

Junior Times!

HCJS Newsletter



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THE WEEK AHEAD:

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| Saturday 9 th | 'Letters, Sounds & Counting' Workshop for Reception Parents, The Moat | 10am |
| Sunday 10 th | The Elms U11 Rugby 7's Tournament | 2pm |
| Monday 11 th | Cheltenham College U11 Hockey Festival (Clubs begin today) | 10am |
| Thursday 14 th | PGL Tregoyd Trip Briefing for Parents, St David's Hall | 3.45pm |
| | Health & Safety Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room | 4pm |
| | New Parents' Welcome Evening, Dining Hall | 7.30pm |
| Friday 15 th | The Giving Machine Session for Parents, Library | 8.30-9.30am |

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

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| Monday 18 th | Individual Photos, Library | all day |
| Tuesday 19 th | Y2 to Y3 Transfer (Staff) Meeting, 3M | 4.15pm |
| Thursday 21 st | The Downs U9 Rugby Festival (a) | 2.45pm |
| Friday 22 nd | School Council Meeting, 5B | 3.40pm |
| Saturday 23 rd | PGL Tregoyd Trip departs (until 25th) | 1.35pm |
| | Senior School Open Morning (I) | 9.30am-12.45pm |

FROM THE HEAD

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to a new academic year – it is wonderful to be back!

I hope your children have enjoyed their first two days of the term and that they (and you!) are successfully navigating the new routines and changes which a new academic year inevitably involves. If you are unsure of anything – and even small details can loom large at the beginning of the year – please do not hesitate to be in touch with your child's form teacher, or the School Office (enquiry@herefordcs.com) with any queries.

A special welcome to our 31 new children and to their families. It was lovely to welcome new parents with a cup of coffee on the first morning of term. If your child is acting as a buddy, please do take some time to talk to them about this important role.

Future events are listed above, as well as in the school calendar. Please get in touch with the School Office if you have not received a calendar.

I would like to highlight the following events:

New Parents Welcome Evening (Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm, in the Dining Hall). This is an opportunity for parents new to the Junior School to meet each other and members of staff over a glass of wine. If you have not received an invitation, but are new to the Junior School since the last of these occasions, please do feel welcome to attend (simply let us know, please, by email to s.stick@herefordcs.com).

PTA AGM (Wednesday 27th September at 7.00pm, in St David's Hall). Please do attend if you would like to hear about the PTA's last twelve months or are interested in getting involved.

'Become – A Celebration of HCS' (Sunday 15th October at the Courtyard Theatre, 3.00pm). This event is a celebration of life at Hereford Cathedral School. It will involve many pupils, potentially from as young as Nursery right through to Sixth Form. Further details will be announced in due course but the Year 5& 6Choir will definitely be involved. Please do put this date in your diary (especially if your child is in the Year 5&6 Choir!).

The choristers are already back in action. They sang the first Evensong of the term last night. This weekend, our U11 Rugby players too are in action at The Elms Rugby Tournament and our colts A hockey players at the Cheltenham College Hockey Festival. A special 'good luck' to our Reception parents who will likewise be in action, attending the 'Letters & Sounds' Workshop for parents (10am tomorrow!).

Wishing you all restful weekend.

Chris Wright.

STAFF NEWS

Many congratulations to Mrs Halford on the birth of her son Mylo and Miss Oxenham on the birth of her daughter, Violet. Both mothers and babies are doing well!

NEW STAFF

Mrs Claire Roberts (right), our new Director of Studies, joins us from the Blue Coat School in Birmingham, where she worked for eleven years. Her roles included Form Tutor in Years 3-6, Head of English and, most recently, Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning). Her interests outside the classroom include travelling, riding her horse and walking. Her son Bradley has joined Year 6, and they are both looking forward to making new friends in the area and getting to know Herefordshire.

Mrs Toni Chave (left) joins us from Bedstone College as our new school nurse sharing this role with Mrs Jennings. She was a school nurse at Bedstone College for 4 years and a practice nurse at Moorfield House Surgery before that. She has two young children and enjoys sports (playing for a local netball team), knitting and sewing. She is also a huge Harry Potter fan and is starting an after school Harry Potter club on a Thursday. She is looking forward to meeting all the new pupils, parents and staff.



MEET THE GAPS

(from l to r: Miss Giddens, Miss Larkin, Miss Trew & Mr Middleton)



Miss Giddens joined HCJS in Nursery and has just completed her A-levels in Maths, Chemistry and Business. She is a keen runner and hopes that her year as a gap will help her decide on a career option along with allowing her to gain as much experience possible.

Miss Larkin studied Biology, Chemistry and PE at A-level. She enjoys playing netball and hockey and hopes to study Sports Science at Loughborough.

Miss Trew took English, Classics and Philosophy & Ethics for

A-level. She's looking forward to studying Primary Teaching at Oxford Brookes next year.

Mr Middleton did A-levels in Maths, PE and Classics. He is a keen sportsman and plays rugby at Luctonians. Teaching is a career option so the gap role will help him choose his career path.

RECEPTION

We welcomed 25 children into our Reception classes. We had fun together exploring the classrooms and outdoor areas.



LETTERS FOR THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The hallway of Number 28 and the School Office can become very congested in the mornings. If you have letters or forms to deliver to the School Office, please do feel you can leave these in the postbox to the right hand side of the front door of Number 28.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



Children in Years 3-6 arrived at school this morning to see the new playground in the Quiet Garden: the newly laid no-mow complete with play equipment. Thanks to the combined efforts of the PTA and the school, the Quiet Garden has been transformed since March. It is wonderful to see the children playing happily.



