

Issue No 775, Friday 1st December 2017

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 4th	ABRSM Music Examinations	all day
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm
Tuesday 5th	ABRSM Music Examinations	all day
	Choristers Sing Evensong at Guards' Chapel, London	all day
	Christmas Celebration Rehearsal, St David's Hall	8.45-10.25am
	Y3&4 House Cross Country, Wyeside	2.45pm
	Spring Term Calendar Planning Meeting, Briscoe Room	5pm
Wednesday 6th	ABRSM Music Examinations	all day
	Pre-Prep (Y1&2) Dress Rehearsal & Photographs, St David's Hall	11am
	U11 A&B & U10 A&B Rugby v King's Hawford (a)	2.30pm
	Colts A&B Hockey v The Elms & King's Hawford (a)	2.45pm
Thursday 7th	Christmas Celebration Rehearsal, Cathedral	1-3.30pm
	Pre-Prep (Y1&2) Christmas Production, St David's Hall	2pm
	Christmas Celebration, Cathedral	7pm
Friday 8th	Pre-Prep (Y1&2) Christmas Production, St David's Hall	2pm
	Y5&6 House Hockey Matches, Leisure Centre	2.15pm
	Y5&6 House Rugby Matches, Wyeside	2.15pm
Saturday 9th	Old Herefordians' Day	all day

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

Monday 11th	<i>(No clubs this week)</i>	
	Reception Tableau Performance to Parents, St David's Hall	2.45pm
Tuesday 12th	Pre-Prep Christmas Party, St David's Hall	pm
	Y3&4 House Hockey Matches, Leisure Centre	2.15pm
	Final Evensong of Term, Cathedral	5.30pm
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Jumper Charity Event	all day
	Nursery Concert, St David's Hall	10am
	Carol Service Rehearsal, Cathedral	10am-12noon
	Christmas Lunch, Dining Hall	11.45am
	Junior Christmas Party	2.45-5.15pm
Thursday 14th	<i>Y5 Full Reports & Y3 Short Reports published</i>	
	<i>Y4&6 Progress Grades published</i>	
	Carol Service, Cathedral	2pm
	Term Ends	3pm
	<i>(No Phoenix Club today)</i>	

Team sheets, recent letters home and a host of other information for parents can be found via links on the Nursery and Junior Parents page on the school website <https://www.herefordcs.com/parents/junior-parents>



FROM THE HEAD

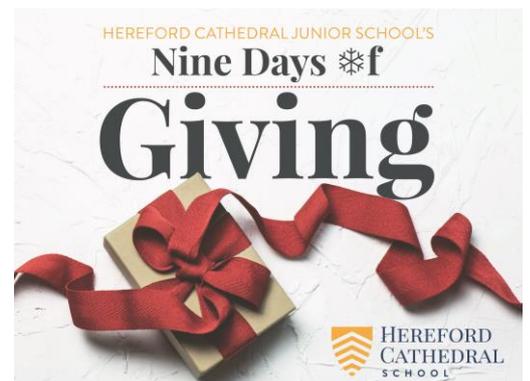
During my speech at July's Prize Giving, I spoke about the importance of children developing an appreciation of the intrinsic rewards of acts of kindness - being kind not for a house point or for a merit card but learning how an act of kindness makes oneself feel good, tapping into something inside us that says: "this is who I am", giving us what we might term a "Helper's High" and making for better relationships. Of course, this is what our Nine Days of Giving Initiative is all about.



However, with this sentiment in mind, I should like to draw your attention to the article overleaf entitled 'My Sponsored Run'. I do hope that your children experience a similar sense of well being and achievement from their participation in our Nine Days of Giving initiative. Many children have been involved in so much this week: the Year 6 children have attended Senior School interviews, 48 children have taken Lamda exams and the 70 strong Year 5&6 Choir performed in the Cathedral last night. Meanwhile all of the girls in Years 5&6 have represented the school on the hockey field and many of the boys in Years 4,5 & 6 have done likewise on the rugby field.

NINE DAYS OF GIVING

I introduced the school to our Nine Days of Giving initiative on Monday morning. All of the children in Years 4, 5 & 6 will have brought home some work connected to this during the week, and it has been a focus for Year 3 too during lesson time. On Tuesday morning, I talked with the Pre-Prep children about one of the charities (the Mary's Meals Back Pack project) in particular. It has been inspiring to see the children empathise with those less fortunate than themselves and thinking through the work of the different charities. Further details can be found on the school website (<https://www.herefordcs.com/news/article/hcjs-prepares-nine-days-giving>), and (dare I say it) on my twitter account (@hcjshead). Throughout the week, we will publish photos of our advent windows as they fill with our gifts for each of nine charities.



I hope that our Nine Days of Giving project will encourage us all to consider this time of year as a time of giving, and prove to be good talking point amongst classes and families.

During assembly on Monday, Suvaja and Lisabel each spoke about a chosen charity.

Suvaja: The charity People in Motion collects donations and give them to those in need. They provide support to displaced people. I chose shower gel for refugees because I feel that everyone should feel proud and safe in their body, knowing and feeling clean. I particularly chose this because I think people don't realise how lucky they are, having showers and baths so many times a week. You may also donate shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, Vaseline, lip balm and other toiletries.

