

Junior Times!

HCJS Newsletter



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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday 4th	Colts A Football v The Downs (a)	2.30pm
Sunday 5th	Abberley Hall U11 Cross Country Relays	2.30pm
Monday 6th	Health & Safety Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4pm
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Science)	4.15pm
	U11 Swimming v The Downs & The Elms (a)	6pm
	Y4&5 'Revolt Rhymes – Three Little Pigs' Performance, St John's	7pm
Tuesday 7th	U9 A&B Football v Abberley Hall (h)	2.30pm
	Y4&5 'Revolt Rhymes – Three Little Pigs' Performance, St John's	7pm
Wednesday 8th	'Sign2Sing' Hymn Practice, St David's Hall	8.50am
	Y6 Maths Taster at Senior School, Gilbert Library	10.45-11.55am
	Colts B,D&F Football v St John's (h)	2.30pm Cancelled
	Colts A,C&E Football v St John's (a)	2.45pm by St John's
	Colts A&B Football v RGS The Grange (h)	2.30pm
	U11 A&B Netball v HCS U12 (h)	4pm
Thursday 9th	(No clubs today)	
	'Sign2Sing' Assembly, St David's Hall	8.50am
	Half Term begins	3.35pm
Friday 10th	Staff INSET	all day

AND AFTER HALF TERM:

Monday 20th	Pupils return	8.40am
	Author (Cat Wetherill) Visit for R-Y6, St David's Hall	all day
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Marking)	4.15pm
Tuesday 21st	Y3-6 Assessment Week	
	U9 A&B Football v Moor Park (h)	2.30pm
	U9 A Netball v Moor Park (a)	2.45pm
Wednesday 22nd	U11 A&B Netball v Moor Park (h)	2.30pm
	Colts A,B&C Football v Moor Park (a)	2.45pm
	U10 A Netball v Moor Park (h)	3.15pm
	U10 B Netball v St Paul's (h)	3.15pm
Thursday 23rd	Nursery & Pre-Prep Vista Group Photo, St David's Hall	10am-12noon
	School Council Meeting, 3W	3.40pm
Saturday 25th	Primary Schools' Chess Championships, QEH Bristol	all day

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 <http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Parents>

FROM THE HEAD

It was good to see Year 3 parents at Parents' Evening on Monday and more parents later on at the Internet Safety Evening (please see next page). Year 6 enjoyed the Senior School's Classics Society Production of Antigone on Tuesday, and Years 3&6 are looking forward to watching the dress rehearsal of the Years 4&5 play this afternoon. Wednesday was a busy day for matches. We were able to re-locate most matches in order to ensure that as many of the children played as possible. My thanks to many of you for changing your own arrangements accordingly.

My congratulations to those 10 Year 6 children who passed their entrance exams to the Senior School this week, and good luck to those who are sitting Academic Scholarship exams as I write!

Chris Wright

YEAR 6 BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

Over the last few months, Year 6 have been working very hard on their biography projects. A wide range of subjects included classical composers, family members, sporting heroes, television and film stars, as well as historical figures. The biography projects are now on display in the school library.

INTERNET SAFETY EVENING FOR PARENTS

My thanks to PC Chris Lea from the Hereford Youth Engagement Team who led the talk for parents this week. I do hope those parents who were able to attend found the evening useful. PC Lea stressed the importance of parents setting parameters regarding children's internet use from the start, parents being involved and interested in their children's online activities and parents feeling empowered to direct the behaviour of children in the online world in the same way that they would off line. He also shared some resources with us ([including the West Mercia Police's E-Safety 5Ps for Parents](#)) and directed us to various websites for further information. These websites are listed on our Internet Safety Information web page for parents which can be accessed via the link on the Nursery and Junior Parents page of the website (<http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Parents>).

SIGNIFICANT TRAVEL DISRUPTION

We have been made aware by National Grid that works in the St Owen Street area are likely to cause significant traffic disruption from 20th February for a period of up to 16 weeks. We understand that the plans may include closing Mill St at the junction with Bath St and restricting Cantilupe St to outbound traffic only. We are currently in discussion with National Grid in order to try and gain a better understanding of the road closures and will provide updates as and when we have further information.

PHOTO GALLERY

The Junior School photo gallery can be found on the website <http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-and-Pre-Prep-Gallery>. We regularly upload pictures of the children and all they get up to. The gallery has recently been updated with pictures of the U11 rugby tour, Years 3&4 cross country, Years 5&6 house matches, pre-prep Christmas production, Reception Tableau, Nursery Christmas Concert, Years 3-6 Christmas party and staff show and Year 3 trip to Technquest. Parents can order hard copies of any photos which appear on the gallery using the order form available from the PTA tray in the School Office or in the Forms for Parents section of the website <http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Parents>.

YEAR 3

On Friday 27th January Year 3 went to Technquest, Cardiff as part of their scientific learning. The children had a great time exploring the exhibits and investigating different aspects of Science. The show focused on the human body and the children particularly enjoyed following the journey of food through the body.



RECEPTION

RG enjoyed a visit from Scarlett's mum on Monday when she gave us an insight into how Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children took home a special red envelope, a fortune cookie and chopsticks. Thank you very much to Scarlett's mum.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS 2017

Once again, Sainsbury's are running their Active Kids Scheme. Last year we collected enough vouchers to receive some excellent free PE and playground equipment. Vouchers will be presented at the tills from 25th January until the 2nd May. If you shop at Sainsbury's, please ask for the vouchers and either hand them in to the Junior School Office or place them in the collecting box in the Moat. Thank you.



