

Dear Parents and Carers

There is a more detailed article within, but I extend my thanks to you and other members of our school community for the expression of giving that was our shoebox appeal. There were 80 boxes from Walkwood, which join others from local churches that will be transported to Romania to supply some joy to children whose circumstances are so much worse than our own.



Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God. *1 Thessalonians 5:18*



Also thinking of charity, I suspect many of us were buoyed up when the total for Children in Need was announced last Friday. It was a practical demonstration that small amounts of giving, such as our non-uniform day, assist in a greater plan. Add to that the fact that over £1 billion has been raised since the event first launched, and it is truly a reason to be thankful.

We will be supporting Save the Children with our Christmas jumper day on the final day of the term.



Save the Children.

For those of you who are battling with your youngster about wearing a coat - we fully understand! There are many who are happy to carry their coat to or from school rather than wear it, and this seems to be a rite of childhood. Panic ye not! As the temperature goes down there is an increase in the numbers of wearers of coats. I am hoping that, before I retire, wearing coats becomes 'the in thing'.

The snow flurry was all too brief on Wednesday, but reminds us that if the weather does get so bad that the school cannot open, we shall send a text message as early as we can, and also update the website. Thanks to the new roof and our boilers, school is warm once we are in the building!

Rev C Leach

God,

All things are in your control. You even showed us that the wind and the waves obey you. Let your almighty power show us that you are all we need. We go through storms in our lives, difficulties and times that feel unending. But you remind us to trust in you, that you will not overwhelm us with more than our capabilities. You know our strengths and ask us to turn to you. Let us remember that you will guide us through these times.

Amen.

This week's theme was: Calming the storm

One day Jesus and his disciples got in a boat. "Let's cross the lake," he said. And off they went. It was smooth sailing, and he fell asleep. A terrific storm came up suddenly on the lake. Water poured in, and they were about to capsize. They woke Jesus: "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" Getting to his feet, he told the wind, "Silence!" and the waves, "Quiet down!" They did it. The lake became as smooth as glass.
Luke 8:23-25, The Message

Whole School Attendance – 96.6%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

12.11.18—16.11.18

Year 5 — 97.19%

Year 6 — 97.4%

Year 7 — 95.8%

Year 8 — 95.98%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Achievement	At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: it is to eat and drink and to enjoy the good in all our hard work under the sun during the brief lives God gives us. That is our lot in life. <i>Ecclesiastes 5:18</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Determination	That is why I run straight for the finish line; that is why I am like a boxer who does not waste his punches. I harden my body with blows and bring it under complete control, to keep myself from being disqualified after having called others to the contest. <i>1 Corinthians 9:26-27</i>
The assembly theme:	Anti-bullying	We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. <i>2 Corinthians 4:8-9</i>

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

The weekend	Those who have been affected by the Chicago shootings	Monday	Those we know that are unwell
Tuesday	The elderly who are lonely	Wednesday	The unemployed, that they may find work
Thursday	The homeless in the colder weather	Friday	The British Health care system.





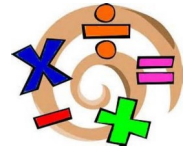
English and Maths

On Monday 12th November, we moved to ability sets in English and Maths in Year 5. We have organised these sets using both teacher judgements and the data of the recent GL assessments.

In Maths, the year group is split into the C and the E side, and on both sides of the year there are sets 1 – 4 (eight sets in total). In English, both sides of the year are mixed and there are seven ability sets: two set 1; two set 2; two set 3 and two set 4.

Should you have any queries, please direct them to your child's English or Maths teachers.

Mrs L Cull and Mrs M Johnson



Charity News and Festive Jumpers

Thank you to everyone who participated in the non-uniform day for Children in Need. We raised over £650. The exact amount will be in next weeks Insider.

Christmas Jumper day is on the last day of term Friday 21st December (not the 14th December as proposed by the charity itself). Pupils and staff are invited to wear school uniform but replace their school jumper for a Christmas jumper.



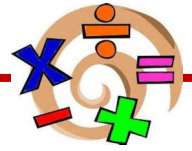
£1 donation to



Save the Children®



This is not compulsory! There will be pupils and adults who will be in their usual attire.



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 26th November, 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 drop box in Reception by Tuesday 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 26th November.

Mrs L Cull



SATs Information Evening and Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the above information evening on Wednesday 7th November. We hope you found the evening useful and we were able to answer any queries or questions you had.

If you were unable to attend, you can find all presentations and documents on the school website:

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/> - Parents and Carers - then select either:

SATs information or Year 7 Curriculum evening.

What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING



Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COOCON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.



How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM. DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.



Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIKING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR, BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU. EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM - GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.



Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST - A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER. MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCH PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERING YOU. YOU COULD ALSO CONTACT CHILDLINE (WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK), WHERE A TRAINED COUNSELLOR WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT'S WORRYING YOU - YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME.



What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING - ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING - IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON

BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

How do I prove it?

WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAPPENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT AND REPORT THE BEHAVIOUR, SO IT CAN BE ADDRESSED - RECORD THE DATES AND TIMES WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAS OCCURRED, AND SAVE AND PRINT SCREENSHOTS, EMAILS, AND TEXT MESSAGES.



How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.



Shoebox Appeal

Please see below a message regarding the 80 shoeboxes that were collected by Walkwood for Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal.

