



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a Charity Day today, and the bear on the right gives a hint as to which good cause our cash will be sent. Also, we have forwarded all the tinned donations to the Food Bank. Thank you for thinking of the needs of those who need our support at this time.

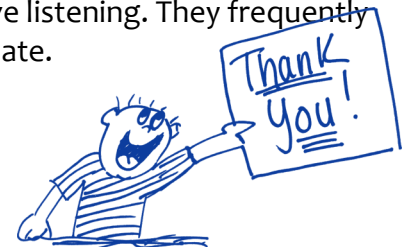
Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?' Mark 2: 25

After school clubs have been busy this week, like so many of the weeks gone by. As the nights draw in, our staff will escort pupils to the gate at the end of the club but, for safety reasons, I ask that you keep the area around the pedestrian crossing clear when picking up youngsters.

Mrs Cull and I spent Wednesday at Crabbs Cross Academy looking at maths. It was a fantastic day, with the pupils working really hard and being very willing to talk about how much they liked mathematics. Their behaviour was superb, and the atmosphere was always calm and caring. Thank you to those who made our day so good.

I am aware that many of you have contact with our tutors, Pastoral Managers or College Leaders in order to "sort things out". They also take time to contact parents or carers when matters arise here. The work of our Pastoral Managers is not always mentioned, but I am always grateful for the work they carry out in helping our pupils and keeping the tutors informed. Our caring approach is sustained in no small measure by our Pastoral Managers who deal with fallings out between the pupils and work to repair relationships between children. Their skills are those of patience, understanding, and active listening. They frequently stay here to complete phone calls at a day's end so that we keep you up-to-date.

And so I say "thank you" for the continued work of Mrs Russell (Abberley), Mrs Hands (Bredon), Mrs Phelan (Cleeve) and Mrs Langstone (Malvern).



Rev C Leach

Dear Lord,

Your love is beyond our understanding. The sacrifice of Jesus is unbelievable and we can only imagine the pain He went through. The gift He gave to us, so that we may have a personal relationship with you, has given us a hope that our lives can be in line with what you want.

His gift is priceless,
We pray a prayer of thankfulness over Him.

Amen

This week's theme was:

Jesus—hope for the world

Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7

Whole School Attendance—97.32%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

06.11.17—10.11.17

Year 5 — 97.86%

Year 6 — 97.39%

Year 7 — 96.18%

Year 8 — 97.98%

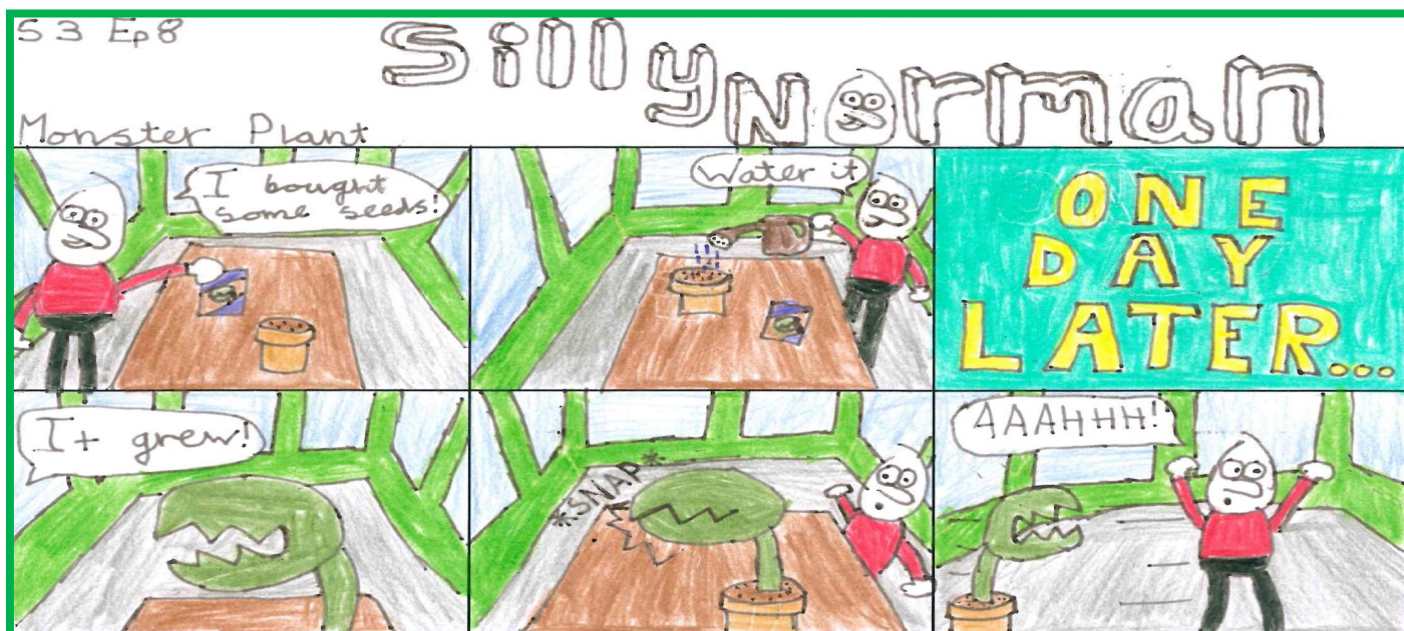


For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Aspiration	Oh listen, dear child—become wise; point your life in the right direction. <i>Proverbs 23:19</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Hope	May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. <i>Romans 15:13</i>
The assembly theme:	The Beatitudes	Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. <i>Matthew 5: 3-9</i>

