HCJS NEWSLETTER NO.910











TIMES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 21st - (12th Week of Term)

Homework Holiday and Reading Week

Y5 Production Dress Rehearsal to Y3,4&6, St David's Hall10.45amStaff Academic Focus Meeting (HCS & HCJS HoDs)4.15pmY5 'Mystery At Magpie Manor' Performance, St David's Hall7pm

Tuesday 22nd

Y5 'Mystery At Magpie Manor' Performance, St David's Hall
U8/9 A,B&C Football v King's Hawford (a)
Calendar Planning Meeting, Briscoe Room
Y5 'Mystery At Magpie Manor' Performance, St David's Hall
7pm

Wednesday 23rd

Y5&6 Choir at Barnado's Choir Competition Finals,

King's Hawford Colts A Football Tournament 2pm
Colts B,C,D&E Football v RGS The Grange (h) 2.30pm

Thursday 24th

U11 In2Hockey Regional Finals, Millfield all day

Friday 25th

Nursery Mothers' Day Coffee Morning, Nursery 10.30am Governors Full Board Committee Meeting, Gilbert Library 3pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 28th - (13th Week of Term)

No clubs this week

ABRSM Music Examinations all day
Reception Pizza Making Experience, Dining Hall 9.10am
Y5 Production Dress Rehearsal to Y3,4&6, St David's Hall 10.45am
Y5 'Mystery At Magpie Manor' Performance, St David's Hall 7pm

Tuesday 29thABRSM Music Examinations

Y5 'Mystery At Magpie Manor' Performance, St David's Hall
Y3&4 Netball House Matches, Gwynne Street
Y3&4 Football House Matches, Wyeside
Y5 'Mystery At Magpie Manor' Performance, St David's Hall
7pm

Wednesday 30th

ABRSM Music Examinations all day
Chorister Parents' Calendar Meeting, Library 8.45am
Y5&6 Netball House Matches, Gwynne Street 2.15pm
Y5&6 Football House Matches, Wyeside 2.15pm

Thursday 31st

Final Evensong of Term, Cathedral 5.30pm

Friday 1st

Y2-4&6 Full Reports and Y3&5 Progress Grades published
Pre-Prep & Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade, Quiet Garden
9.45am

(Refreshments served from 8.45am in Dining Hall)
PTA Pre-Prep Easter Egg Hunt

PTA Pre-Prep Easter Egg Hunt pm
Term Ends 3.35pm
PTA Y3&4 Disco, Dining Hall 4.30-5.30pm
PTA Y5&6 Disco, Dining Hall 5.45-6.45pm



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK...

all day

FROM THE HEAD

It has been an extremely challenging week in school with significant staff and pupil absences owing to Covid. I wanted to thank all the staff in school who have demonstrated such a 'can do' approach to the extra cover demands and their role in maintaining an excellent



level of educational provision for the pupils, both in school and at home. I also want to thank our parents for all their support of the temporary measures that we have put in place to mitigate against the spread of Covid. While it would be naive to think that all will be well next week, I am hopeful that the situation will significantly improve in the lead up to the end of term. As ever, we will do our best to keep parents updated of any developments in school.

Despite the challenges we have faced, last week was an incredibly successful one, particularly in relation to the Herefordshire Festival. Over 100 of our Junior School pupils performed at the festival in classes ranging from duologues to sight reading to choir performances. The chance to perform on stage, in public, is a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence, public performance skills and above all to enjoy the experience. Congratulations to all involved and an enormous thank you to Mrs Sockett and Miss Toolan for all their energy and enthusiasm in preparing our pupils for this event.

Frustratingly, a number of events have had to be cancelled or postponed this week and next. Each and every event is considered individually and every attempt will be made to reschedule events that are missed. Rest assured that I have been made well aware of the non-negotiables when meeting with the Year 6 prefects this week!

Have a good weekend.

FORMER PUPILS' SUCCESS

Congratulations to former Junior School pupil Ryan P who has been selected as one of the four prestigious Lord Lieutenant's Cadets for 2022-23. More details can be found via the following link: https://www.herefordcs.com/news/article/sixth-former-ryan-p-selected-lord-lieutenants-cadet

HEREFORDSHIRE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL MEDALLISTS



Gold

Duo Acting Yrs 5-7: Jessica A & Gauranga R

Silver

Poetry Yr 6: Fearn M Poetry Yr 5: Hunter M Poetry Yr 4: Finlay W Poetry Yr 2: George P

Share a Poem Yr 5: Finn G & Freddie T Share a Poem Yr 4: Jose Franciso N Share a Poem Yr 2 & 3: Lorena A & Lily F Prepared Reading Yr 6: Florence M Sight Reading Yr 5 & 6: Hunter M Sight Reading Yr 5 & 6 Freya Webb Sight Reading Yr 2: George P

Bronze

Poetry Yr 6: Jessica W
Poetry Yr 6: Florence M
Poetry Yr 5: Freddie T
Poetry Yr 5: Oliver L-P
Poetry Yr 3 Lily F
Duo Acting Yrs 5-7: Freya W & Fearn M
Solo Acting Yrs 5-7: Oliver L-P
Prepared Reading Yr 5: Jemima L
Prepared Reading Yr 3 & 4: Finlay W
Sight Reading Yr 5 & 6: Fearn M
Sight Reading Yr 3 & 4: Lily F
Share a Poem Yr 4: Finlay W & Archie T
Share a poem Yr 4: Jessica J & George B

Congratulations to Freya W and Fearn M who were invited by the judges to perform their poem 'After The Ball' at the Herefordshire Festival Gala Concert at the Courtyard Theatre on Thursday evening. The girls gave a confident performance to the appreciative audience, but admitted 'it was a little bit scary at the beginning'. Well done girls!

MERITS

Millie W, Eva N, Willow J, Alice M, Harriet M, Eliza M, Aria F-B and Edward M.

NURSERY

We have been observing and investigating the signs of Spring this week. During our weekly walk we discovered blossom, daffodils, birds and insects. Our Nursery is feeling very bright and colourful with all of our Spring themed crafts!



MUSIC

The Junior School Choirs impressed the audience and the adjudicator at the Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival last Friday. The Year 3&4 Choir sang 'Last Minute Calypso' and 'Singing in the Dark' with confidence - a first performance for many. The adjudicator loved their performance and awarded them 90 marks which is in the 'outstanding' category. The Year 5&6 Choir left the audience enthralled with their beautiful rendition of 'Into the Light' and then delighted us all with their cheeky version of 'The

Drunken Sailor' leading to another outstanding mark of 91 and winning the Under 11s Choir class.
Congratulations to all who sang so well!



YEAR 4 DT CLUB



CASTLE HILL HOLIDAY CLUB

Castle Hill Holiday Club (our holiday club provision for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils) will be running during the Easter holidays on the following days:

Easter Holiday

Monday 4th April Tuesday 5th April Wednesday 6th April Thursday 7th April Friday 8th April

Booking forms are now available for parents via the following Firefly <u>HERE</u>. Booking is essential



This week's Words of the Week are:

Year 3 - Heard

Year 4 - Peculiar

Year 5 - Immediate

Year 6 - Nuisance



Play & Discovery (for age 0-3) Wednesday 23rd March, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm.

ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

<u>Letters to Parents</u> Games & Match Information School Calendar Boys Team Lists

Girls Team Lists









