

## Issue No 813, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### THE WEEK AHEAD:

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Old Herefordians' Day

all day

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

(No clubs this week *but Chamber Choir as normal*)

Reception Tableau Performance to Parents, St David's Hall

2.45pm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

(No clubs this week)

Pre-Prep Christmas Party, St David's Hall

pm

Final Evensong of Term, Cathedral

5.30pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

(No clubs this week)

Y5 Full Reports & Y3 Short Reports published

Y4&6 Progress Grades published

**No Reception swimming today**

Christmas Jumper Charity Day

all day

Nursery Concert, **Nursery**

9.30am

Carol Service Rehearsal, Cathedral

**9.30-11.15am**

Christmas Lunch, Dining Hall

11.45am

Junior Christmas Party

2.45-5.15pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

(No clubs today including no Phoenix Club)

Carol Service, Cathedral

2pm

Term Ends

3pm

### FROM THE HEAD

What a week it has been! On Sunday, our U11 girls qualified for the South West Regional Finals of the Schools In2Hockey Competition which will be held next term: a super achievement. Children in Years 1&2 have had an exciting and exhausting week, performing their nativity to family and friends – to much acclaim, I might add. 6H took to the stage too, delivering their class assembly focusing upon the meaning of Christmas, whilst all of Years 3,4,5&6 performed our Celebration of Christmas to a packed Cathedral last night. On top of this, many children have been taking music exams and have been involved in house matches too. Well done to all the children – and my thanks to the staff and to you parents for supporting them (and us!) through a busy but very rewarding week.

Next week of course it is the turn of Reception who will be performing their Tableau to parents on Monday and to the whole school on Thursday, and of the Nursery who will be performing their Nursery Concert on Wednesday.

Parents will still want to refer to the dates and times above when planning next week – as there are many events for us all to steer the children through.

*Chris Wright.*

### NINE DAYS OF GIVING

We are five days into our HCJS Nine Days of Giving. Each day, parents, staff and children have donated items to each of our nine nominated charities, these have included local charities, national charities, and those charities who work overseas too. All the donations are displayed in our Advent Windows (the windows of Number 28, overlooking the playground). Many thanks to you all – staff, parents and children – for your support so far! The photo pictured right was Day 1 in aid of UNICEF – what a lot of shoes!



## CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

What a fantastic evening we had last night when pupils, friends and family gathered for the Celebration of Christmas. A Cathedral in darkness, a beautiful solo from Isabella M, and then the choir drifting in, lit by lanterns, singing the atmospheric 'Who Am I?' Soon the whole school were up on their feet, filling the Cathedral with a magical sound. The Year 5&6 choir were stunning with 'One Bright Star' and each year group sang their chosen song very confidently. There were some excellent readings which captured the true values and morals of the Christmas season. A beautiful signed version of 'It was on a Starry Night' led us into the comical 'Reindeer on the Roof' - a favourite for most of us! The Junior School rounded the evening off in style with 'I Wish it Could be Christmas Every Day!' - Miss Toolan isn't sure about 'every day' but we're all looking forward to next year's Celebration of Christmas already!



## PRE-PREP CHRISTMAS CONCERT

'A Midwife Crisis' was a truly fantastic success this week, with all of Years 1&2 performing the nativity play three times. The children spoke their lines very confidently and sang the songs brilliantly, with well-timed actions too. The children really entertained the audiences and knew when and where to say their lines. Years 1&2 demonstrated their performing skills extremely well, which in turn created much laughter in the hall. The children worked as a team to tell the story, whilst looking fantastic wearing their costumes and using props. Thank you to all the staff and children who were involved, it really encouraged everyone to get into the Christmas spirit! The staff were very proud of the pupils and their amazing production



## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Year 2 have been investigating, designing and constructing their animal puppets in Design and Technology this term, before evaluating them and creating a storyboard.

Year 3 have been designing and making their healthy sandwich snacks in Design and Technology this term. They were yummy!





## CHORISTERS

On Tuesday evening, the Hereford Cathedral Choir sang an Advent Service at The Guards Chapel London, attended by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. During the day they had a guided tour and talk in St James's Palace by Jon Simpson, Sergeant to the Vestry.

## NURSERY

Things have become very festive in Nursery this week! We have enjoyed looking at all the wonderful Christmas lights and decorations around Hereford. We have also enjoyed lots of Christmas craft and created some props for our Nursery Christmas Concert next week.



## THANK YOU TO THE ADAM STANSFIELD FOUNDATION

HCJS were delighted to receive some football and fitness equipment from the Adam Stansfield Foundation. Adam was a former Exeter City, Yeovil Town and Hereford United footballer (a team mate of HCS Head of Football Mr James) who passed away in 2010 from Bowel Cancer. The kit will be put to great use and used by pupils in every year at school.

## HCJS HOLIDAY CLUBS SURVEY

Parents were sent an email this week with a link to a survey about HCJS Holiday Clubs. Thank you to those who have completed it so far. We are currently looking into whether such clubs would be viable, and of course much will depend upon the level of interest and the financial sustainability, so please do complete it if you haven't already. The link to the Firefly survey can be found here:

<https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/letters-to-parents/hcjs-holiday-clubs>

## GAMES DEPARTMENT

NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December – No Games for Year 2.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – No PE for Year 1.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – No Games for Years 5 & 6.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – No PE for Year 5 & 6.