The ICT suite has been rewired to update to the latest network speed and all-in-one computers have been installed, not to mention the new carpets and newly decorated walls!



In the Moat, the Year 2 teaching space has been redesigned, giving us a light and airy new classroom. A great deal of other work has gone on too – sash windows repaired, brick work repointed, walls repainted, floors sanded. We are very grateful to the Mr Goode and the works department and the support staff for all their hard work through the holidays, and to the teachers and teaching assistants too who have worked hard to get the classrooms ready for the beginning of term.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

We had a good turnout for the pre-season rugby and hockey days with many boys and girls attending. With Games fully under way now, this weekend sees the first two sporting events taking place. On Saturday, an U11 team will take part in the Elms rugby tournament while on Sunday, the Colts A team travel to Cheltenham College to take part in a pre-season hockey tournament. This is a great opportunity to gain some practice and to experiment with positions before the season gets underway in earnest.

Also upcoming is the deadline (29th September) for entering the West Midlands Biathlon Championships which take place at Solihull on the 14th October – a 50m swim and an 800m run. For further information please look at the website <http://www.pentathlongb.org/schools/season.php>. If you would like your child to enter or if you have any questions, please email Mr Turpin.

A reminder also that Year 3 boys need to wear the blue rugby kit and have shin pads and boots for football, whilst Year 4, 5 and 6 boys need gum shields for rugby. All girls should have gum shields for Hockey.

For any Games or PE related matters, if you have any questions or queries, feel free to contact Mr Turpin by email. s.turpin@herefordcs.com. You can also follow the Games Department on Twitter - @HCJSSport

PARKING

In the interest of safety, we ask that parents take careful note of the parking regulations below:

- Double parking in Castle Street or Castle Hill is not permitted
- Parking or waiting in Ferrers Street and Quay Street is not permitted
- Parking or waiting on the yellow zig-zag lines and in the 'Keep Clear' areas is not permitted.

Additionally, please do not pull up onto the grass on the edge of Castle Green as this damages the grass. Our parking leaflet is available [here](#).

Additionally, we ask parents to be considerate of other passers by when congregating at the gate at drop off/pick up.

A LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS

Many congratulations to all those pupils at the Senior School who received their A Level and GCSE results over the Summer. At A Level, 23% of all grades achieved were A*, and 47% of all grades were A*/A, indeed over a quarter of all pupils achieved nothing less than an A grade. At GCSE's, 81% of all grades achieved were A*-B grades.

PAYING SCHOOL FEES BY DIRECT DEBIT

You will have gathered from recent letters from the Bursar that the School's Direct Debit scheme has now closed. Parents who wish to continue to pay by Direct Debit or wish to start paying by Direct Debit have the opportunity to do so via an external provider (School Fee Plan). Any parents who sign up for the scheme by midnight on Sunday 10th September will be able to pay by Direct Debit at no extra cost to themselves. Thus parents who would like to pay by Direct Debit are urged to sign up for the scheme by midnight on Sunday 10th September.

The SFP scheme is still open to all parents. The best way to apply is via the School's fees page: <http://www.herefordcs.com/Fees>. Then click on the Payments tab towards the bottom of the page, where you will find the SFP banner.

PTA: RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FOR FREE....

At present around a dozen people are raising between £20-£30 per month for the PTA at absolutely no cost to themselves. They are doing this simply by visiting their regular online shopping sites via a website called The Giving Machine. If this sounds like too much hassle to remember, you can install a programme called Shop and Give which reminds you.

If 100 families regularly joined in, we could be raising between £100-£200 per month, and of course if all the Junior School's 200 families joined in, that could be doubled at absolutely no cost to any of us.

How can I help? Simply register with the Giving Machine (www.thegivingmachine.co.uk), specify your chosen charity as Hereford Cathedral Junior School, install the Shop and Give reminder app and away you go! (more detailed instructions can be found here: <http://www.herefordcs.com/The-Giving-Machine>).

How do I know that the money will be spent on initiatives that impact on my child's school life? All money raised goes directly to the Junior School PTA, who decide which initiatives to support. In recent years, the PTA has supported the installation of the adventure trail in the Frog Garden and the Quiet Garden No-Mow, as well as supporting regular educational workshops and other fun events for the children.

Could someone tell me more or give me a hand to set myself up? Absolutely – the PTA Reps can guide you, or you could come to an informal and friendly session in the Junior School library – on Friday 15th September 8.30-9.30am, or on Friday 29th September 8.30-9.30am. Bring your laptops or tablet and members of the PTA will help you set it all up.

HEREFORD HOCKEY CLUB

Sunday junior hockey coaching for boys and girls (age 6+) starts this Sunday at Whitecross School astroturf pitch from 10.00am – 11.30pm. All new players welcome. Cost is £3 per session.

Happy Birthday during the holiday... Juliette Wood, Kajetan Antosik, Henry Capozzoli, Molly Podmore, Benjamin Gillett, Ben Wiggins, Poppy Dorise , Devon Creese, Charlie Fowler, Hermione Helm-Hicks, Isabel Gardiner, Freddie Inott, , Harry Buchanan, Archie Jehan, Poppy Ainge, Joseph Urding, Edward Meadows, Oliver Simmons, Alexandra Essenhigh, Harry Martin, Freya Webb, Emmie Morris, William Morgan, Roshan Kumar, Henry Hayes, William May & Harry Jackson

And since the start of term to..... Henry Jehan & Freddie Turtle

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

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