NURSERY

Nursery have been thinking about 'water' this week and had great fun making an enormous umbrella for everyone to share! We also loved acting out the story of Mr Gumpy's Outing in drama.



GRAPES

Nationally there have been reports of younger children choking on whole grapes. Many of our children bring them to school as a healthy snack option, which we encourage. However, we request that whole grapes are sliced vertically for children in Nursery and Pre-Prep to reduce the likelihood of choking. Thank you.

MUSIC – SIGN2SING

Pupils in Years 3–6 have been learning some sign-language as part of a national 'Sign2Sing' event. Children across the UK will sing and sign a specially written song called 'Together' on Thursday February 8th. The children are encouraged to bring in a pound to take part in this event and the money raised will be sent to 'SIGNHEALTH' and used to help deaf children in the UK and abroad. It has been great fun to learn to sign and lovely to see children increase their awareness of those who are unable to hear and speak. Please do support this charity by sending in a pound with your child on Thursday. You may also wish to follow the link below to see what we have been learning and to join in at home.

<http://www.sign2sing.org.uk/how-to-get-involved/learn-the-songs>



GAMES DEPARTMENT

This week, the relentless wet weather has caught up with us and although not flooded, the pitches at Wyese are waterlogged. We were grateful to RGS The Grange for allowing us to switch some of the fixtures to their venue and we have managed to rearrange fixtures for the Colts A and B to play RGS next Wednesday. Both U9 teams managed to play at The Elms and there were some very encouraging results. This weekend, the Colts A footballers travel to The Downs whilst on Sunday, a team of cross country runners will go to Abberley Hall to take part in their cross country relays.

Football

HCJS Colts B 2 – 4 King's Gloucester A (Charlie G, Thomas K)

HCJS Colts C 5 – 2 King's Gloucester B (Cyrus 3, Harry D, Bobby)

The C team started the season with a promising 5-2 victory over King's Gloucester B. We took a while to get going, but Cyrus scored his hat trick in the first half, including an early contender for goal of the season. There was strong play by Oliver F at the back and energetic performances from Rupert and Ben G in the second half.

The Elms U9 3 – 4 HCJS U9 (Marley 3, Jonathan)

RGS The Grange D 3 – 0 HCJS Colts D

RGS The Grange E 3 – 2 HCJS Colts E (Sashvat 2)

RGS The Grange F 0 – 1 HCJS Colts F/G (George B)

Netball

The Elms U9 2 – 8 HCJS U9 (Isabel A 4, Stripey 2, Scarlett S 2)

HCJS U11A 4 – 2 RGS The Grange U11A (Maisie 2, Amelia 2)

HCJS U11B 7 – 4 RGS The Grange U11B (Niamh 5, Meg 2)

HCJS U10A 2 – 1 RGS The Grange U10A (Lilia, Zara B)

HCJS U10B 0 – 1 RGS The Grange U10B

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Our online Community Noticeboard is for members of the school community to post messages, events and adverts. If you would like to submit an item for the noticeboard please do so to Mrs Stick at S.Stick@herefordcs.com.

You may like to visit the noticeboard [here](#) or go to <http://www.herefordcs.com/HCJS-Community-Noticeboard>

Currently, notices about the following are displayed;

- Ladies' Tennis Evenings
- Junior Crypt Club

AN AUTHOR VISIT BY CAT WEATHERILL

On Monday 20th February (the first day back after half term) we are planning an exciting event for the children. Cat Weatherill, storyteller and author of 'Barkbelly', has agreed to visit the school to talk to the children about her books. She is an internationally renowned author and storyteller whose work has been translated into many languages and we are delighted that she has agreed to visit the Junior School.

Cat will be telling stories to the Pre-Prep as well as the Junior School. She will also be working with Year 5 and 6 during the day, talking to the children about the inspiration for their own writing and also enthusing them about the joy of reading.

This will support the literacy work that we do in school and we hope it will prove a stimulating experience for the pupils.

For Years 5 and 6, there will be an opportunity to buy a book and get it dedicated to them and signed by Cat. A signed book can be a permanent reminder of a special experience and can reinforce the message about the importance of

reading. If your child would like to purchase a book, please make sure they bring some money in on the day. The books will range in price from £5-£10. Please send cash rather than a cheque if possible, as this makes life a lot easier for us. Unfortunately, on this occasion, we will not be able to add the cost of a book to any end of term bill.

If any children already have a book of Cat's, or would like to buy one over the half term holiday, then please bring the book into school on the Monday and Cat will be happy to sign them. As well as 'Barkbelly', her books include 'Snowbone', 'Jaco the Leek' and 'Wild Magic'. These books are aimed at Year 4 upwards. Cat has also written a book for younger children called, 'By Lantern Light'. Alternatively, Cat will be selling and signing books in the school library from 3.35pm if any parents wish to make purchases for their children. Cat will also have copies of her new book, 'Jack's Diamond', available to purchase. This book is aimed at children aged 7 and under and is not yet available in the shops!

We are sure you will agree that this is an opportunity not to be missed and the children can look forward to a very exciting day.

LOST: Hamish Gamble's named tracksuit top
Alex Dutson-Smith's named school coat

Happy Birthday this week to....Gus Wixey, James Horne and Harry TA Jackson

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

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