

Junior Times!

HCJS Newsletter



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AFTER HALF TERM:

Monday 20th	Pupils return	8.40am
	Author (Cat Weatherill) 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 has been a busy sporting week. Our cross country runners were out on Sunday, and our swimmers on Monday. The U9 boys played against Abberley Hall, our U11 boys against RGS The Grange and U11 girls against the Senior School. It has been good to see so many children representing the school.

The highlight for many of the children this week was the Year 4&5 play – many congratulations to those children who took part, entertaining the audience so well and evidently enjoying themselves too! In addition, all the children in Years 3,4,5 & 6 performed in our Sign2Sing assembly this morning. There are many opportunities for further performances in the second half of term: concerts, class assemblies, national choir competitions, music exams, workshops, the Herefordshire Festival and sports galore (& the PTA disco too!).

Wishing you all a restful half term break!

Chris Wright

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. A letter from National Grid explaining the disruption will be sent home with your child today and is also available on the noticeboard at the front of school and on the website via the link <http://www.herefordcs.com/ParentsLetters>

YEAR 6 MATHS VISIT TO HCS

On Wednesday all of Year 6 attended a Maths taster session at HCS. The event, led by Mr Priday, was enjoyed by all and gave our pupils an insight into Euclidean geometry. After investigating the proofs involving the sum of angles on a straight line and in a triangle they were then all enthralled by various demonstrations involving a Mobius band. Many thanks to the HCS Maths department for hosting this enjoyable and informative session.

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.

YEAR 4 & 5 PRODUCTION



Drama...mystery...singing...dancing...energy! This week's Year 4 and 5 production had it all! What fun! A huge well done to all of the children for their energy and enthusiasm during the 'Three Little Pigs' show. They provided us all with some very happy memories and the enthusiasm of the cast was infectious. They sang with gusto, danced with sparkle and delivered most of their lines clearly and slowly. The appreciative audience coped very well with the twists and turns of a typical Roald Dahl plot and they left with smiles on their faces. With thanks to everyone who has

demonstrated what can be achieved through team work. Thank you all.



RECEPTION

RG enjoyed making vehicles through junk modelling.



MUSIC

Many pupils brought their instruments to play for their friends in class this week. We heard a huge variety of pieces on the Cello, Guitar, Flute, Trumpet, Piano, Violin, Clarinet, Recorder and Saxophone. It's lovely for children to gain the experience of performing in such a safe and friendly environment and for their peers to hear and see live performances on these instruments. Well done to everyone who played. Any child who missed this opportunity would be able to bring their instrument in after half term.



SIGN2SING!



Years 3–6 impressed their teachers this morning by performing a song called 'Together' in BSL – British Sign Language. Pupils have been learning this as part of a national event to raise awareness and funds for deaf children in this country and abroad. Parents can view the performance on our website via the link <http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-School-joins-Sign2Sing-event> prior to a planned live performance to parents in the summer term. Watch this space!

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

For our World Book Day competition this year, pupils need to design a book cover. The book cover should be based on one of their favourite books. It can be created using any medium such as paint, pencil or felt tip. Pupils might want to use a computer or even create a collage out of different materials. The design could be an interpretation of an existing book cover or it might be a totally new design.

As well as creating a front cover pupils can also design the back cover, including an exciting and interesting 'blurb'. There will be two templates on the school website in the next few days which can be used by pupils. If you don't want to use the templates, please ensure that any designs are no bigger than A4. Please make sure you include your name. All entries need to be handed into the school office by Tuesday 28th February.

There will be prizes for the best designs in Pre-Prep, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. Winning designs will also go onto the school website.

As in previous years, on World Book Day each child will receive a World Book Day Book Token which can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day books. Further details, as well as lots of exciting games and activities, can be found at <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

STUDENT TEACHER – CATHERINE BUSHNELL

After half term, Catherine Bushnell, a PGCE student at the University of Worcester, will be joining us for the second half of term on work placement. Catherine, who already has a Sports Science degree from UWIC, is currently doing her Primary PGCE with PE specialism at the University of Worcester. As part of her placement, Catherine will be teaching PE and Games to all year groups and also undertaking some classroom teaching, under the supervision of members of the teaching staff. Catherine, who plays netball for sides in Hereford and Worcester, is the sister of Sarah Hopkins who teaches PE in the Senior School.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

The past week has been extremely busy for the department and even the wet weather has not stopped events from taking place. Despite football at The Downs being cancelled on Saturday, the cross country relays took place on Sunday at Abberley Hall and on Monday, our heroic swimmers did brilliantly in the gala at The Elms. On Wednesday, the Colts A defeated RGS for the first time in over 5 years in a great game of football, with the B's continuing their good form as well. All of our U11 netballers enjoyed a good experience by playing HCS U12s in the Sports Hall with both the A and B teams taking it in turns to play their senior counterparts.

After half term, there are fixtures against Moor Park and St Paul's. Please keep your eye on the website for information.

Lost Kit

Hamish Gamble's tracksuit top and Finlay Hayes' games shirt (red stripe). Both named.

If you have them, please return them to the School Office as they can end up sitting at the bottom of games bags for quite a while!!

Football

HCJS U9A 3 – 4 Abberley Hall U9A (Marley 2, Max)

HCJS U9B 1 – 3 Abberley Hall U9B (Logan)

HCJS Colts A 3 – 2 RGS The Grange A (Danny 2, Gus)

HCJS Colts B 2 – 1 RGS The Grange B (Samuel G, Thomas K)

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
- Rugbytots – Free Taster Session

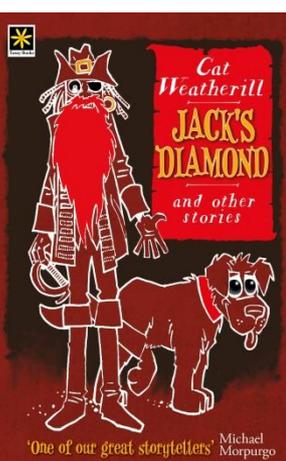
AN AUTHOR VISIT BY CAT WEATHERILL

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. Cat has five books: Jack's Diamond (5+) Jaco the Leek (6+) Barkbelly (8+) Snowbone (8+) and Wild Magic (age 9+) She also has a story CD Big Happy Stories for ages 4+. The books are £5 (Jack's Diamond & Jaco the Leek) and £7 (all other books). The story CD is £3. 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. 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: Alec Douthwaite's named school coat

Happy Birthday this week to....Milly Morgan-Jones, George Morgan-Jones, Oscar Prosser, Dylan Ray, James Botfield, Jenson Silk-Thomson and George Prosser

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

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