

Issue No 808, Wednesday 24th October 2018

AFTER HALF TERM:

Monday 5th

Pupils return 8.40am
Y6 Focus Meeting for Staff 4.15pm

Wednesday 7th

Colts A Hockey v The Downs (a) 2pm
Colts C&D Hockey v The Downs (Bridge St., Leominster) 2.30pm
Colts B Hockey v The Downs (a) 2.45pm

Thursday 8th

Woodall Day
Chamber Choir Rehearsal for Words & Music for Remembrance, Cathedral 1-2.25pm

Friday 9th

Words & Music for Remembrance, Cathedral 7pm
Act of Remembrance, Quiet Garden 10.45am

Saturday 10th

PTA Firework Display, Wyeside 6.30pm
The Elms U9 Hockey Tournament 12noon

FROM THE HEAD

Good luck to all the boys and girls in Years 5&6, all of whom are representing the school in matches this afternoon, as well as to those who are representing the school tomorrow in the Hereford City Primary Schools' Football Tournament, which we are hosting at Wyeside. Also this week, the Year 3 boys enjoyed their first away match experience, at Moor Park.

My thanks to those PTA reps who were able to come to Tuesday's PTA reps meeting. We discussed school communication, including our developing use of Firefly, as well as matters which had been put forward by parents.

My thanks too to parents from (almost!) every Junior School family who have responded to the Firefly survey, which I have written about in greater depth later in this newsletter.

I do hope you and your children have a wonderful half term break.

Chris Wright.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

Many of our talented instrumentalists performed in a concert on Monday evening. We had performances on the violin, clarinet, piano, trumpet and cornet, and everyone played with great confidence. We even had a few performers who had only had three or four lessons so far. Well done to all of those involved.



YEAR 3 'SPARKLERS'

Flash, sparkle and shine! Year 3 showcased Roman History, Spud Murphy, Hanukkah and Bonfire night, in a fast moving, action packed performance, singing songs specially written for them and leaving the audience in no doubt that they were loving every minute of it. What a fun way to start the year. Well done Year 3 and Mrs Walker.



PRE-PREP PERCUSSION WORKSHOP

Pre-prep enjoyed a Chinese themed percussion workshop filled with two 15 metre dragons and our very own lion! The children all enjoyed playing various different instruments and learnt some Chinese phrases.



CHARITY BOOKSHELF

Mrs Walker would like to thank all parents who have so far donated books. It has been wonderful to receive them and see the bookshelf steadily fill up. The bookshelf will hopefully continue to grow - there is another bookshelf currently being emptied of old books and Mrs Walker is hoping to replace them with new ones. Donations are therefore very welcome any time! The bookshelf will open after half term and we hope that many children (and charities) will benefit from the idea. Thank you all again.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception - Year 6): Mr Debenham spoke about phobias: spiders, snakes, even cotton wool for some. With reference to the 1 John 4:18 quote, we talked about what form love may take and how our support of each other can allay our fears.



**Perfect love
drives out
all fear**

1 John 4:18

Wednesday (Reception - 6): Mr Wright spoke about the expectations we have that each of us will look after each other. He talked briefly about the role of prefects and announced this year's House Captains and Vice Captains. The assembly was followed by House Meetings.

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

The Senior School Open Morning for all parents is on Saturday 17th November. Details are available from the school website at <http://www.herefordcs.com/Visits-and-Open-Days>. All parents are welcome.

JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

We are holding a Junior School Open Morning for prospective parents on Friday 16th November (from 9:45-11:30am). Please do pass on the details to anyone you know who might consider sending their children to HCJS. Visitors are toured round the school by Year 6 pupils; a unique opportunity to see the school through the eyes of the children. Details are posted on the school website at <http://www.herefordcs.com/Visits-and-Open-Days>



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enquiries@herefordcs.com

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JUNIOR & NURSERY OPEN MORNING

Please join us on Friday 16 November for the Head's Address, followed by guided tours of the school.

9.45am Arrive at St David's Hall, Castle Street, Hereford for refreshments and an opportunity to meet our staff.

10am Head's Address.

10.15am Our pupils will take you on a guided tour of the School.

11am Refreshments in St David's Hall and another opportunity to speak with our staff.

