

# Junior Times!

HCJS Newsletter



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## THE WEEK AHEAD:

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	(Clubs begin today) Summer Uniform compulsory from today	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Colts A&B Cricket v Moor Park (h)	2.30pm
	U11 A&B & U10 A Rounders v Moor Park (a)	2.45pm
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Y6 Trip to Belmont Abbey	all day
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Y6 Cycling Proficiency, Junior School	9am-3pm

## LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Health & Safety Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4pm
	Staff Academic Focus Meeting (Marking)	4.15pm
	PTA Committee Meeting, 28 Castle St.	7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Reps Meeting, Library	9am
	Class Photos, Quiet Garden	9.15am
	Y6 Vista Group Leavers' Photo, St David's Hall	12noon
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Y4 Trip to @Bristol	all day
	5W Class Assembly, St David's Hall	1pm
	Colts B Cricket v The Elms (h)	2.30pm
	Colts A Cricket v The Elms (a)	2.45pm
	Professional Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4.10pm
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Senior School Open Evening for Parents of Y5, Gilbert Library	6.30pm
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Junior School Open Morning	9.45-11.30am
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Y6 Cycling Proficiency, Junior School	9am-3pm
	Y2-Y4 Swimming Gala, Leisure Pool	3-5pm
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	UK Chess Challenge Mega Final, Zimmerman Main Hall	all day

Team sheets, recent letters home and a host of other information for parents can be found via links on the Nursery and Junior Parents page on the school website <http://www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Parents>

## FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back! I do hope that your children have had a happy first week of term.

We welcome five new children this week, joining the Nursery and Years 3 & 5. Parents in these year groups will have already received updated contact sheets.

In assemblies this week we have been talking about love, forgiveness, tolerance and friendship. Mr Debenham talked about the contents of his 'little box of ultimate happiness' to children in Years 3-6 on Wednesday, and I hope that the children will contribute over the next couple of weeks to a display on this theme. On Tuesday, it was a pleasure for me to give out certificates, medals and rosettes to many of the Pre-Prep children who had been involved in all sorts of activities over the holidays – riding, climbing, rugby, gymnastics and swimming: particularly notable was the project undertaken by two boys who industriously made pom-poms, which they used to decorate chocolate bunnies. They sold their Easter gifts in offices around the city and donated the money raised to the Little Princess Trust!

On Thursday I met the House Captains. We have agreed that encouraging children of different ages to talk and play together should be our aim for the term, and we are busy thinking of ways to facilitate this.

Wishing you all an enjoyable long weekend!

Chris Wright.

## QUIET GARDEN DEVELOPMENT

The children arrived at school on Monday to find that the grass in the Quiet Garden had been replaced by no-mow. There was much amazement and wonder which quickly turned into excitement! Through the week the children have certainly enjoyed the space and it has been fun to watch them use it in different ways. As the next few weeks progress, we will experiment with different play equipment (and perhaps a different rule or two!) to ensure that the children are benefiting as much as possible from the new facility. Replacing the grass with no-mow will have a major impact on the play space for the children in Years 3-6 as



the Quiet Garden lawn was off limits to the children whenever it was wet or damp – effectively, for much the year, the children will now enjoy almost double the play space. This new facility has been almost entirely funded by the PTA. My thanks to the committee and the form reps, and indeed to all of you who have supported PTA events, and thus made this important development possible. We will be formally opening the new facility soon – and will publish arrangements for this in due course.



## SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN EVENING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 5

The Senior School are holding an Open Evening for parents of children in Years 5 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet and hear from the Headmaster, and various Senior School Heads of Department, including English, Maths, Science and Modern Foreign Languages. In addition, a couple of Year 7 children will be speaking! If you have attended an Open Evening previously, please do not feel that you need attend. If you would like to attend or would like to know more please contact Mrs Selena Fortey, the Senior School Admissions Officer – [admissions@herefordcs.com](mailto:admissions@herefordcs.com) or 01432 363506 (direct line). Further details of the event will be sent to you by Mrs Fortey.

