

## Issue No 783, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### THE WEEK AHEAD:

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| <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>  | UK Chess Challenge School Qualifier, Zimmerman Main Hall | 9am-1pm        |
| <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>    | Development Plan Focus Meeting                           | 4-5pm          |
|                                  | Y4&5 'Panto Pandemonium' Performance, St John's          | 7pm            |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>   | PTA Reps Meeting, Library                                | 9.15am         |
|                                  | Y3&4 Netball House Matches, Gwynne St.                   | 2.15pm         |
|                                  | Y3&4 Football House Matches, Wyeside                     | 2.15pm         |
|                                  | Y4&5 'Panto Pandemonium' Performance, St John's          | 7pm            |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Ash Wednesday</i>                                     |                |
|                                  | School Service led by The Dean (Y3-6), Cathedral         | 8.50am         |
|                                  | Y5&6 Netball House Matches, Gwynne St.                   | 2.15pm         |
|                                  | Y5&6 Football House Matches, Wyeside                     | 2.15pm         |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>  | <i>(No clubs today)</i>                                  |                |
|                                  | <i>Home Clothes Day</i>                                  |                |
|                                  | <b>Pre-Prep (Christmas) Puppet Show, St David's Hall</b> | <b>10.45am</b> |
|                                  | Half Term begins   | 3.35pm         |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>    | Staff INSET  | all day        |
|                                  | Y5&6 Art & Drama Trip to London departs                  | am             |
| <b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>  | Y5&6 Art & Drama Trip to London returns                  | pm             |

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

This week has seen the launch of our new Junior School facebook page. Please 'like' the page to keep up to date with news, photos, and PTA events <https://www.facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/> Please do stay tuned to the main HCS Facebook page for our whole school news.

Also this week, Mr Smith and I have gone public with our blogs! You can read what we have to say, and contribute too, at <https://www.herefordcs.com/blog> Thus far, I have published articles on the value of praising process and effort and on internet safety.

Amongst the children in Years 4&5, panto excitement is running high - as I write, the dress rehearsal is in full swing! Also next week, is our Ash Wednesday Cathedral Service (at which the Choristers and the Chamber Choir will be singing). Further details are overleaf - I do hope that many of you will be able to join us.



Next week, we welcome a new Head's PA to the Junior School. As I wrote last week, Mrs Lucy Stonehouse will join us on Monday. Mrs Stonehouse joins us from the University of Wales, where she worked as a senior administrator as part of the Quality, Audit and Review team.

She can be contacted at [l.stonehouse@herefordcs.com](mailto:l.stonehouse@herefordcs.com)

*Chris Wright*

## HOME CLOTHES DAY - THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

The Junior School will be having a Home Clothes Day on Thursday 15th February (the last day of this half of term). There is no theme on this occasion and pupils are therefore able to wear anything of their choosing for a £1 donation. May we ask that there is no makeup to be worn or hair colouring. Our School Council have chosen St Michael's Hospice as the recipients of this fundraising event.

## INTERNET SAFETY EVENING

During Tuesday's Internet Safety Evening for Parents, we watched the CEOP film Jigsaw. This is the film we show children in Years 5 & 6 which demonstrates how things can go wrong if one shares snippets of personal information without thinking. The film goes on to show what steps one can take, the importance of privacy settings and how one can seek help. We went on to discuss the importance of thinking about putting safeguards in place at home to ensure that our children are not exposed to inappropriate content, and the ways in which we might work alongside our children, monitoring and guiding their online activities. We discussed Mr Wright's Top Ten Tips for Keeping Children Safe Online, which can be found in his new blog, at [www.herefordcs.com/blog](http://www.herefordcs.com/blog)

## YEAR 6

On Wednesday all of Year 6 were invited to the Senior School to participate in a Maths workshop led by the very entertaining Mr Priday. They worked on ancient Euclidian geometry proofs and discovered that the sum of the angles in a triangle is not always 180 degrees (hint: think when it is drawn on a 3D surface). They were also amazed at the number of uses for a Mobius band which at one point had Mr Debenham in handcuffs for a crime for which he had been framed!



