

Issue No 802, Friday 14th September 2018

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 17th	Individual Pupil Photos, Library	all day
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm
Tuesday 18th	The Downs U9 Rugby Festival (a)	2.45pm
Wednesday 19th	Professional Committee, Briscoe Room	4pm
Thursday 20th	School Council Meeting, 5B	3.45pm
Friday 21st	PGL Tregoyd Trip departs (<i>until 24th</i>)	1.35pm
Saturday 22nd	Senior School Open Morning	9.45am-12.45pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

Monday 24th	<i>Pre-Prep Consultations for New Parents</i>	<i>all week</i>
	PGL Tregoyd Trip returns	3.30pm
	Health & Safety Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4pm
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm
Tuesday 25th	New Staff Evensong & Drinks Reception, Cathedral	5.30pm
Wednesday 26th	<i>European Day of Languages</i>	
	Colts A,B,C&D Hockey v Monmouth Girls (a)	2.45pm
	U11 A&B Rugby v Monmouth (a)	2.45pm
	PTA AGM, St David's Hall	7pm
Thursday 27th	<i>(No clubs today)</i>	
	<i>Britten Day</i>	
	Harvest Festival Rehearsal, Bartonsham Dairy	10.30am-12noon
	Harvest Festival Service, Bartonsham Dairy	2.30pm
	School Fete, Quiet Garden	3.30pm
Friday 28th	PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning, St David's Hall	8.45-10.15am
Saturday 29th	History Outreach Event, Junior School	10am-12noon

FROM THE HEAD

I do hope your children have enjoyed their first full week of the new school year, and that you too, are successfully navigating your children's new routines. Please do get in touch with the School Office or your child's Form Tutor as appropriate, with any queries or concerns as we settle into the new term.

The rollout of our new communication system, Firefly, continues, and I hope that you are finding our new system useful. Please see overleaf some tips on using Firefly which you may find helpful! Team sheets and sports news, including match reports, will from now on be posted on Firefly (Junior School Activities/Sport). A reminder of our system: we publish team sheets at least 48 hours before each fixture. We are unable to send personalised notifications so parents will need to check team sheets as has been the case in the past. If you have queries about activating or using your Firefly account, or the Parent App, please do get in touch.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

As you would have seen in the school calendar, our Harvest Festival Celebration is due to take place on Thursday 27th September at 2.30pm. We are very grateful to the Matthews family for allowing us to hold this year's celebration at Bartonsham Dairy amongst the cows! Parents are most welcome to attend, and further details will be sent in due course.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception – Year 6): Mr Wright talked about legacies, and how we leave a legacy behind us everyday. What will your legacy be? “Dear Lord, being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind. Help us to leave a wonderful legacy behind us today, tomorrow and every day”.

Tuesday (Reception – Year 2): Mr Debenham talked to the Pre-Prep about how we protect ourselves from danger and the 'Big 3 Things to Remember' relating to stranger danger.

Wednesday (Years 3 – 6): As we sang our hymn, a member of the Senior School staff unknown to the Junior School children came into the back of the hall and asked 3 children to leave the hall with him to help him with something outside. He left these children outside the hall with a member of the Junior School staff, and then came back for more children. By the time the hymn had finished, a large number of children were outside St David's wondering what was going on! We then spoke about how we might react if someone unknown to us asks us to go with them.

Friday (Years 3 – 6): Mrs Roberts spoke about the BFG who collected dreams, and about Jacob's son, Joseph, who having interpreted dreams, oversaw the collection of food and then its redistribution during the famine in Egypt. The children spoke about things they could collect and redistribute, especially with the Harvest Festival in mind. Ideas included toys, books, clothes, food and even money. We also went on to discuss the things that we could give that were free, such as time and a smile.

FIREFLY

We hope that parents have activated their accounts and logged onto Firefly, our new communication tool. Please do get in touch if you experience any problems. Here are some tips for using Firefly which you may find useful:

TIP#1 To find your child's names amongst many others on a webpage, use your browsers FIND function (Ctrl-F)

TIP#2 Using bookmarks. If you are likely to visit a page regularly, you can 'bookmark' it. Links to your personal bookmarks appear on the right hand side of the dashboard on the web (under the bookmarks that the school have recommended to you) and within the parent app. You may, for example, want to bookmark a parents contact sheet or the boys or girls team lists page.

