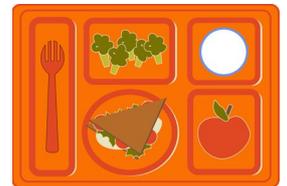


Dear Parents and Carers,



You would have seen your child's photograph on Monday (if not, the envelope may be at the bottom of the school bag!) as Tempest Photography came in to school. We started by getting the siblings together, and the individual pictures came later in the morning. Should you wish to order a photograph, there is an online facility which is indicated on the Tempest sheet. Otherwise, we are happy to collect envelopes and get them to the company, but can only do this until next Friday, **21st September**. Please contact Tempest direct with queries, as we are merely the facilitators.

Our Year 5 pupils are getting increasingly confident about being around the school. They are certainly making the most of our catering facility at lunchtime, as the interest is certainly on the 'meal deals' (the mix-and-match of salad, baguettes and snacks such as rolls and paninis). We have been making more of this sort of sustenance this week, as the 'regulars' from the other year groups have kept up their appetites. There have been some changes to the menu (see a later page), so do encourage your child to see if there is anything that they like. Fish and chips on Friday remain very popular!



As a point of information, there are staff on duty around the school site at the end of the day to ensure that pupils are safe and calm. Additionally, there are College Leaders and members of the Senior Leadership Team at key locations on roads surrounding the school. Our job is to supervise pupils, but we are not there to direct traffic or enforce parking regulations. However, I do plead with any of you who use cars at a day's end not to park so close to school that there ends up being a traffic jam, and that you are slow when driving along Feckenham Road or Tennyson Road. Your assistance in keeping our pupils safe is really appreciated.



Once again, our staff are being fabulous at putting on events at the end of the school day - please take a look at the extra-curricular activities. Look for our new feature too - Word of the Week.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

Rev C Leach
Principal

Lord,
You bring new and exciting things into our lives.
You give us adventures and take us on journeys that we cannot imagine.
We pray that this year is a new journey for us, that can be full of exciting times.
A time where we can come to fully rely on you and your Spirit to take us where you want us to go.
Let your Spirit guide us as we start this new year.
Amen.

This week's theme was: New Beginnings

God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done, and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Whole School Attendance – 98.15%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

05.09.18—07.09.18

Year 5 — 98.8%

Year 6 — 98.15%

Year 7 — 97.66%

Year 8 — 97.97%



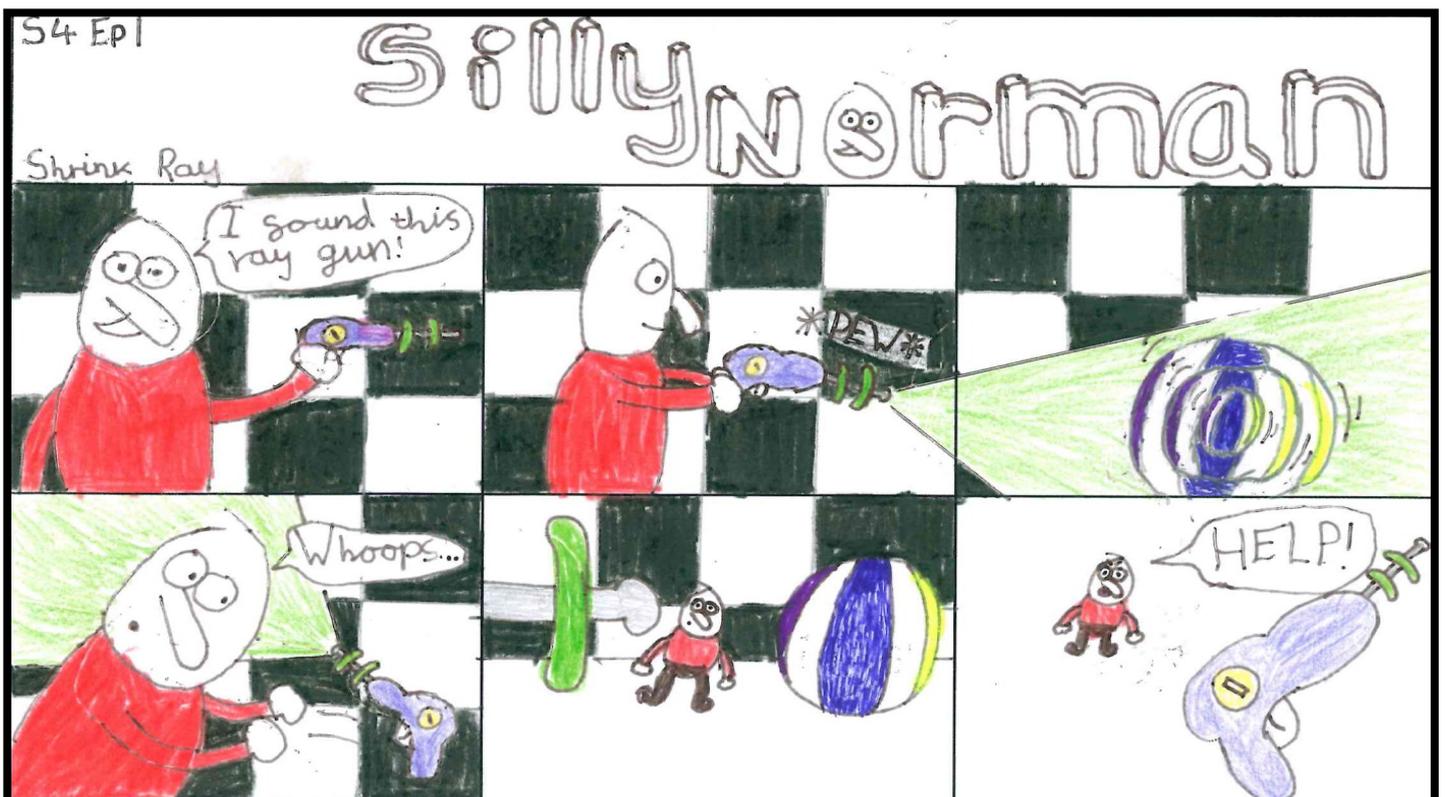
For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Forgiveness	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. <i>Proverbs 17:9</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Compassion	When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <i>Matthew 6:36</i>
The assembly theme:	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. <i>Exodus 34:16</i>

