

Dear Parents and Carers,

The autumn leaves have been blowing through the doors this week which has meant that our cleaning staff have been in additional action with the vacuum cleaners at a day's end. Also, the change in temperatures can bring the onset of autumnal bugs, of which two have been harassing us at school: upset tummies and general colds. We do feel that, in many cases, it is best to be in school if possible, but with dodgy stomach bugs the "48 hour rule" must apply.



Today sees a large demonstration in London by headteachers from across England. Schools are facing rising costs, including the challenge of accessing support services for our pupils which we now need to pay for at higher rates; rates not unlike commercial prices. We are needing to do at least the same amount for our pupils but with fewer pounds. Naturally, there is no bottomless pit! Walkwood has managed it's finances carefully, using money we wanted to spend on the school, such as carpets and furniture, from our 'piggy bank'. Those reserves will be gone at the end of this academic year. We have been so poorly funded in the past that the increase that the national funding formula would have brought are too much! Consequently, the sum of £100,000 that we would have expected is held back for at least this year.

More money may be being put into education, as the government states, but independent evidence is tending to suggest that, in real terms per pupil, this is not the case.

I am grateful to our MP, Rachel Maclean, who has been making the case for Walkwood to Department for Education and other colleagues. She was also in school yesterday to take questions from some of our Year 8 pupils, who certainly put her on the spot.

Within this issue you will also find information about the shoe box programme that we shall be looking for support with through our Harvest Appeal.

He has not left himself without a witness in doing good - giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy. *Acts 14: 17*



Rev C Leach  
Principal

Dear God,

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging. It is the most powerful love, and the most true love. Some people cannot fathom the love that you have for us, and therefore they hide away from it. We pray for your love to overwhelm the school, and for people to be able to experience your love like never before. Let your heart pour out over us.

Amen

This week's theme was: For the Love of God

I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted.

Exodus 34:16

Whole School Attendance – 96.7%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

17.09.18—21.09.18

Year 5 — 98.07%

Year 6 — 97.26%

Year 7 — 95.38%

Year 8 — 96.06%



# For the week ahead



<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b>	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. <i>Proverbs 17:9</i>
<b>The tutor group virtue:</b>	<b>Peace</b>	Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <i>John 14:27</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <i>2 Corinthians 5: 18-20</i>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	The NHS doctors, nurses and support staff	<b>Monday</b>	Business at the Redditch Kingfisher Centre
<b>Tuesday</b>	The lives of those with life-threatening illnesses	<b>Wednesday</b>	Children who don't have access to school
<b>Thursday</b>	The teachers and support staff of Walkwood	<b>Friday</b>	Those receiving life changing medical treatment.





## Lost Property

There are a large number of lunch boxes in Lost Property that have not yet been claimed. Can you please come and ask at Reception if you have lost your lunch box and think it may have been handed in.



## HARVEST GIVING

If you have any shoe boxes lurking at home, please hold on to them for a week or so. We shall be using them to support The Bridge Church in their shoe box appeal, and will share more details in due course.

Thank you!



### CHARITY NEWS

For the week beginning 17th September the following group of pupils organised a charity stall for the Meningitis Trust:

Millie Chatterton—ALWA

Lily Vann-Blockley—BCJO

Izzy Pioli—BHMA

Kaitlyn Hicks-Kenward—BCJO



They raised £117.17. A fantastic achievement girls!



   
**The Primrose Choir**  
**"PRIMROSE PROMS"**  
with guests  
**AVONBANK BRASS BAND**  
&  
**WALKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
on  
**Friday 19th October 2018 at 7.30pm**  
at  
**Walkwood Middle School, Redditch**  
tickets **£10**  
(Children **£5**)