Lisabel: If I were to choose a nine days of giving charity, I would choose UNICEF because I feel that every child should have a chance of going to school. You see, when you give in your old or new pair of shoes, UNICEF exchanges them for money to buy a child an education and hot meals. Over 500 Clark's stores have been working in partnership with UNICEF since 2008 and have therefore helped over 190 countries. This is why I have chosen UNICEF.

MY SPONSORED RUN BY MADELEINE TEALE

Who would have thought that choir would be responsible for me raising money?

I decided to do a sponsored run because of the song we sang in our music lesson with Miss Toolan. One of the verses mentions an old man at Christmas time going to sleep on a bench:

"In an empty street under cloudless skies sits an old man with a bundle tied. He settles down for another night, this Christmas time." This verse made me think of all the people who will have no home to go to at Christmas. I felt guilty knowing that I would have presents and a family to celebrate Christmas with, when so many homeless people don't. So, I decided to do a run and ask for sponsorship to raise money for the Hereford Larder so that the homeless in our city will have food at least this winter. On Sunday 26 November I ran 5km with my brother and sister. So far I have raised £185.00, which is amazing! After the run I felt so much better knowing that soon the money I have raised will go towards helping some of Hereford's homeless. I am hoping to present the money to Mr Dean in the next week.

HOMEWORK

Looking ahead at the calendar for this term, next week is a particularly busy week with several extra commitments involving large groups of children. Homework will therefore not be formally set next week (w/c 4th December). We would encourage the children to make some time for reading if possible but hope that this will be an opportunity to recover from what can be an exhausting time of year.



YEAR 1

We have been learning all about money in 1CM. This week we pretended we were in a post office and had to buy some writing paper, envelopes and stamps to post a letter. The children priced up the items and then found the correct amount of money to buy them.



HEREFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS' CAROL SERVICE

There was great excitement in the Cathedral last night as twelve schools joined together for a Carol Service. Opened in candlelight by HCS Chamber Choir, the scene was set for an atmospheric evening to start the Christmas festivities. The Year 5 & 6 Choir then took the lead with a beautiful rendition of 'In a Stable' by Mark and Helen Johnson. All of the choirs joined together for the rousing 'Hallelujah Chorus' and for a very special performance of 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. This was accompanied by musicians from the RAF Bands and was filmed to be sent out to RAF troops all over the world as part of their Christmas message this year.

PTA: 5th December is International Volunteer Day so a BIG thank you to all those parents and friends who have volunteered at PTA events or behind the scenes with preparations.

Cookbooks: The HCJS PTA cookbook will be a treasured keepsake and fabulous Christmas present and contains around 100 recipes donated by pupils from Nursery to Year 6. Cookbook order forms have been sent home. Please complete the form and return with payment to the PTA tray in the School Office by Friday 8th December. Books will be sent home in your child's book bag.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

This week the U9 boys took part in a rugby festival at King's St Albans whilst we were very grateful to Abberley Hall for being able to host our 'A' team rugby because of flooding at Wyeseide. All of the girls in Years 5 & 6 played hockey too. Next Tuesday, the Year 3 & 4 pupils will be doing their cross country event at Wyeseide. Boys and girls need to run in their games kit. Footwear should be either boots, spikes or trainers. With possible cold weather, children may want to wear a pair of gloves and skins. The event starts at 2.45pm. There are no sports clubs afterwards. Next Friday it is House Matches for Years 5 & 6. Hockey will take place at Hereford Leisure Centre at and Rugby at Wyeseide, both starting at 2.15pm. Both competitions have pick up times of 3.30pm at the venue or 4pm back at school.

Rugby: Abberley Hall U11A 30 – 15 HCJS U11A (Harry C 3)
Abberley Hall U11B 0 – 50 HCJS U11B
Abberley Hall U10A 20 – 5 HCJS U10A (Coenraad)
Abberley Hall U10B 30 – 45 HCJS U10B (Jonathan 4, Max D 2, Max P, Finnley)

Hockey: Abberley Hall A 2 – 1 HCJS A (Lilia)
Abberley Hall B 2 – 3 HCJS B (Harriet, Evie, Scarlet M)
Abberley Hall C 0 – 0 HCJS C
Abberley Hall D 1 – 0 HCJS D

AWARDED DURING ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

- Herefordshire gala swimming medals to A Madge and M Gillett (2 silver & 2 bronze each)

Merit Certificates to: S Wright, G Martin(2), C Bonelle(2), M Gillett, E Walker(2), J Collett, H Capozzoli, G Powell, M Knuth, H Walduck, I North, O Parker, I Gardiner(2), M Phillips(2), J Shone, S Skerrett(2), R Yeo, L Vaughan, S Jones, E Williams, N Legge, H Jehan, F O'Meara, P Matthews(2), H Lively(2), N Morley-Wall, L Sinclair, S Jeyanand, R Warner, H Storrer, O Simmons(2), H Gamble(3), S Mann, K Rogers, M Jones(2), P Blackburn, F Rogers, I Andrade(3), A Essenhigh(2), I Pizii(2), E Legge, E Windsor-Collins, H Kuriakose(2), M Denny, E Dorise, T Bevan, N Hanasoge, J Stanley, T Wilson, O Vernon, F Preston, E Legge, A Downie, L Sinclair, R Morrison, L Stanley, J Darwood, T Whitehouse

Happy Birthday this week to... Ella Jennings, Poppi Broderick and Sashvat Pillai

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Games team sheets and fixture arrangements: [Boys fixtures](#) and [Girls fixtures](#)

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