## PRE-PREP EASTER BONNET PARADE

The end of the Spring Term was marked with our annual Pre-Prep Easter Bonnet Parade. The weather was kind as the children proudly paraded around the garden in their colourful and amazing Easter Bonnets. This event was enjoyed by all of the children who took part and a very appreciative audience admired the many creative hat designs.



## CHESS CHALLENGE 2017

Congratulations to all those who played in this year's Chess Challenge. The competition was fierce and there were some excellent matches, played in a very sporting manner. A particular well done and good luck to the 10 pupils listed below who have qualified for the Mercia Megafinal to be held at the Senior School on Sunday 14th May.

Age	Boys Winner	Girls Winner(s)	Other Qualifiers
U11	Jonathan Haverty	Isabelle Madge Sunaina Raveesh	Rupert Dales
U10	Ralph Warner	Lieve Brinkerink	
U9	Jonathan Darwood	Eleanor Windsor-Collins	
U8	Adrian Karney	Ella Jennings	

## BARNARDO'S NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION – DVDS AND PHOTOS

The Chamber Choir received their written feedback from the judges at the Barnardo's National Choir Competition and it was lovely to have such positive comments. They particularly praised the choir for such a lovely warm sound, an engaging performance and great characterization of the music.

DVDs of the concert are available to order online from Black Swan Film and Video at [www.bsfv.co.uk/musicshop](http://www.bsfv.co.uk/musicshop). There are also some photos of our evening performance which can be ordered from [www.hiskett.net/Events](http://www.hiskett.net/Events).

## HEREFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL RESULTS

A large number of children took part (in a large number of different classes!) in the Herefordshire Festival towards the end of last term. Please do email the office ([enquiry@herefordcs.com](mailto:enquiry@herefordcs.com)) with details of your child's successes if you have not already done so. We will be celebrating the children's involvement and success during assembly on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Children are most welcome to bring their medals and certificates in to school on this day.



### NURSERY

Nursery children are thinking about dinosaurs this week. They started the week with a dinosaur hunt where they followed footprints and holes in the paths and eventually found a dinosaur!

### YEAR ONE

Year 1 planted dahlias outside in tubs and enjoyed the sunshine! The children look forward to watering the plants and hopefully seeing some flowers before the end of the term.



### YEAR THREE

3M have had lots of fun making 3D shapes using a variety of materials.



## GAMES DEPARTMENT

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – No PE for Year 6 due to the Belmont Abbey trip.

This week, the Games programme has begun although the weather has been more akin to winter with hailstorms, strong winds and cold temperatures being prevalent. It is therefore still a good idea for children to wear skins and other layers to keep warm.

Next week we have our first cricket and rounders fixtures against Moor Park, whilst on the 13<sup>th</sup> May we have our School Swimming Gala at Hereford Leisure Pool. If you have a child in Year 2, 3 or 4, you should have received a letter about this. Please contact the School Office if this is not the case.

Looking a little further ahead, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May there is an U11 Aquathlon at Malvern College. This is a swim followed by a run around the college grounds. If you are in Year 4 – 6 and wish to be considered for selection, please let Mr Turpin know by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Places are limited.

**Happy Birthday during the holiday to.....**Sophie Haverty, Hugo Lively, Scarlett Skerrett, Grace Inott, Heidi White, Charlie Goodwin, Hannah Whitaker, Freddie Powell, Gracie Powell, Eleanor Windsor-Collins, Callum Orme, Rob Yeo, Logan Sinclair, William Berry-Jones, Danny Gummerson and Bethan North

**And since the start of term to.....**Vanessa Holman, Oliver Parker, Florence Moseley, Beatrix Morgan-Jones and Henry Cobb

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Games team sheets and fixture arrangements: [Boys fixtures](#) and [Girls fixtures](#)

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