**Please could all rugby and hockey match shirts be returned this week.**



In the penultimate week of term, there have still been plenty of things going on. On Sunday, our U11 girls took part in the County Hockey Tournament finishing runners up to The Elms (pictured above). On Tuesday, the Year 3&4 pupils competed in their House Matches and there were some really good games. Britten were the winners of the Hockey.

The boys played their final rugby matches of the season against King's Hawford on Wednesday, and the Colts A and B Hockey teams took part in a triangular at The Elms which also involved King's Hawford.

## **Spring Term**

Next term, all girls in Years 3 – 6 will play netball. All boys in Years 3 – 6 will play football.

There will be swimming for Years 2,3&4 and PE for Years 5&6 as normal on the first Thursday back.

There are no clubs the first week back.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January Games – boys at Wyeseid and girls at school.

## **Hockey**

King's Hawford A 4 – 3 HCJS A (Scarlett S 2, Scarlet M)

The Elms A 3 – 1 HCJS A (Scarlet M)

King's Hawford B 1 - 4 HCJS B (Maddie, Isabel G, Ella, Esther)

The Elms B 1 - 4 HCJS B (Ella 2, Maddie, Esther)

Years 3&4 House Hockey (pictured right)

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

This was all very close with the top 3 houses all having 6 points. With the standings going down to goal difference, Britten just pipped Woodall.



## **Rugby**

HCJS U11A 5 – 25 King's Hawford U11A (Hugo)

HCJS U11B 0 – 45 King's Hawford U11B

HCJS U10A 10 – 25 King's Hawford U10A (Tom J, Finlay H)

HCJS U10B 25 – 35 King's Hawford U10B (Jonty 2, Oliver P 2, Barnaby)

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

All pupils may wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Wednesday 12th December in return for a £1 donation. Please note that all other uniform should be worn as normal. Donations are in aid of Water Aid – thank you for your support.



## **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](mailto:l.stonehouse@herefordcs.com). This week, a notice has been included about the Dore Abbey Christmas Tree Festival.

## **FROM THE PTA**

Thank you to everyone who hosted a stall and attended the Christmas Bazaar on Friday. This is always a fun event to get everyone in the Christmas spirit and raise money for the school! This year we raised over £780 which is amazing. Thank you also to Rachel Powell for donating a whole table worth of homemade produce and also a beautiful Christmas cake for the raffle.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket for the 1:200 Lottery. Please don't forget that we will be selling tickets for this until the end of January so please email [juniorpta@herefordcs.com](mailto:juniorpta@herefordcs.com) or pop a note in the office to purchase a ticket. £10 enters you into six monthly draws with a chance to win a £100 Amazon voucher each month. Finally, the PTA Committee would like to thank everyone for all their hard work this year, and to all parents and children who have supported us. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful festive break!

## MIGHT YOU BE GIVING YOUR CHILDREN ANY DIGITAL GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS?

If so, you might like to watch this video released by the online safety training agency, National Online Safety:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>



In addition, they have published some top tips for parents relating to:

- Buying gifts
- Security
- Passwords
- Setting up parental controls
- Check age restrictions
- Be a role model
- Set boundaries

You can find their top tips here: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

**Monday (Reception – Year 6):** Mr Debenham talked about Christmas lunch. The children voted for their favourite part of the meal. We discussed the often rejected brussel sprout, and talked about how this may have parallels in school - 'together as one is all it's about'.

**Wednesday (Years 3 – 6):** 6H successfully put on a short play entitled 'Yet another Christmas Carol' for their class assembly. The play catches up with how Ebenezer Scrooge is getting on twelve months after being visited by the three spirits of Christmas. He is now a reformed and generous character who cannot do enough to help other people. Scrooge's old business partner, Jacob Marley, along with the three spirits of Christmas think he should go back to his old ways as people are now taking advantage of Scrooge's generosity and charitable nature. Goodness prevails in the end and the sight of Tiny Tim's smiling face convinces Scrooge to keep on being a truly generous and kind person.

**Friday (Reception-Year 6):** Mr Wright talked about preparation. How might he prepare for a holiday and what might he pack? How might we prepare for Christmas at this time of Advent?

## AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

### MERITS

R Morrison, A Garlick, L McGrath, E Legge, O Simmons, E Yorke, E Windsor-Collins, K Rogers, L Vaughan, I Macklin, E Brown, G Watts, T Whitehouse & I Pizii.

### OTHER AWARDS

Milly Morgan-Jones – most improved all-rounder trophy (North Hereford Hunt Pony Club).

Evie Dorise – 5<sup>th</sup> place rosette in the 70cm showjumping class at Hartpur.

Medals to the U11A Hockey team on their qualification for the South West Regional Final at Millfield next term.

Charlie Fowler – U7 HRC Golden Boot for 'player of the week'.

Adrian Karney - Scouts Investiture Certificate

**Happy Birthday this week to...**Zack Malcolm, Hunter Martin, George Windsor-Collins, Phoebe Matthews, Oliver Daw, Yvan Andrade & George Simcock.

**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/)

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

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