Junior Times!

HCJS Newsletter

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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 10th	*(No clubs this week except Chamber Choir)*	
	Nursery Full Reports published this week	
	6G Class Assembly, St David's Hall	8.45am
Tuesday 11th	Chorister Outing	all day
	Pre-Prep Instrumental Concert, St David's Hall	8.45am
	Y3&4 House Rounders, Wyeside	2.15pm
	French Department Review Meeting	3.45pm
Wednesday 12th	Summer Concert Rehearsal, St John's Church	am
	6H Class Assembly, St David's Hall	1pm
	Y5&6 House Cricket (Finals), Wyeside	2.15pm
	Y5&6 House Rounders, Wyeside	2.15pm
	Summer Concert, St John's Church	7pm
Thursday 13th	*Reception & Y3 Full Reports published*	
	Y6 Final Reports published	
	Y4 & 5 Grade Report published	
	Final Assembly and House Meetings	8.45-9.30am
	Speech Day Rehearsal, Cathedral	10.30am-12.30pm
	Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic, Nursery	12noon
	Final Evensong of Term, Cathedral	5.30pm
Friday 14th	Speech Day, Cathedral	11am
	Headmaster's Reception, Quiet Garden	12.15pm

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

Thank you very much to those parents who supported our Showcase Morning. Many of you have mentioned to me how much your children enjoyed showing you around the school, and I hope that you found your children confident and proud of the school and of all that they enjoy and achieve.

My congratulations to all the Pre-Prep children who entertained parents and friends at this week's Pre-Prep concert. It is super to see the children at ease on the stage, and so enjoying their singing and poetry. On a similar vein, well done to all those children in Year 2-4 who presented their Speech and Drama Revue yesterday – again the performances were impressive and full of fun. Impressive too was the Chamber Choir's performance at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod – see overleaf for more details and a link via which you can watch the children's performance.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this afternoon's Junior Sports Day, and later at this evening's Year 6 Leavers Party!

Chris Wright.

HEADS FOR THE DAY

Two Year 6 pupils took over from Mr Wright to become joint heads for the day last Wednesday. Oliver S and Otis took the helm of the School in a very grown-up fashion, leading the assembly on Wednesday morning, and meeting prospective parents. When asked what it felt like to be in charge of the Junior School, Otis said: 'I enjoyed introducing 6D's class assembly to the school, announcing the merit cards and messages; it made me feel powerful!' Oliver added: 'I enjoyed taking responsibility of the school for parts of the day. It was also great to meet and talk with the prospective parents.'

YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed a fun day out at Bristol Zoo on Monday. They explored the zoo in groups, endeavouring to complete a quiz booklet based on the animals' adaptations to their habitats. They also took part in an hour long workshop charting the evolution of life on earth, from its very beginning in the sea to the arrival of *homo sapiens*. The day, of course, was rounded off with a visit to the shop.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Photography club enjoyed a great day out on the island of Skomer. After a very early and wet drive to Martin's Haven they caught the ferry over to the island and then spent the day exploring in glorious sunshine. There were lots of puffins, many bringing sand eels in to feed their chicks, guillemots, razorbills and a wide variety of gulls to observe and even seals basking in the sun at the Garland stone. There was a tasty fish and chip supper at Llandovery before arriving home, tired but with lots of great photographs of the day.

RECEPTION

RG enjoyed treating Mrs Halford to a tea party in the garden to say goodbye and good luck. The day was full of emotions and we hope Mrs Halford can at last put her feet up and rest before the impending birth!

<u>A message from Mrs Halford:</u> a big thank you to all Reception parents for the very generous collection of cards, gifts and best wishes for my maternity leave. Thank you so much. Also, thank you to Year 1 parents for the gifts and lovely cakes that we shared in Year 1 over break time. I will announce the news when baby arrives!

CHILDREN'S WORK

At this stage of the year, we normally send exercise books and classwork home with your child. However, this year we would like to keep some children's work at school. This will only affect a small number of pupils across the Junior School. The reason for this is that we are expecting an ISI inspection at some point in the Autumn Term. As part of this process, the inspectors like to look at examples of work from across the subjects and age range. Therefore we would like to keep some of the exercise books and pieces of class work that the children have completed this year.

Any work or exercise books that we have kept will be available to be returned to the pupils at the end of the Autumn Term. Pre-Prep parents have received a separate letter detailing these arrangements.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL FOR THE CHAMBER CHOIR

The sun shone in Llangollen as the Chamber Choir arrived to sing at the International Eisteddfod. Selected to perform from their cd entry, the choir were privileged to be a part of the finals of this competition and performed with confidence and a sense of fun on the 'World Stage'. The judges were impressed with their excellent dynamics and fantastic energy amongst other things. We also had a chance to see some singers and dancers from around the world, enjoy the international and friendly atmosphere of the festival ... and of course indulge in a rather large ice-cream to congratulate ourselves on being part of such an impressive event!

Watch our performance on the following link: http://llangollen.tv/choirs/?lang=en

MR HUTCHINSON'S INTERNET/TECHNOLOGY SAFETY TIP FOR PARENTS #7

KEEPING THE UNDER FIVES SAFE ONLINE

Good little guide from Childnet International to get you thinking about the younger members of the family and keeping them safe online:

These eight frequently asked questions will provide you with useful information and tips that you can put into place at home, to help keep your youngest children safe online:

http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/keeping-young-children-safe-online

LOST: Hamish Gamble's named school cap
Sashvat Pillai's named school blazer

Happy Birthday this week to…. Otis Janson, Scarlett Ainge, Albie Letts and Ben Batchelor

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