#### HCJS NEWSLETTER NO. 862











# CALENDAR THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 12th 'Question & Answer' session for Reception Parents via Zoom 10.30am

#### **LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD**

Monday 14th Individual Pupil Photos, Library (TBC) all day Saturday 19th PGL Trip (details to follow) all day

# FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back! It is wonderful to have all our children back to school. The classrooms, corridors and playgrounds are once again filled with chatter and laughter.

This term, we were joined by 30 new children. A special welcome to them and their families! All parents will have received updated contact lists which I hope prove useful. If your child is acting as a buddy, please do take some time to talk to them about this important role.

I do hope your children have enjoyed coming back to school and have not found the

beginning of the new school year too daunting. Of course, there is a lot for us all to get our heads around. Please do get in touch with your child's form teacher or the School Office should you have any queries or concerns.

Finally, I should like to report my thanks to the school staff for all their work in recent weeks and for their welcome and care for the children. Thank you to parents, too, for your support and flexibility as we adapt and look forward.



#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We very much hope that you have received all the information that you needed for the beginning of the school year – whether you are new to the school or simply moving from one year group to another. Please do get in touch with Mrs Stonehouse, Head's PA, with any thoughts or feedback about this. We are required each year to send parents various pieces of information and links to a number of documents. Yesterday, you would have received Mr Wright's 'Standard Information for Parents' letter, a copy of which can be found here.



### MEET THE GAPS

Miss Ip joined HCS in Year 12. She studied Psychology, Chinese and Classics at A-Level and intends to study Psychology at Cardiff University next year. Miss Price joined HCJS in Nursery, and has just completed her A-Levels in Polish, Art and Business. She is looking forward to studying Business Management at University next year. Mr Caldwell joined HCJS in Year 3 and took English Literature, Music and Latin at A-Level.

# A BLUE PETER BADGE FOR JULIETTE!

Well done to Juliette in 3D who was recently awarded a Blue Peter Badge after submitting a fantastic piece of artwork!



# PENCIL CASES FOR YEAR 3-6

All children in Years 3-6 will need to have a small named pencil case. This should contain a pencil, a rubber, a sharpener and a 15cm ruler. They may also bring a selection of pencil crayons and felt pens. They do not need a calculator or geometry set.

#### GAMES DEPARTMENT

Please find below Games lesson venues and collection times for children in Y3-6.

**Tuesdays:** Y3&4 boys Games will be held at Wyeside. Collection from Wyeside is at 3pm or from School at 3.30pm. The boys will play football and will need shin pads and boots.

**Tuesdays:** Y3&4 girls Games will be held at school. Collection from school at 3.30pm. The girls will need their hockey kit: shin pads, a gum shield and a hockey stick.

**Thursdays:** Y3&4 boys and girls Games will be held at school. Collection from school at 3.30pm. The boys will do rugby skills and will just need their Games kit. The girls will do hockey and will need their hockey kit: shin pads, a gum shield and a hockey stick.

**Wednesdays and Fridays (boys):** Y5&6 boys Games will be held at Wyeside. Collection from Wyeside is at 3.10pm or from School at 3.45pm. The boys will play football on a Wednesday and will need shin pads and boots. They will do rugby on a Friday and will just need their boots.

**Wednesdays (girls):** Y5&6 girls Games Wednesdays: Games will be held at school. Pick up at 3.45pm. The girls will need their hockey kit: shin pads, a gum shield and a hockey stick.

**Fridays (girls):** Y5&6 girls Games will be held at Hereford Leisure Centre. Collection from the Leisure Centre is at 3.10pm or from School at 3.45pm. The girls will need their hockey kit: shin pads, a gum shield and a hockey stick.

#### A-LEVEL AND GCSE EXAM RESULTS

Many congratulations to all those pupils at the Senior School who received their A-Level and GCSE results over the summer.

At GCSE, almost 60% of the grades awarded were the highest scores of 9-7 (A\*/A) and well over a third (38%) of all grades were at 9-8 (A\* equivalent). In fifteen of the school's subject departments, over 50% of grades awarded were grade 7 and above.

Our A Level results were equally impressive with nearly 60% of all grades awarded at

A\*/A and 70% of all students securing nothing less than a B grade in their exams. Nine departments achieved all grades A\*-B this year, with all A\*/A grades in Chinese, Drama, English Language & Literature and Spanish. In Music, English Literature, Latin and French 80% of grades were A\*/A.



# PARENTS' ACCESS TO SCHOOL

In line with the guidance, parents will be unable to access the school site without an appointment. Thus, should parents wish to meet with a member of staff, they will need to make an appointment. Of course, the School Office and members of staff are easily reachable by email or by phone, and letters can be posted through the school letterbox located outside Number 28 Castle Street.

# SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION

Parents will be aware that the school has taken significant steps to limit the spread of coronavirus and to keep staff and children as safe as we can without compromising the children's education any more than necessary.

We would ask please that all parents support this endeavour by:

- strictly adhering to social distancing rules when waiting outside school.
- avoiding arriving at school early
- by vacating Castle Street and Quay Street after dropping off, in order to limit groups congregating outside school.

#### ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

# Thursday (Reception - Year 6):

In his remote assembly, Mr Wright retold the Parable of Wise and Foolish Builders. In their forms, pupils discussed ways in which they could build firm foundations for the year during the course of the next few days.

# Happy birthday during the holidays to...

Xander Malcolm, George Debenham, Gracie Holloway, Freya Harrison, Tashy Holman, Poppy Dorise, Olivia White, Molly Podmore, Charlie Fowler, Theo Smissen, Harry Buchanan, Freddie Inott, Finley Wells, Lilly Dickman, Azaiah Vermaut, Gethin Jones, Edward Meadows, Freya Webb, Annie Walker, Sam Houston, Juliette Wood, Jack Podmore, William Morgan, Henry Hayes, Rhys Schneider and Leah Tolley.

Happy birthday this week to...William May.

