HCJS NEWSLETTER NO.915











TIMES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 16th - (4th Week of Term)

Christian Aid Week Walk to School Week

English Symphony Orchestral Day, Lucton School all day Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm

Tuesday 17th

U9 A,C&E Mixed Cricket v King's St Albans (h)
2.30pm
U9 B,D&F Mixed Cricket v King's St Albans (a)
2.45pm

Wednesday 18th

Junior School Photo, Castle Green 9.30am
Class Photos, Quiet Garden 10am
Y6 Vista Group Leaver's Photo, St David's Hall 12noon
Christian Aid Assembly, St David's Hall 1pm
U11 A&B Girls Cricket v The Elms (h) 2.30pm
U11 A&B Boys Cricket v The Elms (a) 2.45pm

Thursday 19th

Y2 Trip to Westons Cider Mill
Reception Stay and Play, The Moat
Governors Education Committee Meeting
Staff Cricket v Presteigne CC, Wyeside

all day
2pm
4pm
6pm

Friday 20th

No clubs today

Junior School Open Morning9.45-11.30amCathedral Liaision Meeting, Chapter Room1.15pmPTA Summer Fete, Quiet Garden3.30-4.30pmHouse Point Deadline (First Half of Term)4pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 23rd - (5th Week of Term)

Y4 Trip to Old House Hereford am
Y6 Maths Taster, Library 10.40-11.45am
Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm
Instrumental Concert, St David's Hall 6.30pm

Tuesday 24th

Red, White & Blue Home Clothes Day

House Point Assembly and Meetings 8.45-9.30am Jubilee Picnic, Quiet Garden 11.45am-1pm

Wednesday 25th

Y5-6 London Trip departs 7.45am

Thursday 26th

No clubs today

Y1 Full Reports published today

Half Term begins 3.35pm

Friday 27th

Staff INSET Day all day
Governors General Purposes Committee Meeting
Y5-6 London Trip returns 9pm

FROM THE HEAD

This week it's been my great pleasure to meet the PTA and parent reps. Partnerships between parents, pupils and staff are at the heart of what makes a school run well. Understanding each other's needs can sometimes be forgotten in the pell-mell of our daily lives, so ensuring that ther



daily lives, so ensuring that there is a dedicated time each term to talk to one another is highly valued. Of course, Form Tutors or subject leads remain the first port of call for most day-to-day issues, but I will be looking to find some time in my diary to meet parents socially in the weeks ahead.

HCJS PTA over the years have been central to raising funds to purchase items to complement our provision. With the many events they organise in partnership with ourselves, they bring a strong sense of belonging to the school. It might be that you are relatively new to the school or, because of the pandemic, you've barely had the opportunity to get to know the wider community. Please do find out more about the PTA and join in by contacting Mrs Beckie Morgan our Chair, via JuniorPTA@herefordcs.com. Staff and children are always grateful for the parent support.

I mentioned to the PTA committee how busy our calendar was for this term. Madley Environmental Centre, Techniquest and Raglan Castle have all been visited this week, furthering enriching our children's education. And a quick glance through the calendar will remind you that school photos are taking place next Wednesday. (All children come in their school uniform for the picture.) For me, it's been nearly four years since I could sit with my school in a whole school photo and I have missed that strong sense of 'togetherness' which being part of a school brings. Consequently I am particularly looking forward to seeing all of HCJS come together, looking our best, proud and happy.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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YEAR 5&6 CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will be no Year 5&6 Choir rehearsal on Monday 16th May due to the ESO Orchestral Day. Rehearsals will resume the following week as usual and will run in the final week of term also.

MERITS

Atticus G, Aria F-B, Lola W, Olivia W, Ava-Rose S, Seth A, Juliette W, Lorena A, Sophia O'L, Ashley W, Sophie A, Margot T, Avitej S, Emily E, Isla S, Jemima L, Amelia N, Henry H, Sophie P, Soli P, Eva N, Lily F, Francesca N, Annie M, Fearn M, Jessica W, Jessica A, Toby M x 2 and Alex B x 2.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO...

