pupils that you were either good or bad at something and this was simply the way it was. They laughed at his suggestion and told him in no uncertain terms that of course one can develop and improve – through positive thinking and doing one's best. Long may our school community generate and nurture such a positive mindset in our children.

Chris Wright.

## **SWIMMING GALA**

On Saturday 16th March 2019, the annual junior swimming gala took place. There were races for all children in Years 2, 3 and 4 and some exceptional swimming was on display. The children were in great spirits and they cheered on and supported one another. Special congratulations to Oliver Daw who set two new school records. Thank you to all the children and parents for their attendance and to the staff for all of their assistance.

## **INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT**

What a fantastic Instrumental Concert we had on Tuesday evening! Some of our musicians from Years 3 – 6 gathered in St David's Hall to entertain the audience with a wide variety of musical styles. The evening started with a piece from the Year 6 Clarinet Group and then we heard solos on the violin, piano, flute and trumpet and a sibling piano duet to round the evening off in style.

Everyone played with such confidence, they must have been practising hard! A thank you goes to our wonderful team of instrumental teachers who prepared the pupils for the concert. We look forward to another next term.



## COLTS A&B GIRLS' NETBALL TOUR

The Colts A&B netball team had an enjoyable and rewarding tour to Bath on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. It was great camaraderie for the team and the girls were fantastically behaved and wonderful company.

On the Friday we travelled to All Hallows Preparatory School to take part in a technical session lead by Summer Artman, a Team Bath Superleague and capped England



player. She undertook a session on effective movement on court and the girls were able to pick up some tips. We then travelled to the Holiday Inn Express in Bath and had an evening bowling and a meal at Pizza Hut. The following morning after a good breakfast we had a walk into Bath and then travelled back to All Hallows to play in a triangular match. The A's came up against some quick and tough opponents. The A's lost to All Hallows 7-5 but we had a very strong final third. They then lost to Millfield 14-3. The first two thirds the girls were really holding their own, going down 5-2 and 7-3, but with some tired legs Millfield ran away with it in the last third. I am sure the girls will have taken some valuable knowledge from this.



Lydia S, Scarlett S and Isabel G were awarded players' player of the matches and Scarlet M coach's player. The B's played some brilliant netball and were victorious in both of their matches beating All Hallows 2-0 and Millfield 9-1. Ella J and Florence J were awarded players' player and Alex E coach's player. Quick teas with our hosts followed and then we travelled to the University of Bath to watch the Superleague game Team Bath v Celtic Dragons. It was great to finish with the girls experiencing netball at such a high level. After meeting the players briefly afterwards and getting some autographs we travelled home with a quick food stop on route.

Many thanks to Mrs Foster and Mrs Gummerson for taking the girls on tour.

## GAMES DEPARTMENT

Last weekend was especially busy with both the netball tour and the swimming gala taking place. The weather outside was less kind resulting in Wyeside coming under a significant amount of water. Unfortunately, this caused the cancellation of the already rearranged Primary Schools Football Tournament and the switching of match venues.

**The U9 netball matches on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March have been cancelled.**

### Football

Abberley Hall A 1 – 5 HCJS A (Monty 2, Max P 2, Marley)

Abberley Hall B 2 – 2 HCJS B (Oliver, own goal)

Abberley Hall C 0 – 4 HCJS United (Tom B 3, Will C)

The Elms U9A 4 – 1 HCJS U9A (Henry J)

### Netball

The Elms U9A 2 – 10 HCJS U9A

On Wednesday, Malvern College invited 10 pupils from 10 different schools to attend a masterclass with Eboni Usoro-Brown and to play in a tournament. The pupils had a Q&A session for half an hour and then took part in a technical session for an hour with Eboni. Games then took place against Moor Park, The Elms and Abberley Hall. Lydia Stanley was awarded player of the day from HCJS.



## **ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK**

**Monday (Reception – Year 6):** As the children settled down in their forms for the beginning of assembly, Miss Toolan played a chord on the piano every 30 seconds. On hearing the chord, every member of staff stood up, paused for a moment, and then sat down. It was fascinating to see how the children despite some mystified looks, soon started to follow this lead and before long, almost all the children and adults were standing up and then sitting down every time Miss Toolan played a chord! We went on to talk about the strong influence of the examples we set. Who is it that controls what sort of school this is? Answer: each of us, adults and children all have an influence on how we all behave and interact with each other. We discussed how Jesus set an example for us to follow – he stood up for what was right, he showed compassion and he forgave others. We also talked about the importance of making one's own decisions and not simply doing something because someone else is doing it.

