HCJS NEWSLETTER NO. 879











### CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 3rd - Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 4th** - *Summer Uniform compulsory from today* 

U8/9 A,B&C Girls Cricket v The Downs (a)

Wednesday 5th

U10/U11 A,B&C Girls Cricket v The Downs (h)

**Thursday 6th** 

Senior School 'School in Action' Open Afternoon Tours

**Governors Education Committee Meeting** 

Friday 7th - NSPCC Number Day

Cathedral Chorister Safeguarding Meeting

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 10th - Christian Aid Week

Cathedral Liaison Meeting Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Curriculum)

Tuesday 11th - Class Photos, Quiet Garden

Nursery & Pre-Prep Vista Photo, St David's Hall Y6 Vista Group Leavers' Photo, St David's Hall

Wednesday 12th - Reception to 'Pizza Making Masterclass', Dining Hall

U11/10 A,B&C Girls Cricket v King's St Albans (h)

Colts A, B&C Boys Cricket v King's St Albans (a)

Headmaster's Consultation Meeting

Friday 14th - Y3-6 'Commit to ComplEAT' Lunch, Dining Hall

**Saturday 15th** - Junior School Open Morning (via Zoom)

(Proposed start of step 3 of government roadmap out of lockdown)

2.45pm

2.30pm

2.15-3.45pm

4pm

10.45am

1.15pm 4.30pm

9am

11am 12noon

9.10am

2.30pm

2.30pm

4pm

12.15-12.45pm

10-11am

#### FROM THE HEAD

I am so pleased that we are able to slowly move out of lockdown. Matches began this week, and children in Years 3 & 4 had an enjoyable and successful afternoon's cricket against The Elms. Frustratingly, Wednesday's fixtures were cancelled - but refreshingly this was due to the weather rather than the pandemic.

We will, of course, continue following the Government's guidance as restrictions continue to lift. We have been able to organise an overnight trip for Year 6 at the end of term, about which Year 6 parents will have received detail. Likewise, we are looking forward to the return of Castle Hill Holiday Club and Summer's Cool too, details of which are included in this week's Junior Times.

I do hope you enjoy the long weekend with your children.



### A WELCOME RETURN!

For the first time in over a year, we were able to play a match! A group of Year 3 and 4 children travelled to The Elms to play in three coached



games of cricket. The weather was rather chilly and we did not keep any scores yet the experience for all was great. It was just nice to be back.

On Wednesday, the seasonal Summer weather took hold and unfortunately, due to the wet weather, the Year 5 & 6 matches were called off.

Next week, all of the girls in Years 3 & 4 are playing cricket away at The Downs on Tuesday whilst on Wednesday, all of the girls in Year 5 & 6 are playing cricket at Wyeside.

Full information is on Firefly as well as on the noticeboards at school.

### ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception - Year 6): This week's prerecorded assembly is available to parents HERE. This Monday Mr Wright talked about

The Five Bs

Brain

Board

Book

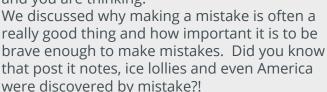
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independent thinking, independent problem solving and our Five Bs.

Wednesday (Reception -Year 6): In our live Zoom assembly, Mr Wright asked - is it a bad thing to make a mistake?

Answer - absolutely not, as long as you are trying and you are thinking.



Children then watched the film 'Good Mistakes' and identified great mindset traits and fixed mindset traits.

### MERITS THIS WEEK

Glasha Connolly, William Morgan, Ethan Aye-Maung, Albie Letts, Solilia Peppercorn, Martha Bozward, Nina Gleadhill, Solomon Wells and Sam Fisher. Also Solilia Peppercorn was awarded a certificate for for her donation to Hereford Food Bank.

### STAFF NEWS

This week we are pleased to welcome another new face to our GAP Student team. Miss Lottie Rees. Lottie studied Geography, Business & Classics at A-Level. She



enjoys horse riding, hockey, rounders & tennis. Lottie intends to attend Oxford Brookes to read Real Estate.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

Vanessa Holman, Florence Moseley, Eva Mae Powell, Beatrix Morgan-Jones and Henry Cobb!

## YOU ARE AWESOME!

At the beginning of March Mr Wright highly recommended 'YOU **ARE AWESOME**' by Matthew Syed - a book aimed at children about how to

find one's confidence and dare to be brilliant at (almost) anything. Some of you have gone out and grabbed your own copy and have provided us with some

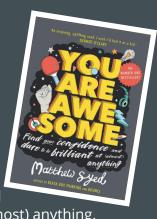
rave reviews!