The boxes this year will be going out to Eastern Romania, to an area near the Danube and to the Danube delta.

The first drop will be to Braila on the Danube about 3 hours from Bucharest. The area is very poor as the industry has disappeared, there are no universities and so a lot of the youngsters do not stay around for long. Pastor Ben is our partner and with his wife run a house within an orphanage where he takes care of 10 children, there are 4 houses in the orphanage each with a set of house parents.

We are distributing to the orphanage and other orphanages in the area belonging to the state as well as poor families. We have been asked if we can also distribute boxes to a disabled children's orphanage of 120 children of which we have said of course; our boxes come with no strings attached. Also the boxes are being distributed in villages and towns around this area.

The second drop for the shoebox lorry is Tulcea, again on the Danube but towards the delta. Here is very large area with some very poor and forgotten areas, you are about 5 hours from Bucharest. Some of the boxes will go to the town of Sulina on the delta, the only way there is by boat there is no road, the fast boat takes 1.5 hours only running in the summer months and the slow boat that runs in the winter takes 4 hours. Here there are about 300 children and a disabled children's home which will all receive our boxes. Other places are Babadag, a town with Romanians and a large number of Turkish gypsies, and many other poor communities within the delta region.



Thank you!



Top Readers for 22nd October 2018 — 22nd November 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lauren Sole (Year 7 AMLA) - who has read an incredible 836,550 words

Top Boy

Jacob Smart (Year 7 BRFO) - who has read a fantastic 751,109 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 2 2018



	Before School 8.00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35pm – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club DT Block 8.00-8.45am 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 DT Hub 3.30–4.30pm Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) (NFO) 3.30–4.45pm
Tuesday	Homework Club DT Block 8.00-8.45am	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30–4.30pm Cheerleading starting 13th (team selection after try outs) November 3.30-4.45pm LMO/KRE KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	Homework Club DT Block 8.00-8.45am	All years Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30–4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30–4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed) Fitness (all years) 3.30-4.45pm RMA/CHU/NFO/KRE Year 7/8 Rugby until end of November PJE
Thursday	Homework Club DT Block 8.00-8.45am	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 DT Hub 3.30–4.30pm KS2 Dance 3.30-4.45pm LMO/KRE Multi-Sports (all years) 3.30-4.45pm Hall CHU
Friday	Homework Club DT Block 8.00-8.45am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30–4.30pm

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

abscond

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!



Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



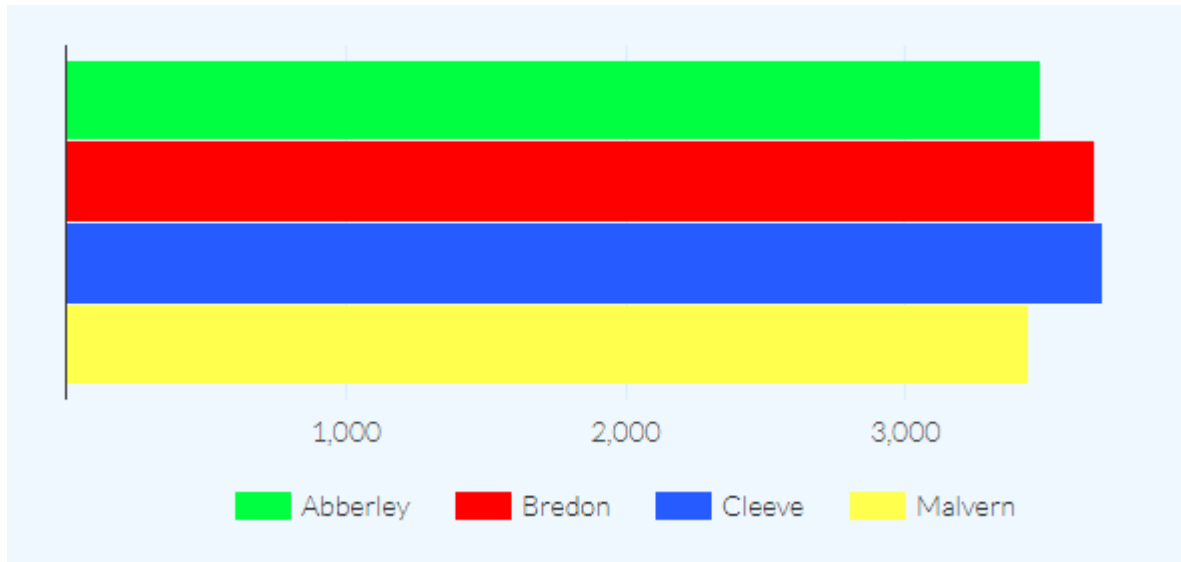
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20—Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Noah Kelly (BCJO) (32)
2. 🍌 Evie Hands (MHBA) (25)
2. 🍌 Evie West (MDSL) (25)
4. 🍌 Lexie Coleman (BJHD) (23)
4. Zach Bishop (ALBA) (23)
4. Jackson Preece (ARMA) (23)
4. 🍌 Sophie Hands (MDSL) (23)
4. 🍌 Lily Vaughan (BRCO) (23)
9. Eleanor Jones (MKRE) (22)
9. 🍌 Grace Nolan (BCJO) (22)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	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 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 6.30 pm
	Monday 27 to 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	