

THE JUNIOR TIMES

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 25th - (1st Week of Term)

No clubs this week

Pupils return	8.30am
Staff Academic Focus Meeting	4.15pm

Tuesday 26th

First Evensong of Term, Cathedral	5.30pm
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Thursday 28th

School Council Meeting, 6j	3.40pm
Parents Meeting for London Trip, St David's Hall	3.45pm

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Monday 2nd - (2nd Week of Term)

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd

Clubs begin today

Y5&6 Choir to Cheltenham Performing Arts Festival, Cheltenham Town Hall	all day
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Wednesday 4th

School Service, Cathedral	8.45am
U11 A&B Girls Cricket v The Downs (h)	2.30pm
U11 A&B Boys Cricket v The Downs (a)	2.45pm

Saturday 7th

'Discover HCS' Open Event	am
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SUMMER TERM CALENDAR

The Summer Term Calendar can be found at the link [HERE](#).

YEAR 5&6 ART, DRAMA AND SCIENCE TRIP TO LONDON

There will be a meeting in St David's Hall for parents on Thursday 28th April at 3.45pm, where we will be able to give you further details of the trip as well as answering any questions you may have.

If you are unable to make the meeting, we are happy to answer any questions via email to i.barber@herefordcs.com or by making an appointment via the School Office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO...

Alice W and Margot T.



FROM THE HEAD

This week the Year 5 pupils excelled themselves with their performances of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor', reminding us all of the live performance opportunities that we have so missed over the past two years. With four performances in two days, postponements due to Covid, multiple roles for many of the children, endless props, not to mention significant quantities of lines to learn, we certainly asked a lot of the Year 5 children and they rose to the challenge magnificently. Well done to all involved - a real team effort.



On the theme of live 'performances', Pre-Prep and Nursery pupils have been busily preparing their Easter bonnets for the parade today. There has been much excitement and industry making their creations and the parade is always a highlight of the end of the Spring term.

Assemblies this week have been an opportunity to reflect on the successes of the term in so many areas of school life. May I extend enormous thanks to all the staff who have organised, supported, cajoled and encouraged our pupils at the myriad of events this term. The Summer term calendar draft will be published to parents today and the difficulty in fitting all the various events in to the term is a true indicator of the wide range of opportunities the children will have next term.

May I conclude my final Head's column by personally thanking all the parents, pupils and staff for their support and encouragement over the past two terms as Acting Head. It has been greatly appreciated and a real privilege to lead this wonderful school.

Have a restful Easter holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Debenham'.

MERITS

Charlie F, Luisa M x 2, Soli P, Poppy D, Henry H, Amelia N, Oliver L-P, Emily E, Richie W, Jemima L, Daisy C, Millie W and Harriet M.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies this week have been all about celebrating success in the Junior School. There have been a large amount of merit certificates, bronze and silver house point certificates, World Book Day prizes, first aid certificates and sports awards to hand out at Pre-Prep assembly on Monday, Years 5&6 assembly on Wednesday and Years 3&4 assembly on Friday.

Mr Debenham spoke in each assembly about how we know if we have had a successful term. He asked the question: do you need a trophy or certificate to know you have been successful this term? Not everyone had received an award, none of the teachers had received an award - does this mean that they haven't had a successful term?

This created some interesting responses including: 'only you know if you have been successful', 'the only person you should compare yourself to is you', 'some people might never win a best sportsman award but that doesn't mean they aren't successful' and 'success is when you are better today than you were yesterday'. Mr Debenham used this last idea to challenge the children to ensure that each and everyone of them next term strives to be even better than this term.

We also managed to fit in 3D's form assembly on the last day of term who invited us into a 'Day in the Life of 3D' and what a busy day they had. There were some rather curious and memorable teacher cameos too! A confident performance was delivered by the children in what would have been their first ever assembly in front of their peers. Well done 3D - great fun!

UKRAINIAN SUPPORT

With Ukrainian families now arriving in Herefordshire, we believe that we can add most value by acting as a community hub. On Saturday mornings next term, we are hoping to enable Ukrainian families to come together and help provide support, such as English lessons and other opportunities. This important project will be coordinated by a team of colleagues including Mrs Paula Cumming, our Acting Head of English, P.Cumming@herefordcs.com

We will be circulating more details in due course but if you would like to support this initiative in any way, then please do let us know.

NURSERY

We have had an 'egg-cellent' week exploring the topic of Easter. We have enjoyed lots of Easter crafts, egg number matching games and an egg hunt in our Nursery garden. We collected and counted many bright and colourful eggs. Happy Easter from everyone in Nursery!



RECEPTION

Reception enjoyed an amazing trip to the school dining hall this week to make their very own pizzas. They rolled out their own dough, put on their own sauce and then added their favourite toppings. The best part was then eating the pizzas for their own lunch. Thank you to Mr Prosser and his team!



To watch the video of the children making their pizzas click on the link [HERE](#).

YEAR 1

In Year 1 this term the children have worked incredibly hard. Our focus in English has been 'fantasy settings' and we have looked at the elements needed for a fantasy story. We have used adjectives and similes to describe different settings and have thought of a magical object that could transport us from our familiar world to a fantasy world.