Available from: The Primrose Hospice - 01527 889796  
Choir - 01527 67383/546158

IN AID OF THE **PRIMROSE HOSPICE**  
registered charity number 700272





# Clubs and Activities

## Autumn Term 1 2018

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Homework Club Library  Orchestra Music Room - 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18 <sup>th</sup> September (ECO)  Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20pm Music Room (CGR)  Monday lunchtime DT block Movie Club all years (AMI) starting Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) starts 24 <sup>th</sup> September (NFO) 3.30 – 4.45pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homework Club Library	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  <b>Stunt Squad &amp; Cheerleading (sign-up sheet and try-outs information to follow)</b>  Science Club 3.30—4.30pm  Girls Football (RMA/ LWO/ HMA)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework Club Library	All years Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm – (DSL) <b>(rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</b>  5/6 Netball Club (starting 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept) KRE)  5 and 6 Football (starts 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept) CHU and LWO  Year 7/8 Rugby (starts 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept) PJE
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room - 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)  Eco Schools Club Week 1 in Room 21 (Lab 3) (MBI) First meeting Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2018.	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  7/8 Netball Club (starting 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept) LMO/KRE  7/8 Boys Football (starts 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept) RMA/NSA  <b>Hockey club (not starting until end of September – more details to follow) NFO</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club Library		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Rec Football – NFO, CHU, RMA, (starts 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept)

## Year 5 'Settling in' Evening

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school with your child on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October between 4pm and 7pm to meet primarily with their tutor. This will provide you with the chance to see how they have generally settled into Walkwood during the first half term.



On the same evening, if you have a pressing concern you would like to discuss with English, Maths or Science teachers, these subject teachers will be available if required. Please however bear in mind that some staff members have more than one Year 5 group and a tutor group, and so they will not be able to meet with all parents of the pupils they teach. Therefore, please book in with your child's tutor teacher as a priority and then the core subject teachers only if you have any immediate concerns. This is not our formal parents' evening, this will come later on during the academic year; you will also receive a full school report in February.

As explained in your welcome pack we will be using Epraise for parents' evening bookings. There is an app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit [www.epraise.co.uk](http://www.epraise.co.uk), ensuring you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list of schools.

If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into Epraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit and a password will be sent to your email.

If you do not have an email address registered with us then you will be unable to login so you will need to contact the school reception to add an email address to your contact details.

Once in Epraise select Community then Parents' evenings. Click on Year 5 Settling In Evening, then book appointments with the required staff. If booking more than one appointment I would suggest leaving at least five minutes between appointments to allow yourself time to travel around the school. Do not forget to bring your appointment schedule with you to parents' evening. Room lists, so you know where to locate staff, will be available on the evening.



Love to Learn;  
Learn to Live;  
Live to Love.



# Walkwood

Church of England Middle School



### Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.  
Thursday 11th October,  
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide!

### Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.

### Parents' Days

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Our **Parents' Days** will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at [office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk).



- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.



# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

**benevolent**

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

*Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.*

*Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?*

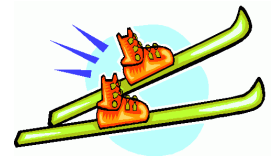
*Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.*

*Exclamation: What a joyous evening!*

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!

## Ski Trip 2020

Zauchensee, Salzberger Sportwelt, Austria



Following the success of this year's ski trip the school is planning a ski trip to Austria in 2020 and we would like to offer your child the opportunity to participate in this trip.

We are planning on returning to Zauchensee Ski Resort in Salzberger Sportwelt, Austria, travelling by executive coach and aeroplane departing on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and returning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The Zauchensee Ski Resort is located within Austria's largest ski area, the Salzberger Sportwelt. With a combined piste of 345km and being a very snow sure resort, the Salzberger Sportwelt is an excellent resort for school groups.

Our accommodation in Zauchensee is a modern four star-premium hotel in the heart of the resort. Pupils will certainly be able to maximise their time on the slopes due to the outstanding location of the hotel, which is within a 200m walking distance to the ski lifts and nursery slopes. The hotel includes its own in house ski hire, TV/DVD Room, a recreation/games room with a football, table tennis, air hockey and pool table. Rooms are very comfortable, all en-suite, sleeping up to eight students with balconies overlooking the picturesque views of the surrounding slopes and mountains.

The cost of the trip is £1290 which includes:

Return flights and resort transfers

Coach transfer between school and airport

7 nights' accommodation on a Full Board Basis, including a hot two course lunch in the hotel

3 hot meals a day, including a 3-course dinner in the evening.

6-day lift-pass for all ski resorts in the Salzberger Sportwelt.

6-day hire of skis, boots, helmets and poles.

6 days of 4-hour ski tuition with qualified instructors at a ratio of 1:10 pupils.

A range of evening/après-ski activities such as swimming, bowling, games night and quiz.

Fully comprehensive travel insurance, which includes 24-hour medical assistance, ski loss or breakage, personal money and loss of travel documents.

The deadline for receipt of the first deposit is:

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018** - £150 representing a **non-refundable** deposit.

Information about further instalments will be issued upon offer of a place. The preferred method of payment is by Parent pay. A link to this is available via the Walkwood School Website.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this trip and they did not come home with a letter, then please ask them to come and see me for one.

Having been to this resort with Walkwood Church of England Middle School pupils on two previous ski trips, I am confident that the arrangements will give the students a tremendous week of skiing and a great experience in the Austrian mountains.

Your child has been to an assembly to launch the trip, but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Cull  
Assistant Principal/Trip Organiser



## Trips and Visits

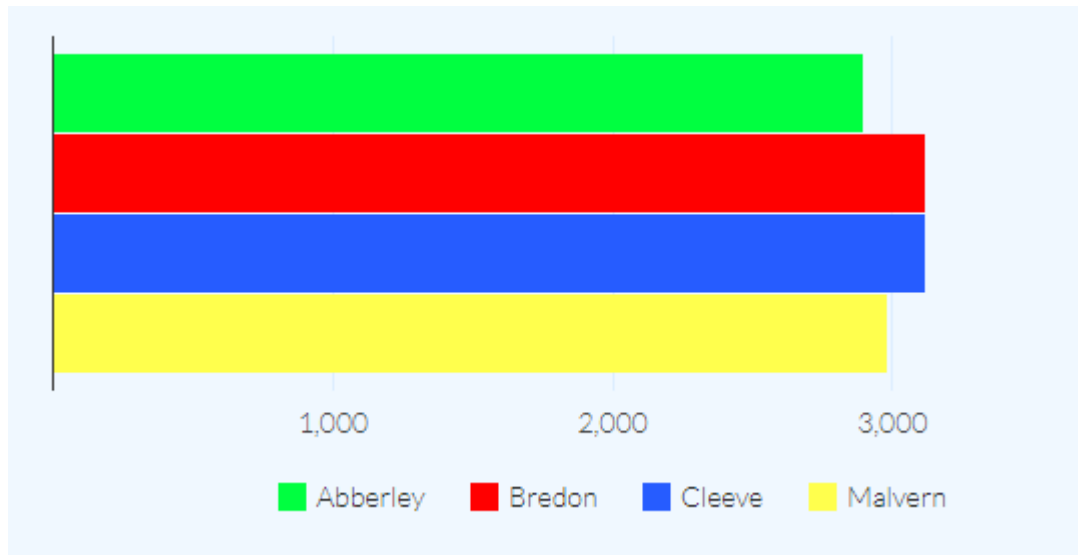
A full list of all residential trips for this academic year will be published in a couple of weeks after presentations have been made to the pupils.





# Epraise Update

## Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Matthew Lindsay (CSBK) (29)
2. Harry Dean (MNSA) (28)
3. Kasey Court (ALBA) (27)
3. Evie Troth (CSBK) (27)
3. Evie Boulton (CSBK) (27)
3. Kia Heppinstall (CSBK) (27)
3. Evie Hands (MHBA) (27)
8. Isaac Reynolds (AAGA) (26)
8. Dylan Knight (ALBA) (26)
8. Leah Paice (ALBA) (26)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	Thursday 11 October	Open Evening for prospective Y5 intake 2019
	Friday 19 October	Primrose Concert <b>7.30 pm</b>
	Thursday 25 October	Y5 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Wednesday 7 November	SATs Information Evening <b>7.00 pm</b> Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening <b>6.30-7.30 pm</b>
	Monday 26 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop <b>6.30-7.30 pm</b>
	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert <b>7.30 pm</b>
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2 0 1 9	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 21 January	Parent English KS2 Workshop <b>6.30-7.30 pm</b>
	Thursday 31 January	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Wednesday 6 February	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Monday 18 to Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 8 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening <b>6.30 pm</b>
	Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Thursday 6 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Wednesday 12 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Friday 19 July	End of Term