"One of the many things I liked about 'You Are Awesome' is that it is very inspirational. For example in the chapter "Kid average to Kid awesome", the author (Matthew Syed) talks about how kid awesome always keeps trying and never gives up. And I also liked that, every few pages it has a really motivating quote like 'I haven't failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work' " ~ Fearn Middleton, Year 5 "I enjoyed it and can honestly say I've actually learnt from it too. How easy it is to slip into a fixed mindset without even really realising it..." ~ a Year 6 parent & fan Go out and grab a copy and make this bank

# PARKING

When choosing where to park at the beginning and end of the school day, please be considerate of our neighbours and take extra care when both driving and parking to ensure the safety of the children. Please do not park on the 'keep clear' markings, across pavements/gateways or double park as this is both dangerous and inconvenient to other road users. If you drive down Quay Street, please do not park either wholly or partially on the grass, nor on any of the paths around Castle Hill. Remember, you are likely to be issued with a parking ticket if your car is left in the road unattended. Designated parking bays are available along Castle Street, St Ethelbert Street and Cantilupe Street. You can also park within the Mill Street, Nelson Street & Green Street area. Alternatively, there are parking bays on Broad Street and across the city centre.

Please follow the link to our <u>Parking Guide</u> for further details about parking in and around school.





holiday awesome!

# SUMMER'S COOL - SAVE THE DATE!

Summer's Cool is back! HCJS's very own multiactivity holiday club for current pupils in Years 3-6 will run for 5 days from Monday 19th -Friday 23rd July 2021.

The week will be led by Mr Debenham, supported by members of the school staff. The day's activities will run from 8.30am-3.30pm, though children will be welcome to arrive from 8am and there will be the option for children to stay at Phoenix until 5.30pm.

Further details and booking/payment options will be published in May.

(Please note: all details are subject to government guidelines at the time and any resumption of Covid restrictions may result in this provision being cancelled at short notice).

# CASTLE HILL HOLIDAY CLUB



Castle Hill Holiday

Club will be running during half term, and also during the Summer holidays.

Government guidelines permitting, we are planning to welcome children from Nursery to Year 2 during the Summer holidays.
Regrettably, we are only able to operate for children in our Nursery during the Summer half term break.

Booking forms are now available for parents: Summer half term (Nursery children only): HERE (bookings close Monday 17th May) Summer holidays: (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2): HERE (bookings close Monday 28th June)

### GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL - SOME INSTRUCTIONS

Have you ever been late for school or confused about what to do and what not to do before you go? Well, this easy-to-follow set of instructions will help you, courtesy of Oliver Cooke (4W)!

### Things you will need:

- Toothbrush
- Flannel
- Hairbrush
- School Bag
- Water Bottle
- Snack (Any Kind)
- Shoes Polished
- Hat
- Breakfast
- Homework (If It Needs To Be Handed In)
- Coat
- Clock (For Bus Time)





- 1. Get up, go to the kitchen and have some breakfast.
- 2. Next, brush your teeth using a toothbrush. Then, wash your face with a flannel.
- 3. Immediately, go to your room and get dressed into your school uniform. Do not get distracted by annoying your sibling or playing on the computer.
- 4. Remember to put your pyjamas under your pillow and make your bed. (This never happens but it's a step I'm supposed to do)
- 5. Then, find your hairbrush and brush your hair.
- 6. Now, pack your school bag with a filled-up water bottle, a snack, your book bag and homework if you need to take any in.
- 7. Finally, put on your polished shoes, your hat and your coat. Look at the clock and when the bus is meant to arrive, go and stand on the drive.

Have a nice day at school!

### WRAP, SPLAT, HAT!

As the weather is getting sunnier and hotter children should:

- Have sun cream applied before school
- Bring a labelled/named sun cream to school for the children to apply themselves later in the day.
- Parents of children in Nursery & Reception will have signed a consent form to allow the teachers to apply more sun cream to the younger children, when needed.

We would also like to encourage children to wear a School crested baseball cap.

The sun cream and hat are particularly important on days when the children are at games off site or will be outside for prolonged periods of time.



### NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have continued to look at dinosaurs. Our dino egg hatched and we have welcomed Rory the dinosaur into Nursery. The children have been looking after him and making him feel welcome in HCJS Nursery. We have also been busy making our own shape dinosaurs and creating healthy herbivore cups by cutting up different vegetables and eating them at snack time.







### MEXICAN THEME LUNCH!

Last Thursday HCJS had a Mexican theme lunch! The fiesta fun menu included: Beef Chilli & Rice, Chicken Enchiladas, Three Bean Chimichangas, Re-Fried Beans, Orange Polenta Cake and was accompanied by Tortilla Chips, Salsa and Sour Cream!

Comamos, Amigos! ~ Let's Eat, friends!



### YEAR 1

As part of our 'Plant' topic 1TW have been looking at wild flowers. We went out on to Castle Green and took a sample area where we recorded the wild flowers that we could see growing. We have been keeping an eye on our bean bags, however some beans seem to be more successful than others!

In other news- our Castle walls are now up! We are just making the finishing touches.









### FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Junior School & Nursery Virtual Open Morning: Saturday 15 May Senior & Sixth Form School in Action Days: Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th May

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