We finished our topic by writing our own fantasy story similar to that of 'Alice in Wonderland'. It seemed only fitting to finish off the topic with an 'Alice in Wonderland' tea party!



LAMBING LIVE

Year 4 had a very successful series of visits to Kentchurch to see the newborn lambs. Both classes were lucky enough to see a number of lambs being born and had the opportunity to hold some of the recently born lambs if they wanted.

Mr Quan also gave us a guided tour of the farm. This included seeing some of the ewes and lambs in the fields and exploring woodland where Mr Quan taught the children how to identify five different types of tree. Great fun was also had throwing sticks for Pip the farm dog. Many thanks to Mr Quan for inviting us.



This week's Words of the Week are:

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Year 3 - Important
Year 4 - Possession
Year 5 - Interrupt
Year 6 - Prejudice

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been very hands on recently in Science. They have planted peas, beans and sunflowers in preparation to grow and study in the Summer term. The children have also been experimenting with a variety of electrical components in order to successfully create working circuits. Year 2 have been watering the daffodils and tulips which they planted in the Autumn.



WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS

At last, the wait is over and in assemblies this week, the following World Book Day winners were celebrated and received their certificates and prizes.

Overall Furry Friend Photo Winner for Pre-Prep: Theo F for his reading of Dogbird to his very interested dog!



Overall Furry Friend Photo Winner for Juniors: Callum O Y6 for helping his 'scaly' friend enjoy its first ever graphic novel!



Potato Book Character Winners

Reception: Isla from RG for her Singing Mermaid

Year 1: Maggie for her Cinderella

Year 2: Tommy for his Gruffalo and Cave

Year 3: Willow for her Snail and the Whale

Year 4: Luisa for her Gabby and Daisy

Year 5: Richie for his Hedwig

Year 6: Freya P for her Paddington



YEAR 6 RE

Well done to Florence B and Jemima H who wrote this poem in time for Easter.

Jesus Rises From The Dead

It was an early Sunday morning
Everyone awake and yawning,
Two young women came running by
As they suddenly started to cry,
They had a dreadful scare
The tomb was lonely and bare.

All of a sudden two angels fly down
Both wearing fancy crowns,
He's awake! He's awake!
After his very long break,
They turned around to see him there
As they both looked and started to glare,
Jesus, Jesus, is that really you?
And off the beautiful angels flew.



YEAR 6 ICT

Year 6 students have completed a fantastic term in ICT. They have created websites using HTML code and produced greeting cards, recipe pages and wanted posters. Students have shown excellent skills in this topic and Mrs Stanley said that all students have excelled in this topic and exceeded her expectations.



As a reward students have been enjoying the use of the Virtual Reality equipment. Enjoy a wonderful holiday Year 6!

Classroom Door Form Winners:

Reception G and Reception H for their colourful and wonderfully tactile Three Little Pigs triumph!



Well done to everyone who took part in these competitions. We were stunned and amazed by the quality of the entries. What a creative school we are!

GAMES DEPARTMENT

In our final week of the term, Years 3 – 6 have enjoyed their house matches. In football, Britten were the winners in Y3&4 whilst Oakeley won the Y5&6 competition. When the points were added together, Britten won on goal difference from Woodall, Oakeley and Matthews.

In Netball, Woodall were a dominant force throughout winning both the Y3&4 and Y5&6 competition. Britten were runners up followed by Matthews and Oakeley.



Summer Term

Boys and girls in Y3-6 will be doing cricket in Games along with some preparation for Sports Day. Further information will be posted on the Games Information page on Firefly.

Herefordshire AA Cross Country Championships - April 10th

If any pupil would like to enter these championships which take place during Easter, then please click on the link [HERE](#) and fill in the entry form.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

Sports Awards

Well done to everybody who has represented the school so well this term in matches. This has been a very successful term with many memorable events across the board. A special congratulations to these pupils who have won awards this term.

Football

Y4 POTY – Henry H
Y4 Most Improved – William I
Y5 POTY – Matti F-Z
Y5 Most Improved – Charlie F
Y6 POTY – Gabriel O'R
Y6 Most Improved – Callum O
Top Goalscorer – Finn G

Netball

Y4 POTY – Poppy D
Y4 Most Improved – Amelia N
Y5 POTY – Jemima L
Y5 Most Improved – Emily J
Y6 POTY – Jess A
Y6 Most Improved – Glasha C

Congratulations also to Florence B who has been selected for the U11 Girls County Cricket squad.



HCJS PTA presents **COCKTAIL BAR**
DELICIOUS FOOD

Summer Social

LIVE MUSIC FROM
THE HEY-YAHS

Friday 17th June 2022
7pm - Midnight
The Shack, Bastion Mews,
Hereford

SAVE THE DATE

The PTA Summer Social will take place on Friday 17th June 2022. Further details will follow by email to all parents next week.

HCJS PARENT SURVEY

A reminder that the HCJS parent survey is open until 10th April 2022. The survey can be found [HERE](#).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Play & Discover (for age 0-3) Wednesday 27 April, HCJS Nursery from 2-3pm
'Discover HCS' Open Event, Saturday 7 May, am

ONLINE RESOURCES: CLICK TO FOLLOW LINKS

[Letters to Parents](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Games & Match Information](#)

[Boys' Team Lists](#)

[Girls' Team Lists](#)