

Issue No 850, Friday 6th December 2019

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 9th

(No clubs this week *but Chamber Choir as normal*)

Reception Tableau Performance to Parents, St David's Hall 2.45pm

Tuesday 10th

(No clubs this week)

Pre-Prep Christmas Party, St David's Hall pm

Y3&4 House Hockey Festival, Hereford Leisure Centre 2.15pm

Y3&4 House Tag Rugby Festival, Wyeseid 2.15pm

Final Evensong of Term, Cathedral 5.30pm

Wednesday 11th

(No clubs this week)

Y5 Full Reports & Y3 Short Reports published

Y4&6 Progress Grades published

Christmas Jumper Charity Day all day

Nursery Concert, **St David's Hall** 9.30am

Carol Service Rehearsal, Cathedral 9.45-11.30am

Christmas Lunch, Dining Hall 11.45am

Junior Christmas Party 2.45-5.15pm

Thursday 12th

(No clubs today including no Phoenix Club)

Carol Service, Cathedral 2pm

Term Ends 3pm

FROM THE HEAD

How wonderful to see all of our children in Years 3,4,5&6 performing in the Cathedral last night - a fantastic opportunity for all of the children to perform in such a magnificent space and to such a full house. Of course, how lovely it was for all of us adults to hear them perform so well and be so enjoying it. I do hope all those parents who were able to come enjoyed it too.



Congratulations to children in Years 1&2 who enchanted us all with their performance of 'Hey Ewe' this week. Next week, children in Reception and Nursery will be performing to parents.

Seeing our children performing to their peers and adults with growing confidence and enjoyment is a joy for all of us of course. How important it is that every child has such opportunities.

Congratulations to our U11 girls A team who have qualified for the In2Hockey West of England Regional Finals, after winning this week's county tournament. Finally, *arrivederci* to the Cathedral Choristers who are off to Bologna, Italy, on Sunday. The choir will be singing a concert at the Chiesa di San Procolo in Bologna, which was once used by Napoleon to stable his horses.

Chris Wright

HCJS NINE DAYS OF GIVING



We are five days into our HCJS Nine Days of Giving. Each day, parents, staff and children have kindly donated items to our nominated charity of the day. All the donations are displayed in our advent windows (the windows of Number 28, overlooking the playground). Many thanks to you all for your support so far! The photo pictured right was day three - biscuits and snacks for the listening volunteers at the Hereford branch of the Samaritans. We are looking forward to the remaining four days next week!

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

The festive season was in full swing last night as Years 3 – 6 performed their 'Celebration of Christmas' in the Cathedral. A Cathedral in darkness, a beautiful solo from Honor Watts and the choir drifting in lit by candlelight; it was a magical start to the evening. The Year 5&6 Choir dazzled us with their performances of 'Gloria!' and 'One Candle Lights the Way' and there were some confident and entertaining readings for us to enjoy. Years 3&4 sang about the journey of Mary and Joseph, Year 5 helped us to think about the Shepherds with a beautiful solo from Phoebe Blackburn and confident singing from all. Year 6 became the 'Guyz with the Shades' and we all discovered what the Reindeer do for the rest of the year – who knew they had a band?!



PRE-PREP CHRISTMAS CONCERT

'Hey Ewe' was a wonderful success this week, with all the children in Year 1&2 performing their nativity play three times. The children spoke their lines very confidently and sang the songs brilliantly. The children entertained three audiences and knew when to say their lines, when to be on stage and when to collect their props too! The children all worked as a team to tell the story, whilst looking fantastic wearing their costumes and make up. Thank you to all the staff and children who were involved, it really encouraged everyone to get into the Christmas spirit.



CHORISTERS

On Tuesday evening, the Hereford Cathedral Choir sang an Advent Service at The Guards Chapel London. Jane Asher and Lloyd Grossman both read a lesson. Well done to the Junior School Choristers!



YEAR 3 ENGLISH

In English this half term, Year 3 have been studying different non-chronological information reports. We thought it would be a great idea to create some new, unique animals and produce an informative report about them. We were inspired by Sir David



Attenborough's documentaries and thought he might like to see some of our animal creations that (you never know) may, somewhere in the world, actually be waiting to be discovered! We have, therefore, sent off our reports along with a cover letter to Sir David Attenborough himself to see what he makes of them. We eagerly await a response!



ALEX'S BREW DAY

You may recall that before half term, Mr Wright gave every child in Reception through to Year 6 a packet of yeast with the challenge to get baking. Alex, 5L, put his packet of yeast to good use – instead of baking bread he used it to create 288 pints of a Parma Porter (a dark beer) in his Dad's brewery. The beer was made with Phoenix hops and Parma Violet sweets!



HOCKEY SUCCESS

Well done to the Colts A team who won the county In2Hockey regional qualifier on Wednesday. The squad of 10 will now go through and play at the West of England Finals in March. A special mention to one of their number who was asked to demonstrate her slider pass to everyone else! Well done girls!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER CHARITY DAY - WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

All pupils may wear a Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday 11th December. Please note that all other uniform should be worn as normal. A £1 donation is kindly requested in aid of Guide Dogs.