CHARITY BOOK SHELF

Mrs Walker is hoping to set up a charity book shelf at school. She would like any recently written books, which parents are willing to donate to the school. Perhaps there are families where the younger sibling has finished reading them, and they are just collecting dust on shelves at home! Instead of lots of parents buying the same books and then leaving them at home, the idea is that these books are kindly donated and then lent out by the school (run by Mrs Walker) to pupils, who have to make a minimum 10p donation to charity for borrowing the book. The hope is that money can be raised for charity whilst the children all benefit from reading recently published books. So far, she needs another two shelves before it can run successfully. Any donations would be gratefully received and can be left in 5W or in the School Office for Mrs Walker. The final total of money which has been raised will be announced at the end of each term, and the children will select which charity to support. Thank you in advance for any donations.



NURSERY

The Nursery children have had fun getting to know one another, and exploring the inside and outside areas. With some help, they made handprints to decorate a poem all about their first day:

"Here are my hands with ten fingers in all,
My first mark in Nursery to hang on the wall.
As years go by I will remember and say,
My hands and I had a good first day!"



RECEPTION

Reception have settled into the new term very well. This week, we have enjoyed a fun PE session, yoga, numbers to 10, dough disco to Abba music and started Jolly Phonics!



Many thanks to our PTA from all of Reception who are loving their new benches. We have eaten our snack on them, played with dinosaurs and done some number work on them too!!

Reception role play - Reception would love to receive old technology to enhance different scenarios in their role play corner. If anyone has any old cameras/ phones or computer keyboards, Reception would be most thankful!

THE BEANO SUBSCRIPTIONS

For 80 years, Beano has been getting children reading and laughing. Every issue of Beano delivers fresh vocabulary and perfectly pitched funny stories written in good English. Beano is a great way to establish a weekly reading habit. If you are interested in subscribing to the monthly magazine through school, you will enjoy a significant discount (£58 per annum instead of £89). Please register your interest with Mrs Roberts (c.roberts@herefordcs.com) before Friday 21st September to make the most of this great offer and receive a magazine the whole family can enjoy!

HCS EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Calling all showjumpers, eventers and dressage riders. If you are interested in competing for the HCS equestrian team in competitions run by the Nationals Schools Equestrian Association, Mrs Roberts would be keen to hear from you. You must have your own horse and preferably means to transport it (though we may be able to arrange sharing). Competitions for Junior School pupils will probably be local though some are qualifiers for national events.

Please let Mrs Roberts (c.roberts@herefordcs.com) know your name, name of horse and ability level (i.e. max jump height currently being jumped), and we will organise registration with the association.

There is an event at Lucton School on 14th October with classes starting at 65cm jumps up to 1m, but other events will be organised with mini courses in the future.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

Last weekend, both the U11 boys and U11 girls got their sporting seasons underway. The boys performed very well defeating RGS the Grange, King's St Albans B and The Elms, and were only defeated by the eventual winners, King's Hawford. The girls enjoyed seven games in their pre-season tournament at Cheltenham College gaining lots of practice. They won four, defeating Swanbourne House, Malvern Downs, The Downs Wraxall and St Edward's Cheltenham, drew against Moor Park, and were defeated by The Elms and a very strong Cheltenham College. Both of these performances are hugely encouraging for the season ahead.

It is important that children have the correct kit for Games. Boys need full tracksuits, boots, trainers and gum shields (except Year 3). Girls need shin pads, trainers, gum shields and tracksuits. If they do not have the right safety equipment, then they simply cannot take part in some of the activities.

Next week, the U9s will go to The Downs, Malvern, to play in a triangular rugby festival in what will be their first school rugby match.

Congratulations also to all of our pupils who have won awards for sporting achievements outside of school. This has included cricket, tennis and equestrian events. We always enjoy hearing about them.



FROM THE PTA

We hope everyone had a great summer holiday!

Looking forward to the autumn term it's a busy one for the PTA but filled with great events that the children and parents can both enjoy!