Cillian A-M and Lara N.

RECEPTION

Reception had the most fantastic time at Madley Environmental Centre. We enjoyed pond dipping, making potions and creating water mini beasts with mud, sticks and stones. After a scrummy lunch the children had a little time to explore the willow maze, frog tunnel and woodland area.









GAMES DEPARTMENT

This week, all available pupils in Year 4 were able to be involved in cricket matches at RGS The Grange. For some this was their first experience of a match. It was great to see everyone learning and developing the skills we have been working on in Games whilst gaining valuable match experience.

On Wednesday, heavy morning rain put paid to cricket fixtures against King's St Alban's.

Next week, all available pupils in Year 3 & 4 will play King's St Alban's whilst on Wednesday there will be cricket against The Elms.

On Friday 20th May there is no after school club due to the PTA Summer Fete.



This week's Words of the Week are:

Year 3 - Mention

Year 4 - Reign

Year 5 - Persuade

Year 6 - Rhyme

YEAR 3

Year 3 have enjoyed reading books from the library and relaxing after school in library club.







YEAR 6 PSHE

As part of mental health week the Year 6 girls were asked to create their own recipe for happiness during PSHE. Working in groups they came up with some brilliant ideas and then performed their recipes to the rest of the group.

Recipe for Happiness:

A pinch of courage 60g of gratefulness A spoon of helpfulness A handful of love A sprinkle of joy 3 hobbies you enjoy A bucket of hugs 1kg of smiles A box of confidence



Method

Grab a big bowl, then throw in a bucket of hugs, add your smiles and your hobbies. Whisk in your joy and pour in a spoonful of helpfulness. Mix your ingredients well to form a batter. After that, add a box of confidence in another bowl along with your kindness and love. Combine both your bowls together and pour in your gratefulness and sift in your courage. Bake at 100 degrees until your cupcakes are ready. Serve with your friends and family.

YEAR 1

Last Friday Year 1 went to look at the wild plants growing on the grass opposite the Pre-Prep. We found lots of dandelions, daisies and clover. We particularly enjoyed blowing the dandelion seeds and watching them scatter. In the classroom our beans are growing rapidly. We already have some escaping from their bean bags!



NURSERY

We have continued exploring things that 'go' this week. We painted our own interpretations of some of our favourites. A Hot Air Balloon proved to be very popular.



ICE POP SALE

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Tuesday 17th May

at Morning Break in the Quiet Garden







All proceeds to:



A HCJS School Council organised event

PTA SUMMER SOCIAL



YEAR 6 AUTHOR VISIT

This week, Year 6 once again visited the Senior Library and this time they were lucky enough to meet Karen Wallace. Karen writes books for children from



five to fifteen years old and she also writes scripts for children's television, natural history programmes and the occasional documentary.

Karen set the Year 6 pupils a challenge: to write a group script for an interesting stimulus picture. Our pupils worked collaboratively on their writing and then performed their creative tales for their friends to enjoy at the end of the lesson. All received useful





feedback from our visiting author, and book prizes for sharing. It was lovely to see our learners so engaged and original with their ideas!

SUN SAFETY REMINDER

Now the sunny weather is on its way, please can you remember to apply and send in sun cream, hats and importantly a bottle of water.



YEAR 3&4 TRIP TO TECHNIQUEST

The Year 3 and 4 children had a very enjoyable trip to Techniquest in Cardiff on Wednesday. They were surrounded by lots of new and exciting hands-on science activities - the hurricane and slide being some of the favourites. Lots of fun was had by all and as we left the Techniquest staff commented on the children's fantastic behaviour - well done to them all!





FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 18 May, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm Junior School Open Morning Friday 20 May, 9.45-11.30am ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

<u>Letters to Parents</u>
Games & Match Information

School Calendar Boys' Team Lists

Girls' Team Lists