FROM THE PTA

Thank you to everyone involved in setting up and running the stalls at the PTA Christmas Bazaar, and a huge thank you to all the parents and children for attending and helping us to raise over £700. We would also like to thank Rachel Powell for again donating a beautiful Christmas cake for the raffle. The raffle was drawn by Mr Debenham and the winner was Emma Maxted.

Thank you to everyone who bought photos at the Pre-Prep Christmas Concert and as a reminder we will also be selling photos at the Reception Nativity on Monday as well.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

Monday 9th December – 5L to have PE with 5B Lesson 2

- 6G to have PE in the afternoon with 6J and 6T
- No Games for Year 2

Tuesday 10th December – No PE for Year 1

Wednesday 11th December – No Games for Years 5&6

Thursday 12th December – No PE for Year 6

Please could all rugby and hockey match shirts be returned this week.

In the penultimate week of term, there have still been plenty of things going on. On Wednesday, our U11 girls won the County Hockey Tournament defeating The Downs and The Elms. They will represent the County in the next round in 2020.

On Tuesday, the Year 3&4 hockey girls had some tough matches away at The Downs. The majority of boys played their final rugby matches of the season against King's Hawford on Wednesday with the U10A's involved in a titanic draw, the U11B and U11C/U10B coming away with wins and a gallant display in defeat from the U11A team. The U11C/U10B team are at Moor Park today, rounding off their season.



The U11B team

Spring Term

Next term, all girls in Years 3 – 6 will play Netball. All boys in Years 3 – 6 will play football.

Monday 6th January – There will be PE as normal for 5B, 6J and 6T as well as Year 2 Games.

Hockey

HCJS Colts A 2 – 1 The Downs, Malvern

HCJS Colts A 4 – 1 The Elms

HCJS Colts B 2 – 0 The Elms

Rugby

HCJS U11A 20 – 65 King's Hawford U11A

HCJS U10A 40 – 40 King's Hawford U10A

King's Hawford U11B 10 – 40 HCJS U11B

King's Hawford U11C/U10B 20 – 35 HCJS U11C/U10B

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Monday (Reception – Year 6): We talked about all the things we are looking forward to and how far away events can seem. We talked about advent and how this is the time of year when we might look forward to Christmas, appreciating all that we have and being mindful of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

'For to us a child is born...and he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9.2,6)

Wednesday (Years 3 – 6): In assembly on Wednesday, the Drama Club presented some highlights of their work from the term. They performed the improvisational scenes that they had developed, told jokes and attempted some tricky tongue twisters.

Friday (Years 3 – 6): Mrs Denny talked about Saint Nicholas, as today is his Saints day. We talked about generosity and acts of kindness, as well as traditions that we have at home for Christmas after thinking about how people in Europe mark St Nicholas' Day.

AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

MERITS: J Horne, F Hayes, R Hussey, P Jerram, E Morris, R Farquharson, N Goodwin, B Prosser, N O'Reilly, E Walker, A Madge, A Smout, M Gillett, J Collett, R Pattison & J Austin.

OTHER AWARDS

- Scarlett Ainge – Pony Club most improved rider
- Ellie-May Simcock – Perseverance and promise award (North Hereford Pony Club)
- George Simcock – Mounted Games cup
- Milly Morgan-Jones - Perseverance award (North Hereford Pony Club) and Tetrathlon cup
- Florence Moseley – Rosettes from Ledbury Pony Club showjumping
- Aiden O'Connor – Swimming medal

LOST & FOUND

A black & red H&M bag was left outside the back of Pre-Prep this week. It is in the School Office waiting to be claimed by its owner!



THE GIVING MACHINE



With only a few more weeks before Christmas, you may be looking to do some of your remaining present shopping online. If so, please do remember to check on The Giving Machine website (www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) to

see if the online retailer is one who participates in their scheme (and may be offering a discount or special offer). If you access the retailer's website through TGM website (or TGM S&G App), then you will be helping to generate a free donation for the PTA which can go towards next year's events and activities for the children.

Clothing retailers such as Boden, Joules, Lands' End, Pure Collection, Jigsaw and John Lewis make more significant donations to HCJS PTA than retailers such as Amazon or Ebay (although all those penny donations add up as well!), so it is worth remembering about TGM initiative if you can.

It is really easy to sign up to The Giving Machine and if you haven't signed up as yet and would like to, then just go to <https://thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hereford-cathedral-school-57200> and follow the instructions to join. You will also find the links there to install the reminder apps - select the 'For Shoppers' tab and then 'Install Desktop Reminder' or 'Install Mobile App'.

Every little helps - thank you and happy shopping!

Happy birthday this week to...Zack Malcolm, Hunter Martin, George Windsor-Collins, Oliver Daw & Yvan Andrade.

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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