

Dear Parents and Carers,



For those of you who have been with me at the gate to collect youngsters at the day's end, you will know that the temperature has changed! The wind direction does seem to be directed to wherever we are. However, we do allow pupils to bring coats to school which they can store in their lockers, although I know many prefer not to make use of them during the day.

The Police have been along Feckenham Road this week sharing parking advice. It is their initiative that seeks to ensure that pupils are able to safely get to and from school. We continue to supervise the departure from school, with staff at key points as pupils go home. I do recommend the use of Morton Stanley Park as a morning drop off or afternoon pick up venue.

There has been some maintenance work being carried out at the county schools' broadband hub, and this has meant that not all our emails have been coming into school within the usual timescale. We understand that emails we send out may not be affected in the same way. I thank our Support Team from Lourdes IT who have been getting to the bottom of the matter and liaising with county. If your email has been caught or delayed, I am sorry.



The audition room for our forthcoming school musical has been heaving! It has been wonderful that so many of our pupils wish to take part. There will be call-backs for some in the coming days as Ms Tomes and Mrs Griffiths look to place pupils into appropriate roles. We may have to extend the stage, but it is a joy to have this level of interest.

There is notice of Christmas lunches within this Insider—please use ParentPay to book these in advance. The date of the Christmas concert - Tuesday 12th December, with a 7.30pm start.

Rev C Leach
Principal

The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; through the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life. *Isaiah 42: 8*

Dear Lord,

You showed us that temptation can be overcome. You have taught us that you alone can help us to stand up against it and strengthen our lives and character as we face the enemy. Let your spirit fill our hearts and minds with your will and power to overcome temptation just as you did. Help us to understand the consequences of temptation so that we can have a heart to stand up to it.

Amen

This week's theme was:

Temptation

Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.

1 Corinthians 10: 13

Whole School Attendance—93.92 %

Whole School Target – 95.6%

20.11.17—24.11.17

Year 5 — 92.75%
Year 6 — 95.50 %
Year 7 — 93.58 %
Year 8 — 93.80 %



For the week ahead

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| 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: | Perseverance | We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. <i>Romans 5: 2-5</i> |
| The assembly theme: | The future | For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. <i>Jeremiah 29:11</i> |

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

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| The weekend | tolerance between nations and a softening of harsh words. | Monday | older members of our Pupil Parliament as they visit the Houses of Parliament. |
| Tuesday | our MP, Rachel Maclean. | Wednesday | fun and safety for our Year 5 as they visit the theatre today. |
| Thursday | the people who receive the tinned items donated by you. | Friday | relative calm as the preparations begin for Christmas! |



Christmas Lunch 2017

Christmas lunches this year will be held on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December 2017. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch, the cost will be £3.00, preferably to be paid via Parentpay.

Bredon and Cleeve Colleges will have their Christmas lunches on Thursday 14th December, while Malvern and Abberley College lunches will be on the following day. **There will be no other catering available on these days**, so pupils who do not wish to have a Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed meal from home; equally the children in the colleges not having Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch as no other meals will be available. Those who take free school lunches will be provided with their meal.

Please note that when paying by Parentpay, the Christmas lunch option will be listed as a separate item so that we can identify the number of meals required. Please select the Christmas lunch item (log in to Parentpay, then go into 'pay for other items') and ensure that you make your payment by 11 December 2017. If you are unable to pay by Parentpay, please put £3 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and tutor group and put it in the drop box. Please ensure that your child does not put their £3 in the cashloader as this method is only to be used for everyday school meals.

Please note, **no tuck** will be available on Thursday 14 & Friday 15 December.



Christmas Lunch 2017

Menu

Roast Turkey

Stuffing

Pigs in Blankets

Roast Potatoes

Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

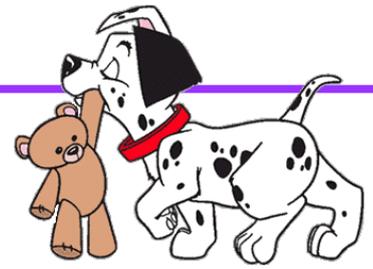
Gravy

Quorn Fillet (Vegetarian Option)

Christmas Tree Ice Cream



Year 5 Theatre Trip: 101 Dalmatians



Just a reminder 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 1.00pm, travelling by coach. We expect to return to school at around 5.45pm/6.00pm. Parents will be able to park on the front playground and will be directed to collect children from the Movement Area.

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



This week saw the first round of auditions for our school production: Seussical the Musical!

We were overwhelmed by the sheer number of pupils who auditioned as wanting to take part in the show. We had approx. **170 pupils** audition across all four year groups. This was a staggering number and we are now wondering how we can extend our stage to ensure we can accommodate so many performers.

We are pleased to announce that **all** those who auditioned are welcome within the show and will all have their part to play, whether this be as part of the chorus or within one of the many groups of characters.

Following the auditions, we are holding call-back auditions. These are for those who may be able to undertake a solo or duet role within the production. Even if your child does not get a call back audition at this point, there are many other opportunities down the line for them to take on other roles once we get into our rehearsals.

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

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

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 Tomes, Miss Cowles.

Top Readers for 30th October 2017 - 30th November 2017



Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (Year 7 - BCLO) - who has read an incredible 1,782,481 words

Top Boy

Jack Anderson (Year 5 - AECO) - who has read a fantastic 1,165,563 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Here is the link to enable pupils to do a quiz at home

<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823>

Children in Need



A massive thankyou to everybody who contributed to this year's Children in Need.

