

HCJS Newsletter

Aiming High, Celebrating Success



Newsletter 8

Friday 11th January 2019

Stop Press - Final Newsletter

Happy New Year one and all! Welcome back to school after what I hope was a happy and joyful Christmas break.

Not only is this the first HCJS Newsletter of 2019, but it will also be the last! Yes, you read that correctly; this is our **final** newsletter - at least for the foreseeable future. That is because next Wednesday 16th January, HCJS will be launching its very own dedicated school 'App'. This has been long heralded and the time to share it with you is almost here. The app will be our primary means of communicating school news and notices with you going forward.

I believe that we should utilise the amazing tools and technology now available to us to make sharing school news, notices and diary dates with our parents and carers as easy and seamless as possible. I believe that our new app is very user friendly. Many of you are now using platforms like Facebook or WhatsApp as your primary communication tool, and so I hope downloading the app and receiving 'push notices' directly to your phone will not be alien to you. It will mean that you no longer have to scroll through your email inbox for the message about your child's upcoming trip which you know you have received but cannot find. (Or is it just in my house where that happens?)

Full details and instructions along with log in and password details will be sent to you on Wednesday, so please look out for that important information. I encourage you to download the app as soon as possible once it goes live next week.

I will continue to write to you directly albeit less frequently; the newly titled 'HCJS Headteacher Bulletin' will be emailed to you monthly (on or around the last Friday of the month). I appreciate that there may be some of you who do not own a smartphone - If this is the case please contact Sam Rogers in the school office and she can talk you through the alternatives.

I have also been increasing my use of Twitter to share school news and celebrate success. I can be found at <https://twitter.com/HCJSHeadteacher> My tweets can also be accessed via the front page of the school website and eventually via the new app.

You will also have recently received information about 'Class Dojo' - another great piece of technology that we have adopted. Your class teacher can now share your child's successes and achievements directly with you. Our pupils seem to love it and I hope you do too!



Thanks for your generosity

I have already written some words about your generosity in the Christmas Newsletter - but we are so thankful that they need repeating.

The Amazon Book list

We have been genuinely blown away by how generous and kind you have been in supporting this initiative - barely a day goes by without another brown parcel being delivered with new books for our library. We are so grateful for your donations and our new library (and your children) have benefited so much from them already.

Christmas gifts.

Obviously teachers aren't in the job for chocolate and wine but it does help! Seriously, on behalf of all of the staff - thank you for your generous Christmas gifts. Seeing the teachers struggle to their cars with plastic crates full of presents on the last day of term always makes me chuckle - that was me once!

Key Dates for your Diary

Saturday 19 th January	Cross Country event at Wendover Junior School
Wednesday 23 rd January	Open Books (after school)
Friday 25 th January	Year 3 Geography Trip
Tuesday 29 th January	Year 5 Planetarium Visit
Thursday 31 st January	PTA AGM
Friday 1 st February	Year 4 Viking Day
Mon 18 th - Fri 22nd February	Half term week
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Saturday 16 th March Sunday 24 th March	Bugsy Malone Rehearsals
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 6 Oxford Castle Trip
Week commencing 1 st April	Production week - Bugsy Malone