**Tuesday (Reception – Year 2):** Mr Debenham led the assembly, and talked to the children about setting a good example to others.

**Wednesday (Years 3 - 6):** 4B performed the 'Emperor's New Clothes' with a slightly modern twist, renaming the play 'The Head's New Clothes'. Harry Reid played Mr Wright being duped into buying invisible clothing from Phoebe and Henry. Alex Stevens played Mr Debenham, worried that he too couldn't see the clothes. Hannah was the child in the audience that eventually had the courage to point out that the Head was in his underwear and that everyone had been conned. The rest of the form ably supported with fantastic narration and various roles as members of staff or other children. Phoebe and Annie entertained the audience on the piano and as part of World Happiness Day all the children told some classic Doctor, Doctor jokes.

**Friday (Years 3 - 6):** We talked about two ways in which we could be kind during Lent. Firstly, are you able to do something which someone else finds difficult - e.g. use FaceTime, mow a lawn, walk a dog? Why not offer to teach someone how to use a piece of technology which they find difficult, or to mow a neighbour's lawn or walk a neighbour's dog or to help with anything else anyone you know might find difficult? Secondly, could you make a change for one day which might help the environment? The children had lots of ideas on this too.

## **AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES**

MERITS

E-M Simcock.

## INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

### This week, search engine safety.

**1. Activate filter features:** Search engines are better at screening websites/content when you activate their filtering features. Here are a few links to some of the main search engines – how to set up safe search options:

Google Safe Search settings

<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/510?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform=Desktop>

Yahoo settings

<https://safety.yahoo.com/SafetyGuides/Search/index.htm>

Bing settings

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4026414/bing-turn-safesearch-on-or-off>

**2. Use a child friendly search engine:** There are plenty of search engines that are specifically devoted to providing safer searching for children, by having a higher level of filtering. Here are a few to try:

**Swiggle**

<https://swiggle.org.uk>

**Kiddle**

<https://www.kiddle.co>

**Kidzsearch**

<https://www.kidzsearch.com>



**3. Social media searching:** While child friendly search engines can make the internet safer, be aware that searching directly on social media sites (Twitter, Instagram, etc) can pose a danger.

**4. Parental control software:** It may be worth considering such software for increased safety, when used in combination with search engine filtering tools. Look for software that is cross platform and works on multiple types of devices and operating systems. Here are a few to look at:

**Qustodio**

<https://www.qustodio.com/en/>

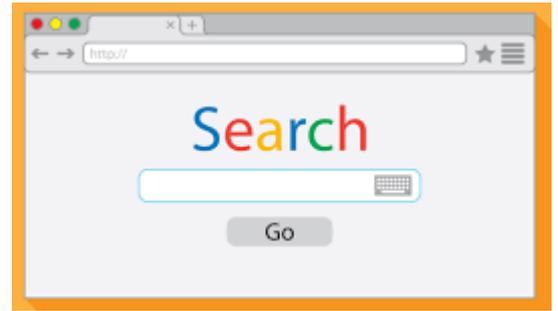
**Net nanny**

<https://www.netnanny.com>

**Kaspersky Safe Kids**

<https://www.kaspersky.co.uk/safe-kids>

**5. Supervision:** At the end of the day it is always best to keep any eye on what your child is up to, and to show an interest in what the 'latest thing' is in the online world.



## FROM THE PTA

**Easter Disco** – don't forget to return the Easter Disco form to the School Office by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March if your child would like to attend the Junior School Easter Discos on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The Years 3&4 disco is held from 4.30 – 5.30pm and Years 5&6 Easter Disco is held from 5.45 – 6.45pm. Tickets are £4.00 including a hot dog and glass of squash.

**Spring Clean** – after a successful Second Hand Uniform sale earlier in the term we are running low on certain items. If you have any uniform that is no longer required or has been outgrown please consider donating the uniform to us. Any second hand uniform can be left with the School Office. All donations are much appreciated.

**Save the date** – The PTA is very excited to announce that PREP FEST (open to all parents in the Junior School, Nursery – Year 6) will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at The Coop, Kingstone. Tickets will be going on sale shortly so please look out for further information!



**Happy birthday this week to...**Rufus Morrison, Tom Jackson & Benjamin Prosser.

**Junior Times Archive:** [www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Times](http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Times)

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/)

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