



Issue No 857, Thursday 13th February 2020

AFTER HALF TERM:

Monday 24th	Pupils return	8.40am
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm
Tuesday 25th	<i>Y3-6 Assessment Day</i>	
	RGS The Grange U9 Football Festival	2pm
	U8/9 A&B Netball v RGS The Grange (h)	2.30pm
	U8/9 C Netball v RGS The Grange (h)	3.15pm
Wednesday 26th	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	U11 IAPS Regional Netball, Rugby School	all day
	School Ash Wednesday Service (Y3-6), Cathedral	8.50am
	Colts A&B Hereford City Schools' Football Tournament, Wyese	12noon-4pm
Thursday 27th	School Council Meeting, 5B	3.40pm
Friday 28th	Junior School Open Morning	9.45-11.30am
	U9 & U11 Cross Country v RGS The Grange (a)	2pm
	Governors' Finance Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4pm
Saturday 29th	UK Chess Challenge School Qualifier, Library	9am-1pm
MARCH		
Sunday 1st	<i>St David's Day</i>	
	Marches Rugby 7s, Wyese	all day

FROM THE HEAD

Congratulations to all those children in Years 4&5 for this week's magnificent production of the 'Snow Queen'. My thanks too to all the staff involved – to those involved in make-up, props, backstage, costumes and lighting, not to mention our Director and Producer: thank you.

Despite the weather, many of this week's sporting fixtures have gone ahead and today's Hereford City Schools' Football Tournament has been rearranged to Wednesday 26th February.

As half term begins, many of our Year 5&6 children are off to London for the Art & Drama trip and some are spending some time at Hereford Food Bank also. I hope that your children will arrive home today with a HCJS Happy Diary. I wrote about this in last week's Junior Times and you will find an explanatory letter enclosed within the diary. Wishing you all a happy and restful half term.

Chris Wright

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

A number of parents have asked about the school's response to coronavirus.

Our first course of action would be to follow guidance from the Government, Local Authority and Public Health England. The latest Government information and advice regarding coronavirus can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>.

That said, we have procedures in place to respond to a human flu pandemic. These can be found in appendix 4 of our First Aid policy (which can be found on the [school website](#)).

Naturally, should you and your families be travelling abroad or within the UK over half term, we ask you to follow the advice of Public Health England and adopt the practical steps suggested in minimising risk to infection. Advice provided by the NHS can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/wuhan-novel-coronavirus/>

'EASTER'S COOL' HOLIDAY CLUB

We are pleased to announce our 'Easter's Cool' holiday club! The multi-activity club will run for the first week of the Easter holidays - from Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April, and is for HCJS pupils in Years 3,4,5&6.

Further details including timings and charges are contained within the email sent to parents of children in Years 3-6 yesterday.



To secure your child's place at Easter's Cool please complete the following Firefly link <https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/letters-to-parents/easters-cool-years-3-6-30th-march---3rd-april-2020>. Please note that the deadline for bookings for Easter's Cool is Friday 20th March.

Please also note that the deadline for Easter bookings for Castle Hill Holiday Club (Nursery – Year 2 holiday club) is Friday 13th March.

YEAR 4&5 PRODUCTION - 'SNOW QUEEN'

The Year 4&5 show arrived with a BANG this week and left some of the audience toe tapping and rave dancing out of the theatre! The Year 4 dream dance involved UV special effects on hoops, sheets and skipping ropes. It made a memorable spectacle for those watching. Year 5 acted very well with fabulous make-up and costumes and they weaved the tale of the Snow Queen thoughtfully and with feeling. All children spoke loudly and clearly and relished the experience of being in the Powell Theatre. The robbers danced a slick routine to Michael Jackson's 'Smooth Criminal' and again, under UV light, their gloves, ties, hats and socks all glowed. Mrs Walker previously wrote the songs for the show, but she composed 'She Believed' in January 2020, as a special dedication to pupils at HCJS. With a snow machine, a BANG and fog machine, the atmosphere which was created ensured that this was a truly magical and memorable show.