- The Junior School PTA AGM is on **Wednesday 26th September at 7pm in St David's Hall**. Please come along to find out about what we did in the last academic year and if you'd like to get involved in this one!
- We have our inaugural Junior School PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning so please come and join us at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Friday 28th September** after drop off. St David's Hall will be open to enjoy coffee and cake for a fantastic cause from 8:45 – 10:15am
 - If any parent would like to donate a cake (whole or individual) these would be very gratefully received.
 - If there is anyone who would be keen to have a pop-up stall for the duration of the coffee morning please could they email juniorpta@herefordcs.com.
- The week commencing **Monday 8th October** will be Bag 2 School Week. If you are starting to pack and tidy away your spring/summer wardrobe please think about keeping aside and donating any unwanted items for our Bag 2 School collection. We will send out further information in the next couple of weeks.
- The PTA Fireworks display will be held at Wyeseid on **Friday 9th November from 6:30pm**. This is always a fun evening with food, drink and fireworks and definitely something to look forward to! A letter will be sent out nearer the time.
- The PTA Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Friday 30th November** in the Dining Hall after school (between 3 – 4:30pm). A letter will be sent out nearer the time.

There is still time to enter the **HCJS PTA summer photography competition** as we have extended the deadline to **Friday 21st September**. We want to see your amazing photos of HCJS on holiday! There will be a winner chosen from each year (Reception through to Year 6) who will be awarded with a £10 book voucher.



The only condition of entry is that photographs must contain a link to HCJS. Whether it's a school hat on a beach towel, a tie on a tent pole, or a reading diary on an aeroplane, it would be fantastic to see some inventive and imaginative photos submitted.

Please email the photo(s) to juniorpta@herefordcs.com along with the pupil's name and form by 21st September.

Also, please remember that the PTA have a second-hand uniform shop which parents can access by appointment either by emailing juniorpta@herefordcs.com or asking in the School Office. We also welcome any donations of old or unwanted uniform which can be dropped off at the School Office. Finally, if you do want to contact us about anything please email juniorpta@herefordcs.com or speak with your class/year rep.

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

The upcoming Open Morning at the Senior School offers the opportunity to 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 curriculum, pastoral care and extra-curricular activities. All year groups are welcome. Please contact Mrs Selena Fortey, Admissions Officer, on 01432 363506 or via email (admissions@herefordcs.com) if you would like to attend. Registration will be at 9.30am (Zimmerman Building, Church Street) for a 9.45am start.

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Saturday 17 November; 9.30am - 12.30pm

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SENIOR & SIXTH FORM OPEN MORNINGS

Please join us on **Saturday 22 September** or **Saturday 17 November** for our Senior School & Sixth Form Open Mornings.

The morning will start with the Headmaster's address at 9.45am, followed by guided tours of the School. You will have the opportunity to meet pupils and staff, view our facilities and see the school in action.

We look forward to welcoming you at 9.30am in the Zimmerman Main Hall on Church Street. Please note that parking is available just a five minute walk from school in Bath Street and Gaol Street car parks.

Please let us know if you would like to attend:
01432 363506
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We will also hold a Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 4 October from 6.30pm. For more details, please call 01432 363506.

AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

Brockhampton end of season medals: Archie Turtle, Auzzie Lowe, Finn Goodwin, Florence Brown, Freddie Turtle, Molly Goodwin, Eloise Whitehouse, Honor Watts, Maisie Goodwin, Toby Whitehouse & Scarlet Mann

Bartestree cricket - most improved player: William Cripps

Reading certificates: Vanessa Holman, Max Baillie & Freddie Turtle

Roller skating certificate: Vanessa Holman

Beaver badge: Vanessa Holman

Riding rosettes and cup: Florence Moseley

Riding rosettes: Milly Morgan-Jones

Pentathlon medal: Milly Morgan-Jones

Tennis cup and plates: Evie Dorise

Stagecoach certificate: Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon

Cathedral towel climbing certificate: Monty Bayles-Gungabissoon

Happy Birthday this week to...Toby Maxted, Huw Pritchard, Jemima Letts, Evie Williams & Eliza Makaruk.

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

Junior School photos along with news, events and achievements can be accessed via our

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