## YEAR 3

On Wednesday, Year 3 went to Techniquest, Cardiff as part of their scientific learning. The children had a great time exploring the exhibits and investigating different aspects of Science. The show focused on the human body and the children particularly enjoyed following the journey of food through the body. Great fun was had by all!



## KEEPING WARM

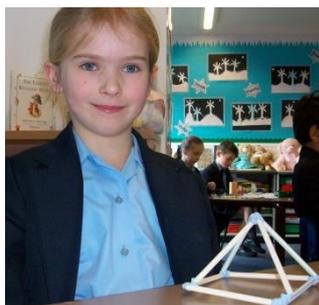
Please can parents ensure that all children come to school with school coats and beanie hats, especially on swimming days. Thank you.

## PLAY IN CLASS WEEK

Years 3 - 6 have the opportunity to bring their musical instruments into music lessons next week to play a piece for their friends. This is a lovely way to learn about different instruments and to practise performing in a small and friendly environment. Please do encourage your child to bring their instrument in on the day that they usually have their class music lesson.

## YEAR 2

Year 2 have enjoyed exploring the properties of 3D shapes and made skeleton shapes out of straws and Blu Tack. The children made cubes, cuboids, pyramids and triangular prisms and recorded the number of edges and vertices of each shape.



## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

**Monday (Reception-Year 6):** Safer Internet Day 2018. Mr Hutchinson talked about staying safe online, basing his words around this year's theme for Safer Internet Day - 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'. The idea is to encourage pupils to work together to be positive, safe and respectful online. The campaign encourages pupils to consider how they interact with others to develop healthy online relationships. We watched the UK Safer Internet Centre's film: <https://vimeo.com/247778242>. In addition, during the week, pupils in Years 1&2 have watched the KS1 version: <https://vimeo.com/247783981>

**Tuesday (Reception-Year 2):** Through a number of stand-up-for-yes sit-down-for-no questions, Mr Wright explored with the children how they use devices such as mobile phones and tablets at home. We established that very nearly all the children use electronic devices such as these, mainly to play games (some of which are educational!). Some of the children are using games and apps which allow users to message each other too. We spoke about how one might respond if a stranger appeared at the front door asking "what's your name?" and other similar questions - Mrs Moon played the part of a stranger most convincingly! We agreed that it made no difference whether the person was at the front door, or online. We agreed that the first thing we would do was to call for Mum or Dad.

**Wednesday (Years 3-6):** Animal loving 4P did an assembly this week on the huge contribution animals have made and make to our war and anti-terrorism efforts and the recognition they are given. They researched the Dickin Medal which is the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross and has only been awarded 68 times since 1943 and learnt about those animals that have been recipients. Many hours were spent producing poetry and 'war letters' which they read out during their performance. This was an interesting and moving topic and all the children learned to think about courage and bravery from another perspective.

**Friday (Years 3-6):** We spoke about finding a balance between real life and imaginary life online.



## CHORISTERS AND CHAMBER CHOIR SING AT ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

As noted in the calendar, our Ash Wednesday Service is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (8.50-9.10am) in the Cathedral. The Service is conducted by The Dean, accompanied by the Cathedral Choristers, 11 of whom are pupils at the Junior School. As well as telling us of Ash Wednesday, The Dean will be talking about the Choristers, who will also sing. As an added bonus this year, the Chamber Choir will be performing too, in preparation for the BBC Songs of Praise Choir of the Year Semi-Finals, in which they are competing on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All parents are extremely welcome to attend, and to join Mr Wright for coffee afterwards.

## CHORISTERS

On Monday, the choristers performed at Buckingham Palace for a select audience including Prince Charles. This was an exciting first time visit for most of the choristers.