Thank you for all the hard work from all the staff involved and thank you to parents for their support with costumes.



PLAY IN CLASS WEEK

Pupils from Years 2 – 6 gave some excellent performances in class this week. We heard solos on the violin, cello, piano, flute, guitar, drums, clarinet, saxophone and trumpet and everyone learnt a lot about these instruments. Any child who forgot or was absent may still play after half term.



YEAR 3 DT CLUB

Year 3 have designed and constructed either a wooden robot or a noughts and crosses board this half term in Design and Technology Club. Pupils really enjoyed using the hand tools and painting their finished designs.



6J RAFFLE

The 6J raffle in aid of Guide dogs has raised an amazing £84! The draw will take place on the first day back after half term.

OPEN EVENTS

We are holding two open events after half term:

- **Junior School & Nursery Open Morning** on Friday 28th February for parents of children of any age.
- **Reception Taster Afternoon** on Wednesday 11th March for children who are registered to join us in Reception as well as any who may be considering HCJS Reception.

Please do pass on these details to anyone you know who might be considering our school for their children.



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SPRING 2020 OPEN EVENTS

JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
Friday 28 February: from 9.45am

RECEPTION TASTER AFTERNOON
Wednesday 11 March: 2-3pm

Come and explore our Reception classrooms with your sons and daughters to find out what school life is like for our youngest pupils.

Contact us to register:
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GAMES DEPARTMENT

Wednesday 26th February – rescheduled City Schools Football Tournament at Wyeseide 12pm – 4pm

Wet weather has again affected Wyeseide with pitches being waterlogged, forcing games to be moved to King's Gloucester and the City Schools Football tournament to be postponed. The girls have enjoyed a quieter week, although all of the U9s played against Abberley Hall in the Sports Hall.

Football

King's Gloucester A 3 – 1 HCJS A

King's Gloucester C 1 – 1 HCJS C

King's Gloucester E 5 – 0 HCJS E

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception – Year 6): Internet Safety Day. Mr Hutchinson led the assembly, talking us through the importance of keeping personal information private and of not 'friending' unknown people online. As he said, every day is Internet Safety Day!

Tuesday (Reception – Year 2): In the Pre-Prep assembly, 2D were able to tell the other children everything they had learnt about The Great Fire of London this half term in Humanities. All 2D pupils spoke clearly and with confidence, relaying their information with accuracy and detail. Well done for a great team effort and for teaching everyone facts about The Great Fire of London.

Wednesday (Year 2 – Year 6): On Wednesday, 6J transported Year 2-6 on a journey back to Ancient Greece where they met Aesop, a Greek fabulist, who introduced them to three of the stories that he had written. We first heard about how an arrogant lion was helped out of a tight spot by a small mouse before learning about how a cheeky hare was taught a valuable lesson by a modest tortoise. The trio of plays was completed by the story of the quarrelling sun and north wind. We hope that our audience remember the important lessons of: valuing everyone however small they may be, slow and steady wins the race and that it is better to persuade and use good manners to get something done rather than using force.



MERITS

H Walduck, A Smout (x2), S O'Leary, F Brown, G O'Rourke, J Wolverson, J Hayes, A Lines, W Morgan, F Moseley, M Bayles-Gungabissoon, J Austin.

LOST

Neirin O'Reilly's school coat - named.

Happy birthday this week to...Allegra Powell and George Matli.

Junior Times Archive: www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Times

Games team sheets are available via Firefly:

<https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/login/login.aspx?prelogin=https%3a%2f%2fherefordcs.fireflycloud.net%2f>

Junior School photos along with news, events and achievements can be accessed via our Facebook page: 

[Facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/](https://www.facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/)

Head of the Junior School's Blog: <https://www.herefordcs.com/blog/category/head-of-junior-school>

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