We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	the work of Children in Need.	Monday	the pupils and staff of Crabbs Cross Academy.
Tuesday	our Pastoral Managers.	Wednesday	charity workers in countries where there is conflict.
Thursday	democracy and the rule of law.	Friday	Y11 pupils who are preparing for 'mock' exams.



Year 5 Theatre Trip: 101 Dalmatians

We are pleased to inform you that we are taking all of our Year 5 pupils to see the performance of *101 Dalmatians* at The Repertory Theatre in Birmingham on Wednesday 6th December 2017.



The school will cover the cost of this trip, as it is a visit linked to the English curriculum. We will leave school at around 1pm, travelling by coach. We expect to return to school at around 6pm – although please note that the theatre staff are not able to confirm an exact running time of the performance yet. As soon as I have this information, I will be able to confirm the approximate time at which we expect to return to school and will share this information with parents, via The Insider.

School uniform will be worn for the visit and a packed lunch will need to be provided, to be eaten in school prior to departure (pupils entitled to Free School Meals will be able to order their packed lunch in advance). Pupils should bring a bottle of water with them to drink and a snack to be eaten in the interval – due to the size of our year group, pupils will not be able to purchase snacks at the theatre. Please bear in mind our school policy regarding nuts.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Mrs M Johnson
Head of English

Reminder



Arrival Time- Morning

Gates open: **8.30am**

Pupils on time: **8.45am**

Pupils are not allowed to be on site until 8:30am unless they are attending homework club which runs from 7:45am to 8:45am.

Any pupils arriving before 8.30am are asked to make their way to the library where the homework club is situated. This area is fully supervised and pupils can read, quiz and complete any outstanding homework.

School Production 2018

This week saw the launch assembly of this year's school production, to be performed 26th-28th March 2018.

We are proud to announce our upcoming production as...



In this musical, the Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many "thinks." Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

All pupils are encouraged and welcome to take part in the production and we are hoping it will be as successful as our last production of 'Oliver', in which nearly 100 pupils took part.

Auditions will be held at lunchtime on:

Tuesday 28th November for Year 5 and 6 pupils

Thursday 30th November for Year 7 and 8 pupils

Call back auditions for solos, duets and groups will then be arranged for:

Tuesday 5th December 3:30-4:30pm. Students will be informed if they are required to attend this.

Any pupil who auditions will be a part of the production.

We will keep you updated through the Insider regarding future news, but we hope that we will see as many of you as possible at the performances in March.

Production Team

Mrs C Griffiths. Ms T Tomes, Miss E Cowles.





Ski Trip 2017/18

Payment Schedule

Thank you for your payments to date towards the total trip amount. The deadline for final payments is the 17th November, so can any outstanding balances be paid by then. If you have any queries as to your outstanding balance, then please contact the Finance Office at school and they can look into this for you.

Parents' Ski Information Evening

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we will be holding an information evening on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 from 6.30pm-7.30pm. We will be discussing and issuing kit lists, outlining the structure of a typical day in the mountains and going over the trip itinerary. We will also be taking this opportunity to issue information about an optional snow dome trip in January, which will enable beginners to have a lesson prior to the trip. This evening will also provide an opportunity for you to meet the trip staff and ask any questions that you may have.

Passport Information

If you have sent off for a new passport for your child can I please ask that you contact me with the details as soon as you receive the new passport.

Mrs L Cull

KS2 Maths Workshop

If you have children in Years 5 or 6, you will have received a letter recently inviting you to a KS2 Maths Workshop on Monday 4th December, from 6:30-7:30pm. As stated in the letter, the focus of the evening will be the arithmetic curriculum in Years 5 and 6.

It is imperative that we have an idea of numbers in advance so we can plan the most effective way to run the evening. To give us an indication of this, we ask that if you are able to attend you please complete the reply slip that was attached to your letter and return it via the dropbox in reception by Monday 20th November. Please note that this workshop is intended for parents/carers and should not be attended by pupils.

Thanks to those that have already sent the slip back to indicate attendance.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the 4th December.



Year 6 SATs Information Evening

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the SATs information evening on Thursday 9th November. We hope you found the evening useful and that we were able to answer any queries or questions you had.

If you were unable to attend, all presentations can be found on the school website:

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/> - Parents and Carers - SATs information.