## GAMES DEPARTMENT

### **House matches - Tuesday 13th February:**

Y3&4 Girls at Gwynne St. 2.15pm start, 3.35pm pick up at school. There is no club.

Y3&4 Boys will be playing House Football at Wyeseide. 2.15pm start, 3pm pick up at Wyeseide or 3.45pm at school. There is no club.

### **House matches - Wednesday 14th February:**

Y5&6 Girls at Gwynne St. 2.15pm start. 3.35pm pick up at school.

Y5&6 Boys at Wyeseide. 2.15pm start. 3.10pm pick up at Wyeseide or 3.45pm at school.

Kit: there are an increasing number of boys in Years 4-6 who do not have the correct kit for games. This mostly involves shin pads and boots. Please ensure that they have these packed.

Despite the cold weather, a full programme of matches has taken place this week. It began last Saturday as the Colts A footballers continued their unbeaten start to the season by defeating the Downs. However on Wednesday, we were brought back to earth with a heavy defeat at Moor Park. Both the B team and C team had good wins. In arctic conditions, our U9s played netball and football at Abberley after our cross country runners had taken part in their relays on Sunday.

### Football

Malvern Downs Colts A 0 – 1 HCJS Colts A (Harry C)

Moor Park Colts A 5 – 0 HCJS Colts A

Moor Park B 0 – 1 HCJS B (Archie)

Moor Park C 1 – 8 HCJS C (Oliver V 4, Will S 2, Rob 2)

Abberley Hall U9A 6 – 3 HCJS U9A (Emilio 2, Finlay)

Abberley Hall U9B 1 – 4 HCJS U9B (Devon 2, Freddie, James S)

### Netball

HCJS Colts A 17 – 5 Moor Park A (Lilia 12, Zara B 5)

HCJS Colts B 3 – 3 Moor Park (Zara S 3)

Abberley Hall U9A 2 – 8 HCJS U9A (Ella 5, Maggie 3)

Abberley Hall U9B 1 – 10 HCJS U9B (Robyn 7, Gracie 3)

## HARRY POTTER CLUB

Year 6 have been busy in Harry Potter club this term. So far we have made Harry Potter Monopoly, dressed up for Harry Potter Day last week and entered a Fantastic Beasts competition through Bloomsbury publishers, creating a display in the library and drawing new beasts. This week we are all set to make some Harry Potter style valentines gifts, although I decided to leave the love potion ingredients at home to be on the safe side!



## PTA

- With half-term coming up soon the PTA would love to see photos of parents and children cooking up delights from the HCJS PTA cookbook and letting us know your favourites! Please send your comments and pictures to [juniorpta@herefordcs.com](mailto:juniorpta@herefordcs.com) Don't forget you can also still purchase cookbooks for £8 – just send an email or speak to your PTA Rep.
- We are moving! The PTA room and Second Hand Uniform Shop is moving to a room in St David's Hall. If you are interested in any second hand uniform please email us at [juniorpta@herefordcs.com](mailto:juniorpta@herefordcs.com) and we can arrange an appointment. There will also be a sale of second hand uniform in the new location on Friday 9th March 3pm–4.30pm.
- There is a PTA Reps Meeting on Tuesday 13th February at 9:15am. If you have anything you would like to be discussed please speak to your class PTA Rep.

## AWARDED DURING ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Merit Certificates to: F Jefferson(2), E Legge, F Preston(2), A Creese, F Inott, L Vaughan, H Kuriakose(2), T Wilson, K Rogers(2), S Mann, N Hanasoge(2), H Gamble(2), M Denny(2), T Bevan(2), I Andrade, R Yeo, L Stanley, C Brinkerink, M Phillips, E Legge, I Gardiner, O Simmons, P Middleton, E Pugh, Humphrey Lively.

**Happy Birthday this week to...** Milly Morgan-Jones, Dylan Ray, Oscar Prosser and James Botfield

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

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