

Issue No 822, Friday 8th March 2019

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday 9th	Chorister Open Morning, College Hall	9.30am-12noon
Sunday 10th	National Prep Schools' U11 Cross Country Championships, Malvern College	10am
Monday 11th	British Science Week Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Assessment)	4.15pm
Tuesday 12th	Senior School Open Morning, Gilbert Library Y5 to Science Workshop, Senior School U9 A,B&C Netball v The Downs (a) Chorister Instrumental Concert, College Hall	8.30-11am 1.30-2.20pm 2.45pm 6.45pm
Wednesday 13th	5B Form Assembly, St David's Hall 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 Monmouth (h)	1pm 2.30pm 2.30pm 2.30pm
Thursday 14th	Herefordshire Primary Schools' County Football Tournament, Wyeside	10.30am-4pm
Friday 15th	Home Clothes Day (in aid of Comic Relief)	
Saturday 16th	Colts A&B Girls' Netball Tour to Somerset Y2-Y4 Swimming Gala, Leisure Pool Colts A&B Girls' Netball Tour to Somerset	departs 12.15pm 3.45-5pm returns 9pm
Sunday 17th	St Patrick's Day	
LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:		
Monday 18th	Y6 'Theseus & the Minotaur' Workshop, Powell Theatre Staff Academic Focus Meeting (English)	1.30-3.30pm 4.15pm
Tuesday 19th	PTA Committee Meeting, Junior School U9 A Football v The Elms (a) U9 A Netball v The Elms (a)	8.45am 2.45pm 2.45pm
Wednesday 20th	Instrumental Music Concert, St David's Hall 4B Form Assembly, St David's Hall Colts A&B Football v Abberley Hall (a) Colts C&D Football v Abberley Hall (h)	6.30pm 1pm 2.30pm 2.30pm
Friday 22nd	Colts A&B Football Tour to Wiltshire	departs 12.15pm
Saturday 23rd	Wycliffe Colts A&B Football Tournament Colts A&B Football Tour to Wiltshire	1.30pm returns 6pm

FROM THE HEAD

We welcomed 12 families to our Open Morning on Friday. Many of Year 6 did us proud, acting as tour guides. On occasions such as this, it is impossible not to marvel at the way in which our children grow throughout their time with us, developing the confidence to interact so naturally, politely and genuinely with visitors to our school.

A number of our visitors subsequently got in touch with their thoughts:

"X and X were extremely good ambassadors and a delight to spend time with."

"We also wanted to extend our thanks to the two lovely pupils who showed us around. We were very impressed with them both."



"The pupils that showed us around were very attentive and a credit to the school."

"Could you please pass on to X and X. How wonderful they were today during the school tour! It was lovely to see them so confident. They were both just lovely with our son talking and playing with him. They are a great advert for the school".

"Could we please pass on sincere thanks to X & X for their tour. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school, so upbeat and passionate and were certainly keen to show us everything!"

Also on Friday was the PTA 'Alive & Brel' Evening, enjoyed by many of us; my thanks to Mr Brown and Mr and Mrs Allan for donating their time and talents.

Fantastic ambassadors for the School this week were the Chamber Choir, who performed so well at the Royal Festival Hall in the final of the Barnardo's National Choral Competition. You can see pictures [here](#) and listen to and watch their performance [here](#) (the required password is HCJS_Barnardos). The Head of Music from another school in the audience was heard describing our choir's performance as "electric"! Of course we marked Ash Wednesday this week with a service in the Cathedral. We learnt something of the chorister's routine and commitments and enjoyed listening to them warm up and sing within our very special Cathedral space.

Chris Wright.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2019 AT HCJS

All of the children across the school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day yesterday. Pre-Prep children designed their own bookmarks and bunting, whilst Junior children brought in their favourite book and shared stories. There was much excitement amongst the Nursery children who came in dressed as their favourite book character!



CHAMBER CHOIR GIVE 'ELECTRIC' PERFORMANCE IN LONDON!

The Chamber Choir are wearing their 'National Choir Competition Finalist' badges with pride this week having travelled to London to perform at the Royal Festival Hall on Monday. Having been selected from hundreds of choirs across the UK, twelve junior choirs headed to the Royal Festival Hall to take to the stage at this prestigious concert hall. The standard of the choirs was phenomenal and it was great for our youngsters to be able to watch inspiring performances from other children. Our choir sang 'We Will Not Bow Down' written especially for us by Ken Burton and 'Flooding Rains'. Despite many of the choir struggling with the flu bug, they sang with exceptional flair and energy.





Their performance was described by a professional musician in the audience as 'electric!'

A huge thank you to those parents who were able to travel to London to support the children. A DVD of the concert is available to order on www.bsfv.co.uk/musicshop. Our sympathy to those children who weren't well enough to sing on this occasion, hopefully next time! Most importantly, the concert raised thousands of pounds for Barnardo's where 91 pence of every pound raised goes directly to helping vulnerable children across the UK.

YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed finding out about Chinese culture as part of their Humanities topic this week; 1W listened to Chinese music and then had a go at composing their own music with different percussion instruments. They also watched some ribbon dancing and then tried to make up their own Chinese style ribbon dances. 1D listened to a Chinese story and made their own Chinese style promise tree.



YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed a pancake race on Tuesday...and the Gaps did too!!



GAMES DEPARTMENT

Wednesday 13th March – The Colts netball is now against Monmouth Girls.

The Colts A footballers came away from the King's Hawford tournament as Plate winners on Wednesday (pictured right), whilst the U9 netball team did well at the RGS festival.

Next week there are a lot of fixtures for boys and girls!

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 School Office.



Football – King’s Hawford Tournament

HCJS 0 – 0 King’s Hawford B

HCJS 0 – 3 Abberley Hall

HCJS 0 – 0 The Downs

HCJS 0 – 1 King’s St Albans

HCJS 0 – 0 Bluecoat

Plate Semi Final: HCJS 1 – 0 The Elms (Monty)

Plate Final: HCJS 0 – 0 Wolverhampton Grammar AET: HCJS won 3 – 2 on penalties

Netball - U9 RGS Tournament

HCJS 0 – 0 Abberley Hall

HCJS 2 – 1 Malvern St James

HCJS 0 – 3 RGS the Grange

HCJS 0 – 3 Winterfold

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

Here are a few helpful tips to help ensure a safe online gaming experience for your child.

- Check the age rating of the games your children are playing and ensure games are age appropriate. PEGI age ratings <https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean>
- Many games allow players to interact:
 - Go through your child’s ‘friends’ list with them to ensure that they are interacting with those you and they know.
 - Set headset settings so that the audio can be heard through the TV’s speakers so that you are aware of what is being said.
 - Restrict gaming to a family room where there is natural adult supervision and awareness of what is happening online.
- Show an interest in what sort of games they are playing and try them out for yourself. This all helps with keeping your knowledge up to date and ultimately deciding if a game is appropriate or not.
- Ensure that your child does not share personal details online or in their profiles.
- Encourage your child to play fairly and treat other gamers with respect.
- Use family safety settings to protect your child from discovering games which may not be age/content appropriate.
- Set time limits on gaming with your children.
- Playing games online can leave computers/devices open to risk of a virus. Protect your computer by ensuring you have up to date anti-virus software in place.
- Ensure your child knows how to report or block other players who engage in online harassment or any other unsuitable behaviour.



Useful Online Gaming links for Parents

- General overview and guide to the world of online gaming from Childnet International:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/gaming>
- Online gaming information for parents of 3-7 year olds from Childnet International:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/gaming/3-7-year-olds>
- Online gaming information for parents of 7-11 year olds from Childnet International:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/gaming/7-11-year-olds>
- PEGI (Pan European Game Information)
Excellent website with PEGI age rating information and lots of other useful ideas for parents:
<https://pegi.info/>



Next week safety tips focus: beware Alexa!

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.

FROM THE PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the Alive & Brel evening last Friday – it was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you very much to Mr Brown and Mr and Mrs Allan for providing us with such great entertainment!

Thank you to those that came to the PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale on Tuesday afternoon. We are currently running low on summer uniform so if anyone has any summer uniform that their child has grown out of or no longer wears, please think about donating it to the PTA. Donated uniform can be left in the School Office.

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who is using **The Giving Machine** to shop online. Together we have raised over £1200 for the PTA just by shopping via The Giving Machine. Plus, it didn't cost you, or us, a penny! With Spring feeling like it is finally here, you may be considering booking a summer holiday. Booking through The Giving Machine will generate a substantial free cash donation for the PTA. You'll find all the big travel companies on The Giving Machine website, including Thomas Cook, Expedia, hotels.com and TUI. If you've not signed up yet, but would like to help us raise even more, just find Hereford Cathedral Junior School on TheGivingMachine: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hereford-cathedral-school-57200>



To make giving even simpler, there are mobile apps for iPhone, iPad and Android which you can download from the App Store and Play Store respectively, and a Shop & Give Reminder for PC/Macs which will appear on your browser bar once you have installed it. You'll find the link for the S&G Reminder under 'Apps' at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday (Reception – Year 2): 2D performed their class assembly on Tuesday. They talked about their 'two stars and a wish' (two things they are already very good at and one thing they wish they could improve upon). 2D spoke confidently and shared their future employment ambitions too, which included being a trapeze artist in a circus and a sausage cook!

Wednesday (Years 3 – 6): We all attended a service in the Cathedral to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Friday (Years 3 - 6): Mr Wilkinson's assembly was based upon the saying 'Make hay while the sun shines'. He told the children about his trip to London (when the sun was shining) and how he made the best of the day with his family. We talked about London's famous landmarks and museums.

LOST

Harrison Richards – School jumper (named)

Happy Birthday this week to...Amelie Madge, Tallulah Powell, William O'Leary, Emilio Andrade, Alex Stevens & Ellie-May Simcock.

Junior Times Archive: www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Times

Games team sheets are available via Firefly:

<https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/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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