Top Readers for 16th October 2017 - 16th November 2017



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 7 - BCLO) - who has read an outstanding 1,614,208 words

Top Boy

Ben C Wilkes (Year 8—BHLL) - who has read a fabulous 958,965 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2017 - 18



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 18—Mon 21	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 270	Mr Sanders
June					
Wed 20—Fri 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 280	Rev Leach
Fri 22—Mon 25	Outward Bound	Wales	Y8	£ 270	Mr Jenkin
Fri 22— Mon 25	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 155	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull



Clubs and Activities Autumn Term 2 2017



Day	Before School 7:45am—8:45 am	Lunchtime 12.35-1.20 p.m.	After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p> <p>Orchestra (Music Room) 8.45-9.30am (CGr)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club Starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie club (all years) (AMI)</p> <p>Gardening Club Textiles Room At the start of lunch (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6 (HBA and LTH)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Seated volley ball club all years 3.30—4.45pm (DPA and NFR)</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>DT Club in DT block All years (AMI)</p> <p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Science Club 3.30-4.30pm LAB1 (JHD) Starts 12th September (not on 17th October, 31st October, 12th December and 19th December)</p> <p>8 boys basketball (CHU/SWA) Starting 21st November 3.30-4.45pm</p> <p>KS2 boys and girls dance club (KRE/HTR) 3.30-4.45pm</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club (Library)</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) (Textiles Room) (JHa)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBa)</p> <p>Colouring and Drawing Club for Mindfulness and Relaxation (12.50—1.20) Room 9 (MMG and PC) (limited places available)</p>	<p>Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30–4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>KS2 indoor sports clubs (benchball, bench hockey, dodgeball mixture) (RMA/DPA/NFO) 3.30-4.45pm KS3 dance club (KRE/HTR)</p>



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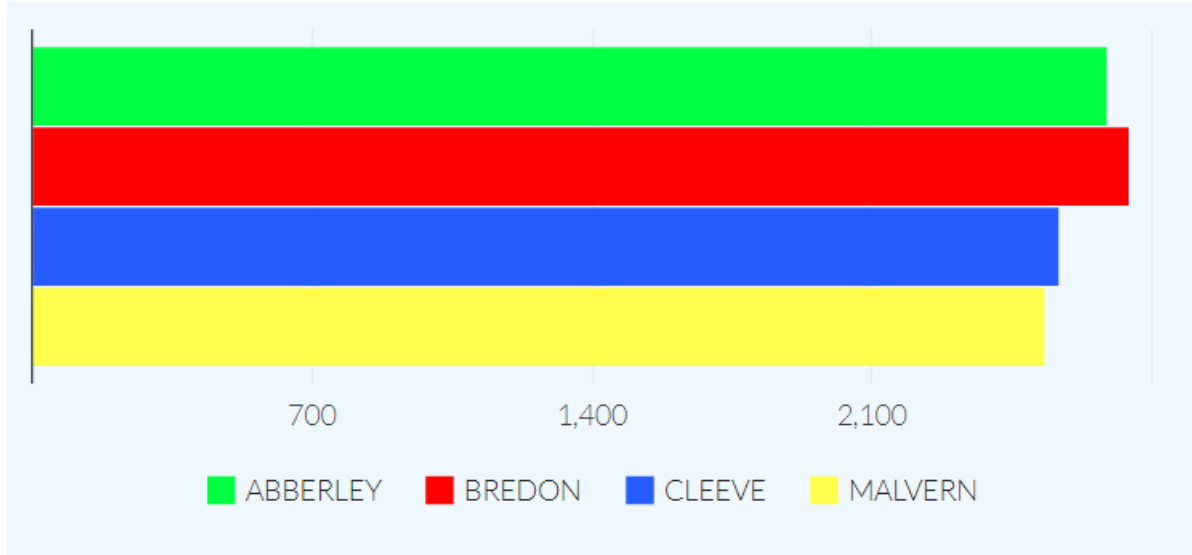
Thursday	Homework Club (Library)	Choir (All year groups) Music Room— 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half-term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm Thursday - Fitness and step all years (TRO/KRE/RMA/CHU/DPA/NFO/SWA) 3.30-4.45pm
Friday	Homework Club (Library)		Homework Club (Library) 3.30–4.30pm



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Amy Divit (AAGA) (29)
2. Heidi Shovell (CTPO) (26)
3. 🍌 Katrina Forrest (AAGA) (25)
3. 🍌 Abigayle Court (AAGA) (25)
5. 🍌 Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (24)
5. 🍌 Leoni Winter (BCLO) (24)
5. Armaan Saqib (CHTR) (24)
8. Briony Jade Andrews (AAGA) (23)
8. Jake Cooper (BHLI) (23)
8. Macy Glen (BCLO) (23)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2017	Monday 4 December	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 19 December	End of Term
2018	Wednesday 3 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 4 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 1 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 7 February	Y6 & Y8 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Thursday 15 February	Y5 & Y7 reports to Parents / Carers
	Monday 19 – Friday 23 February	Half-Term
	Friday 9 March	Parent Focus Group 2.00—3.00 pm
	Monday 26 - Wednesday 28 March	School Production
	Thursday 29 March	End of term
	Monday 16 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 16 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Half-Term
	Monday 4 June	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 7 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term
	Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day	
Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term	
Friday 21 December	End of Term	



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term