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

The weekend	Those who were affected by the Paris stabbings	Monday	Public services
Tuesday	Those who have fled their homes due to Hurricane Florence	Wednesday	The elderly who are lonely
Thursday	Ethiopian and Eritrean peace agreement	Friday	The continued negotiations of Brexit



P Parking Please

Morton Stanley Park's car park is the perfect place to 'park and stride'. The car park has dedicated walkways including underpasses and pedestrian crossings that segregate pedestrians and traffic. The use of the pedestrian crossing at the front gate is supported by Rev Leach on most school days, so allowing pupils passing across Feckenham Road and access to the pathway to Morton Stanley Park.

We ask drivers to 'stop and think' about whether you are parking in a safe place. If you do not, you could be endangering a child. The same is true of stopping in the middle of the road to let your child jump out.

Regrettably, residents in roads surrounding the schools are having their drives blocked. This applies particularly to the upper section of Feckenham Road, along Tennyson Road and within Scott Road. Such action can be classified as obstruction of the highway and action may be taken by any Civic Enforcement Officer.



Anyone for Tennis?

Hello my name is Kian McGrath and I'm in tutor group CMBI.

I want to tell you a little bit about my hobby and my love for tennis, watching and playing. I play in lots of competitions all across the Midlands and I also play for HDA Tennis Club in Batchley. I have been playing since I was about 5 years old. I play in singles and doubles and my partner for doubles is usually my friend Felix.

Over the summer holidays we played doubles at Hereford and Worcestershire County Closed Tournament held at Malvern. We made it to the semi-finals and we got beaten by the eventual winners.

I put in a lot of hours a week training which I love and it keeps me fit and healthy. I do about 7/8 hours a week.

I play competitively 1-2 times a month, sometimes they can be tough and sometimes you get nervous, but I get to play at lots of different clubs and make lots of friends along the way.



Stunt Squad and Cheerleading

One of our extra-curricular activities this year is a Stunt Squad. The idea is that boys and girls are able to apply their gymnastic ability, fusing this with hip hop too. The sign up sheet is now available, which is on the door along the gallery next to Reception. Give it a try!

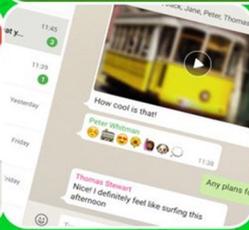


There are other extra-curricular activities available, so please see the later page within The Insider. Don't forget—all clubs are free.





WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about



WhatsApp



AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

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Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 1 2018

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room - 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18 th 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 th September	Homework Club Library 3.30 – 4.30pm Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) starts 24 th September (NFO) 3.30 – 4.45pm
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)	Homework Club Library 3.30 – 4.30pm Stunt Squad & Cheerleading (sign-up sheet and try-outs information to follow) Girls Football (RMA/ LWO/ HMA)
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	All years Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)	Homework Club Library 3.30 – 4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm – (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed) 5/6 Netball Club (starting 12 th Sept) KRE) 5 and 6 Football (starts 12 th Sept) CHU and LWO Year 7/8 Rugby (starts 12 th Sept) PJE
Thursday	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 th September 2018.	Homework Club Library 3.30 – 4.30pm 7/8 Netball Club (starting 13 th Sept) LMO/KRE 7/8 Boys Football (starts 13 th Sept) RMA/NSA Hockey club (not starting until end of September – more details to follow) NFO
Friday	Homework Club Library		Homework Club Library 3.30 – 4.30pm Rec Football – NFO, CHU, RMA, (starts 14 th Sept)

Lunch menu from September 2018

Due to the increase in costs of ingredients over the last year, it is necessary to raise the price of a small number of items. The cost for a hot meal, pudding and a carton drink will now be £2.30, a 10p increase.