£631.49 was raised by staff and pupils. Many tins of food were also donated and these will be going to a food bank that serves the local area.



Festive Jumpers

On the last day of this term, Tuesday 19th December, pupils and staff are invited to replace their usual jumpers with a Christmas version. The rest of the Walkwood uniform is to be worn, please, as it is not a non-uniform day.

This is not compulsory! There will be pupils and adults who will be in their usual attire. School will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm—ho, ho, ho!



Wanted



Do you have any spare lego/connects/similar building materials that you can spare for a club at break time that Mrs Hands and Mrs Russell are running? Any donations would be very welcome.

Cleaner wanted!

We have a position vacant for 2 cleaners at our school. Would this suit you?



The post holder will be responsible for the cleaning of the school site along with other members of our dedicated cleaning team. The successful candidates will be expected to carry out assigned duties with a minimum of supervision, have the ability to follow cleaning schedules, jobs and safety instructions and have the ability to use their own initiative and work to schedules and deadlines.

The hours of work are Monday to Friday 3.30—6pm term time only with an additional requirement to carry out 34 banked hours per annum during the school holidays.

For further details please visit our website www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk or for an informal chat please speak to Mrs Wood our Business Manager.

Music News



Congratulations to Joe Leaver, Year 5, who recently passed his Grade 2 on Drum Kit.

All the Choir and Orchestra are busy practising their festive songs and music in preparation for our forthcoming performances. Everything is going well and sounding rather lovely already. Please can all reply slips be returned to me as soon as possible so that necessary paperwork can be completed.

Our first musical outing will be next Thursday afternoon when a small choir go to entertain the residents of Plymouth Court. This is always a lovely afternoon, and is thoroughly enjoyed by the residents.

On Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm is our annual Carol Concert when the choir and orchestra will be performing a selection of Christmas carols, old and new. There are no tickets for this event and, as usual, we shall have a retiring collection for a local charity. Everyone is welcome to join us for this festive evening.

The evening of Thursday 14th December will see some of the choir performing at Hindlip as guests of the West Mercia Police Brass Band. This is always a lovely evening, and one that Mr West looks forward to all year!

Mrs C Griffiths





Trips and Visits

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| DATE | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | OPEN TO | COST | LEADER |
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| 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 pm | After School 3.30 pm—4.45 pm |
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| 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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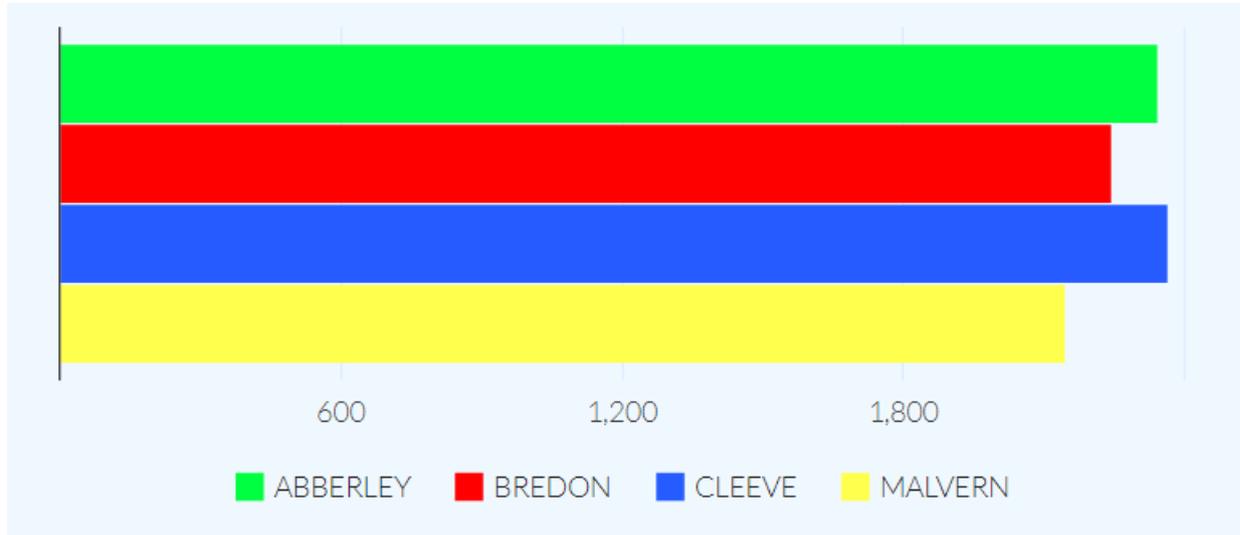
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| Thursday | Homework Club (Library) | Choir (All year groups) Music Room— 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Languages Club 1.00 pm in Room 15 (NHU) To start after October half-term Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 pm—if you need a lunch pass collect 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. 🍊 Niamh Jones (CCMI) (26)
2. 🍊 Laiba Rahouf (CCMI) (25)
3. 🍊 Lauren Sole (AMLA) (24)
3. 🍊 Mia Rochelle-Crombie (AAGA) (24)
5. 🍊 Sam Causer (CHTR) (23)
5. 🍊 Kirsty Sutton (MDSL) (23)
7. 🍊 Leoni Winter (BCLO) (22)
8. 🍊 Sophie Lazer (MMMGM) (21)
8. 🍊 Grace Savage (ALBA) (21)
8. 🍊 Daisy Stokes (CHTR) (21)



Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |