

## Issue No 781, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### THE WEEK AHEAD:

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Senior School Internal 11+ Examinations	all day
	Cathedral Liaison Meeting, Chapter Room	1.15pm
	Y5 Focus Meeting for Staff	4.15pm
	U11 Swimming v The Elms (a)	6pm
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	U9 A Football v The Elms (h)	2.30pm
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	5B Form Assembly, St David's Hall	8.50am
	Colts A,B&C Football v RGS The Grange (a)	2.30pm
	Colts D,E&F Football v RGS The Grange (h)	2.30pm
	Colts A&B Netball v RGS The Grange (h)	2.30pm
	Colts C&D Netball v RGS The Grange (a)	2.30pm
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Y5 Parents' Evening, Zimmerman Main Hall	5.30-8.30pm
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Senior School 11+ Academic Scholarship Day	all day
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Colts A Football v The Downs (a)	2.30pm
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Abberley Hall U11 Cross Country Relays	2.30pm

### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Y1 Parent Consultations (until 15th)</i>	
	Choristers sing Evensong at HCPT Fundraising Event, London	all day
	Nursery & Pre-Prep Vista Group Photo, St David's Hall	10am-12pm
	Development Plan Focus Meeting	4-5pm
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Safer Internet Day</i>	
	U9 A Football v Abberley Hall (a)	2.30pm
	U9 A&B Netball v Abberley Hall (a)	2.30pm
	<b>Internet Safety Presentation, St David's Hall</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Y3 Trip to Techniquist, Cardiff	all day
	Y6 Maths Taster at Senior School, Gilbert Library	9.15am
	4P Form Assembly, St David's Hall	1pm
	Colts A&B Netball v Moor Park (h)	2.30pm
	Colts A,B&C Football v Moor Park (a)	2.45pm
	Professional Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4.10pm
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Y4&5 'Panto Pandemonium' Technical Rehearsal, St John's	pm
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Y4&5 'Panto Pandemonium' Dress Rehearsal to Y2,3&6, St John's	10.45am
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	UK Chess Challenge School Qualifier, Zimmerman Main Hall	9am-1pm

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

It was good to welcome Year 3 parents on Monday to our Parents' Evening. I hope that you found the dialogue with teachers informative and useful. Thank you too to those parents who were able to attend our Cathedral Service on Wednesday, and well done to the children of 6D who led the service, naturally and capably. Well done too to the U9 girls who started their sporting season with one win and one loss against The Downs, and to our Colts B, C and D teams who enjoyed a clean sweep of victories against The Downs on Wednesday. Yesterday we took 8 children to the IAPS regional swimming heats at Moreton Hall. We will hear any qualifiers for the IAPS National Swimming Championships at the Aquatics Centre in London in due course, though clearly the children all enjoyed the experience.

As I write, the Reception children are enjoying a morning at Café Ascari - perhaps I might head over for hot chocolate! I have provided more details about this week's inspection below - we have had an extremely happy and positive week.

*Chris Wright.*

#### ISI INSPECTION OF HCJS

As you know, the School was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Thank you to those of you who contributed to the parents' questionnaire and to those who sent in messages of good luck!

The inspection was a compliance inspection, checking our compliance with the Schools' Regulations. Informed by parent and pupil surveys, scrutiny of our policies and the children's work, lesson observations and interviews with staff and children, the inspectors judge whether or not the school is compliant with the Independent Schools Standards and with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

They inspect every area of the school's provision: from curriculum and teaching to behaviour, bullying and safeguarding, from the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils to health and safety matters and safe staff recruitment.

At this time, I can say little about the inspectors' findings, except to report that your children did you proud and we have had a happy and productive week.

The inspection report will be published in 5 weeks' time, at which point it will be sent to all parents.

#### ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

**Monday (Reception-Year 6):** Mr Debenham spoke about opinions, and the value of different opinions. He also spoke about the value of freedom of expression, and the importance of respect and tolerance of others' opinions. Joe Blackman played the clarinet.

**Tuesday (Reception-Year 2):** Mr Debenham spoke about Martin Luther King and how to achieve your dreams. He told children how small things can make a big difference.

**Wednesday (Years 3-6):** 6D led our Cathedral Service, presenting to children in Years 2-6 about Jesus' first miracle, at the Wedding in Cana, and Epiphany.

**Friday (Years 3-6):** Friday (Years 3-6): Mr Wilkinson spoke about freedom of movement, and how not everyone enjoys the freedoms that we do. He spoke about the Iron Curtain and the Berlin Wall and told the children how he came to meet and help an immigrant from the Sudan in the Summer holidays.

#### SILLY PUTTY PHENOMENON!

Year 4 have been making wonderful silly putty using Robyn's recipe, who certainly knows her ingredients. This craze has taken over Science lessons and has proven successful, popular and great fun. What will be next ?!!



## YEAR 3

Year 3 have been looking at Christian ceremonies in their RE lessons and have studied christenings and weddings so far. 3W re-enacted a wedding ceremony, complete with a father of the bride, bridesmaids, a best man, a vicar and of course a slightly nervous groom! A hymn was



sung and a prayer was said, along with the wedding vows written by Year 3. Fun was had by all and the wedding party looked the part with their smart outfits. We are looking forward to the two royal weddings later in the year!



## NURSERY

Rain doesn't stop play in Nursery! Nursery have been thinking about water this week and have loved playing and singing in the rain.



## DEBATING CLUB by Niamh M-W

This term we started debating club. We began slowly with simple questions with yes or no answers then moved on to bigger questions such as 'should pet birds be kept in cages?' or 'should we have multiple choices of sport?', for which we found the whole club agreeing except for one person.....Mr Wright, who stood alone, but later came up with some good points, winning over a few of us! We are all looking forward to more interesting topics to discuss and debate in the coming weeks - all those in favour say 'aye!'



## CHAMBER CHOIR

Congratulations to the Junior School Chamber Choir who have been selected for the semi-finals of the BBC 1 Songs of Praise Young Choir of the Year. A CD entry was sent to the judges in November and they faced tough competition from hundreds of choirs across the UK. Only a few choirs are chosen for the televised performance so we are extremely proud to be one of them. The Chamber Choir will be



working hard now to learn a difficult new piece of music in time for the filming on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This will be broadcast later in the Spring.

## HEREFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS WW1 COMPETITION

The Junior School is taking part in a competition to commemorate the First World War and entries will be displayed alongside the Weeping Window of Poppies at Hereford Cathedral in March and April.



The Writing Category is open to anyone in Years

3 to 6 and consists of the following: a piece of prose, poetry, letter, diary, description or biography of a family member written by the pupil and submitted either on a single-sided sheet of A3 or A4 paper. There is also an Art category which, similarly, should be submitted on an A3 or A4 piece of paper and could be a painting, drawing, collage, sketch relating to the First World War. The submission must relate to an aspect of the First World War, eg the Home Front, Battles, animals in war, poppies as a symbol, life in the trenches etc.

Entries must be submitted to Mrs Roberts or Mrs Gummerson before Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

## GAMES DEPARTMENT

This week, the inclement weather has caused flooding at Wyese. Although an inconvenience, we have still managed to do Games and matches against The Downs were switched. Unfortunately, the Winterfold Football Tournament was cancelled. Next week, there is swimming against The Elms on Monday, U9 Football v The Elms on Tuesday and on Wednesday, all of Year 5 & 6 are playing either football or netball against RGS the Grange. There is also a football match on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February against The Downs, whilst on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February a team of cross country runners will take part in Abberley Hall's relays.

### Football

Malvern Downs Colts B 0 – 1 HCJS Colts B (Bobby)

Malvern Downs Colts C 0 – 2 HCJS Colts C (Ben G, Oliver S)

Malvern Downs Colts D 0 – 3 HCJS Colts D (Oscar, Logan, William S)

### Netball

HCJS U9A 4 – 11 Malvern Downs U9A (Ella 3, Maggie)

HCJS U9B 3 – 1 Malvern Downs U9B (Gracie 3)

## RAF CONCERT, CATHEDRAL

A reminder that on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, the **Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment** will be with us for an evening concert at 7.00pm in the Cathedral, in support of RAF Charities. HCS Concert Band, Cantabile Girls' Choir and the Senior Chamber Choir will also be performing. This is a great opportunity to hear one of the world's leading bands, and something I would encourage all wind and brass players to experience.

Tickets are £15 front nave and £10 rear nave and transepts. Please contact Old Deanery for tickets, cash or cheque only. Tickets are also available from The Courtyard. Proceeds to RAF Charities.

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES – AN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

We have organised an Internet Safety Presentation for parents. The session will be led by PCSP Ali Thompson of the Hereford Youth Engagement Team and will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February in St David's Hall. All parents are most welcome to attend.

## STUDENT TEACHER

Next week, we will be welcoming Tom Hale to HCJS. Tom is completing his teacher training at Worcester University and is joining us for a 6 week placement. Primarily, he will be working alongside Mr Turpin, on the games field, in the sports hall and in the classroom. Before starting at Worcester University, Tom attended the Chase High School in Malvern and he is the current captain of Malvern Rugby Club.

## AWARDED DURING ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Grade 2 with Distinction (Saxophone): Zara Beaumont

## HCJS PTA UPDATE

- The PTA would like to say thank you to all the parents and children for their support at December's Christmas Bazaar. We raised over £800 and donated remaining cakes and gingerbread to a fete for St Michael's Hospice the following day. A special mention to Mrs Webb for helping to arrange this.
- PTA cookbooks are still available for purchase (£8), and would make a great gift or keepsake. To order, please email [juniorpta@herefordcs.com](mailto:juniorpta@herefordcs.com) They will also be available to purchase at certain forthcoming PTA events.
- We are pleased to announce that the HCJS PTA Summer Ball will be held on Saturday 9th June 2018. Further details will be circulated shortly but please save the date.
- The PTA Committee received three Educational Grant Applications last term:
  1. an application for a Rainforest workshop for Year 6
  2. an application for the replacement of Small World toys in Reception
  3. funding for the Pre-Prep Costumes for the Christmas productions.These were all approved by the committee and have been well received by relevant staff.

**Happy Birthday this week to...**Georgia Essenhigh, Evie Dorise, Max Fresle-Baillie & Michael Meadows

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

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

Keep up-to-date with all our news, events and achievements: [www.herefordcs.com](http://www.herefordcs.com)

Visit our School Photo Gallery: [www.herefordcs.com/Junior-and-Pre-Prep-Gallery](http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-and-Pre-Prep-Gallery)

Support our PTA for free via The Giving Machine:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hereford-cathedral-school-57200/>

Like us on Facebook:  [Facebook.com/HerefordCathedralSchool](https://www.facebook.com/HerefordCathedralSchool)

Follow us on Twitter:  [Twitter.com/Herefordcs1](https://twitter.com/Herefordcs1)

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/herefordcathedralschool>

Follow us on Google +:  [plus.google.com/+Herefordcs1](https://plus.google.com/+Herefordcs1)

Find us on YouTube:  [YouTube.com/HerefordVideo](https://www.youtube.com/HerefordVideo)

**Hereford Cathedral Junior School**, 28 Castle Street, Hereford HR1 2NW

01432 363511 [enquiry@herefordcs.com](mailto:enquiry@herefordcs.com) [www.herefordcs.com](http://www.herefordcs.com) Head: Mr Chris Wright