Following feedback from pupils, we have amended a number of choices, so the new meal for next year is as follows.

		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Main meal	Monday	Chicken Nuggets Potato Wedges Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Nuggets	Cheese & Bacon Potato Pie Baked Beans ✔ Cheese & Potato Pie	Beef Burger Diced Potatoes Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Burger
	Tuesday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta Garlic Bread ✔ Macaroni Cheese	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Bolognese	Lasagne Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Lasagne
	Wednesday	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Parcel	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Roast Vegetarian Fillet	Pork Sausages Toad in the Hole Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Sausages
	Thursday	Chinese Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Chinese Vegetarian Curry	Chicken Tikka Rice ✔ Vegetable Samosa	Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Vegetarian Curry
	Friday	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Cheese and Onion Lattice	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetable Fingers	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetarian Tart
	All the above £1.50			
Selection of puddings, cheese & biscuits, fruit				
Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p				
Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p				

Self-select		Daily selection from: pizzas, paninis, sausage or onion roll, soft filled baguettes £1.00
	Choice of the salad bar 45p	
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p	
	Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p	

Jacket Potato	Fillings of cheese, tuna, beans (or combination) £1.30
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p

 = main meal vegetarian option



Science Club

A reminder that Science Club starts for Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 18th September, 2018.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

myriad

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?

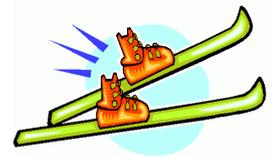
Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

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 8th February 2020 and returning on Saturday 15th 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 12th 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

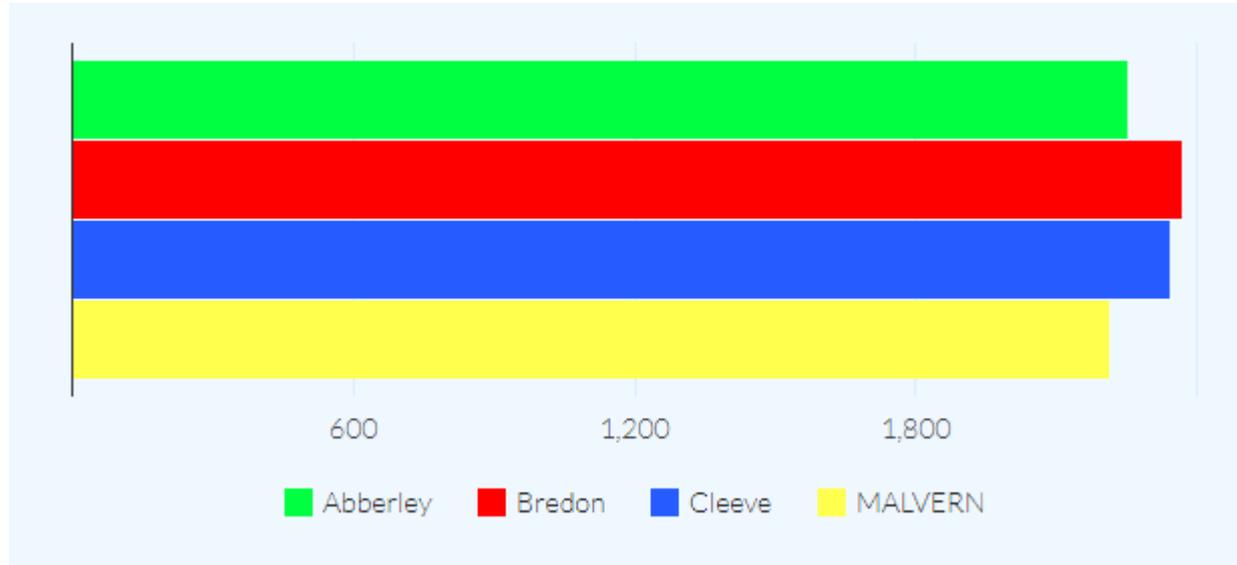
A full list of all residential trips for this academic year will be published in a couple of weeks after presentations have been made to the pupils.



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Isla Neale (CLBK) (28)
2. Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (24)
3. Jacob Dobson (BCLO) (23)
3. Mark Barratt (AAGA) (23)
5. Reggie Catton (CSBK) (22)
6. Jess Andrews (AMLA) (21)
6. Jack Aucott (AMLA) (21)
6. Freya Harley (AAGA) (21)
6. Ryan Arkell (AAGA) (21)
6. Grace Allardice (AAGA) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	Friday 28 September	Y5 Parents' Tea 2—3 pm
	Thursday 11 October	Open Evening for prospective Y5 intake 2019
	Monday 15 October	KS3 curriculum parents information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 25 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4—7 pm
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Wednesday 7 November	SATs Information Evening 7 pm
	Monday 26 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	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 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 31 January	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 6 February	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 18—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 6.30 pm
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Thursday 6 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 12 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 19 July	End of Term