RSVP 01432 363511
enquiries@herefordcs.com



'PLAY & DISCOVER' AT HCJS

Little ones aged 0-3 are invited to join us for fun games, creative activities, singing and storytelling on Wednesdays from 1.30-2.30pm.

Play & Discover sessions will take place at Hereford Cathedral School Nursery, Quay Street, Hereford, HR1 2NH. The sessions are free and open to all. Join us every Wednesday for shared play and exploration. Each week will have a different theme, offering an activity for you to enjoy with your child. The activity will focus on the Areas of Learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage, offering the opportunity to make new discoveries as you talk and play together.

Forthcoming sessions:

November 7: Rainbow Rockets. Focus: Expressive Arts and Understanding the World

November 14: Messy Monster Maths. Focus: Numeracy

November 21: Wiggle and Squiggle – Time to Move.

Focus: Expressive Arts and Physical Development

November 28: Peppa Pig's Musical Christmas. Focus: Communication and Language

December 5: Make and Take – Christmas Craft. Focus: Expressive Arts



For further details or to book a place at these stay-and-play sessions, please contact enquiry@herefordcs.com or call 01432 363511.

FIREFLY PARENT SURVEY

Thank you very much to all those parents who have responded to our Firefly Survey. Clearly parents are finding the system an effective way of accessing information about the School. Parents made suggestions, or had queries, which we have summarised below, along with some responses which you may find useful.

Email notifications

Some parents made the point that if the school is expecting a response from a parent (for example, filling in a permission slip) then an email notification would be useful.

Please be assured that parents will receive a notification to their email address if a response is required. *Some parents asked about receiving an email notification when an item of information is posted which is relevant to their specific child.*

The system does not allow us to easily send a notification to specific parents, for example those whose children are listed on a specific team sheet. So it remains the case that parents need to check through team lists, for example. This can be easily done on a PC or on a mobile phone via the app. We have uploaded some 'How To' videos for parents here: <https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/how-to-videos-for-parents>

Some parents asked about receiving email notification when new generic information is posted (for example, term dates for the next academic year).

We will need to find our way through this as we are aware that parents will not want to receive many emails each day! At present we would send an email notification when we publish new term dates, but not when we publish something which seems more minor.

Academic information

Some parents asked if we would publish timetables on Firefly, and other academic information.

At present, we are looking into this, and we will write more fully about this after half term.

Parents App

Some parents commented that they find the App cumbersome.

Creating personal bookmarks makes the app far more user friendly. Mr Wright has uploaded some 'How To' videos for parents here: <https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/how-to-videos-for-parents>

AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

MERITS

H Gamble, R Morrison, I Gardiner, H White, H Lively, A Essenhigh, E Yorke, O Simmons, W Cripps, S Mann, N Lewis, G Watts, I Debenham (x2), S Haverty, P Jerram, E Walker, A Madge, N Goodwin, T Morgan-Jones, B Evans, M Morgan-Jones, E Maxted, Hugo Lively, Humphrey Lively, S Vernon, E Simcock & G Maxted.

OTHER AWARDS

William Cripps - Herefordshire Cycling Club Junior 'Rider of the Year'.

Florence Moseley - riding rosettes.

FROM THE PTA

- Don't forget the PTA Fireworks night will be held on Friday 9th November at Wyese. This is always such a great evening for parents and children and it would be wonderful to see everyone there. Please can you complete the form and return it to the School Office with payment by Wednesday 7th November.
- Thank you to all the PTA Reps who attended the meeting with Mr Wright on Tuesday morning. It was great to see so many there at what was a very helpful and informative meeting.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

Abberley Hall Cross-Country Thursday 11th Oct 2018

On Thursday 11th October, Mr Hutchinson and Miss Benson took a team of 8 Junior School runners over to Abberley Hall, to compete in the annual U11 cross-country race. Conditions were very warm, dry and windy. As usual the Abberley Hall course was a tough one with lots of ups and downs, although it was unusually dry and mud free for this time of year.

All the Junior School runners gave 100% in their race and we had some excellent results. The runners very much appreciated the drink and doughnut provided to all finishers.

U11 Boys

Oliver S 2nd

Toby W 9th

Joe S 27th

Max P 31st

U11 Girls

Evie D 8th

Esther W 26th

Isabel N 41st

Lydia S 49th



Happy Birthday this week to... Teddy Morgan-Jones, Lorena Andrade, Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon & Marley Harris.

Junior Times Archive: 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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