

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the new school year has begun, so we are settling into the routine of Walkwood life. Naturally, new pupils have joined us, in Year 5 as well as other years, and we have looked to ensure that they are buddied with others in their tutor groups. Also, with the queries and niggles, we have endeavoured to resolve matters well, which has involved 'mending' some lockers (or demonstrating how they work).



There are some new members of staff too. Mrs Baker joins us as Head of Spiritual and Social Education, with Mr Foster also being part of the same department (as well as teaching some Humanities). Ms Cooke is a Maths teacher whom we welcome. The following colleagues have joined us as part of the team of teaching assistants: Mrs Cross, Mr Hill, Mrs Miles and Mrs Wells. We also welcome Mr Hunt into his new role as College Leader for Bredon.

You are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household. *Ephesians 2: 19*

Homework club begins from Monday at 7.45am, as well as being available at the end of the day until 4.30pm. Monday sees the annual visit of the photographers, so pupils will return home with the proof picture and details of how you would be able to purchase a full version. The Pastoral Managers do a superb job at marshalling pupils throughout the morning, and also collecting sisters and brothers for sibling photos too. While all this is going on, tutor groups will work together on some activities, which will include a recap of where to go if the fire bell rings!

As an early date for your diary which you can share with friends who may ask—Walkwood's Open Evening will be **Thursday 11th October** from 6.30pm.

Rev C Leach
Principal

Father God,

Thank you for the break that we have had these last few weeks. We pray that both students and teachers will return to Walkwood feeling refreshed and renewed ready for the year. We pray especially for the new Year 5s as they join in this community, that they feel welcomed and loved as they make new friends and meet their new teachers. We also pray for the new members of staff, that they too, are blessed by the time they spend here at Walkwood.

In your name, Amen.

This week's theme was:

Whole School Attendance –97.95%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

05.09.18—05.09.18

Year 5 — 98.80%

Year 6 — 98.33%

Year 7 — 97.08%

Year 8 — 97.58%



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:	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. <i>Ecclesiastes 3:11</i>

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

The weekend	Those unable to start school due to the fire in Dagenham	Monday	A welcoming and enjoyable first full week for new pupils and staff
Tuesday	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	Wednesday	Those around the world dealing with extreme weather conditions
Thursday	Those struggling with the use of social media	Friday	An encouraging start to Walkwood's sports teams.

Teaching Groups and Sets for 2018/19

Pupils attend the majority of their lessons in teaching groups. Teaching groups are mixed ability. Sets for Maths, English and Science are organised according to teacher recommendations and analysis of pupils' performance during the last academic year. Pupils are placed in sets with others currently working at a similar ability stage to them. There may be movement between sets over the course of the year.

Teaching Groups

These have been arranged as follows:

Year 5 will be taught in six teaching groups. These groups are created based on information passed to us during our transition meetings with first schools.



Year 6 will be taught in seven teaching groups. As they have been taught in seven teaching groups last year, there has been no need for us to change the groups completely, although slight changes may have been made.

Year 7 and 8 will be taught in six teaching groups. As they have been taught in seven teaching groups last year, we have reorganised the pupils into new groups.

English Groups

English groups have been arranged as follows:



Year 5 will be taught in their six mixed ability teaching groups until approximately half term. We will then use teacher assessment data to organise them into seven ability sets. These sets will include two parallel set 1 groups; two parallel set 2 groups; two parallel set 3 groups and one set 4.

Year 6 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in four ability groups, sets 1 to 4.

In both Years 7 and 8 pupils will be taught in seven ability sets, 1-7.

Maths Sets

Maths groups have been arranged as follows:



Year 5 will be split into two halves (c and e) and until approximately half term they will be taught in their six mixed ability teaching groups. We will then use teacher assessment data to organise them into four ability sets on each half of the year.

Year 6 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in four ability groups, sets 1 to 4.

In both Years 7 and 8 pupils will be taught in seven ability sets, 1-7.

Science Groups

Science groups have been arranged as follows:



Year 5 will be split into two halves (c and e) and until approximately half term they will be taught in their six mixed ability teaching groups. We will then use teacher assessment data to organise them into three ability sets on each half of the year.

Year 6 will be split into two halves (c and e). On the C side of the year they will be taught in four sets, 1 to 4; on the E side of the year they will be taught in 3 sets, 1-3.

Year 7 and 8 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in ability sets 1-3.

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.



MUSIC NEWS



CHOIR rehearsals started yesterday lunchtime in the Music Room at 12.50pm.

We are already preparing for our concert with the Primrose Choir on Friday 19th October which will be a very exciting and important event, so we will need lots of singers from all year groups. Those pupils who would like to take part in the concert need to attend lunchtime rehearsals on Mondays and Thursdays and will need to go into first lunch sitting – anyone needing a lunch pass should see Mrs Griffiths in the Music Room. Reminders about rehearsals will be in the daily notices and further details will be in the Insider over the following weeks.

ORCHESTRA will start on Monday next week (10th September) in the Music Room from 8.45am until 9.30am.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION will start next week. Timetables will go up on the Music Room notice board. We will ensure that Year 5 pupils are collected for their first lesson.

The days for instrumental lessons are listed below:

Monday – Brass, Cello

Tuesday – Flute, Singing

Wednesday – Guitar, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone

Thursday – Violin, Flute, Drums, Keyboard

Mrs C Griffiths
Head of Music



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 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





Pupil Leadership Team 2018-19

Role	Name of Student	Tutor Group
Head Boy	Sam Goldingay	BRFO
Head Girl	Amaya Ewing-Boulton	CAMI
Abberley Captain	Erin Court	ALWA
Abberley Vice Captain	Rhys Potter	ARMA
Bredon Captain	George Kelso	BRFO
Bredon Vice Captain	Charlie Guthrie-Higgins	BRFO
Cleeve Captain	Lewis Wilkinson	CSBK
Cleeve Vice Captain	Isla Neale	CLBK
Malvern Captain	Sophie Evans	MHBA
Malvern Vice Captain	Keiren Thompson	MKRE
Parliament Speaker & Prefect	Shannon Philip	MHBA
	Niamh Gibbs	AECO
EAL representatives/ Prefects	Alesha Amin	BHMA
	Uswa Khan	CTPO
	Zahraa Akhtar	MPJE



Pupil Leadership Team 2018-19 continued

Prefects	Freya Harley	AAGA
	Georgia Langfield	AECO
	Amelia Pinfold	AAGA
	Chardae McKenzie	AECO
	Finlay Smith	ARMA
	Caden Simpson	AMLA
	Erin Wakefield	ALBA
	Imogen Kesterton	ALBA
	Beau Lester	ARMA
	Leo Limbrick	ALWA
	Phoebe Tracey	AAGA
	Evie Dalton	BRCO
	Macy Glen	BCLO
	Louis Johnson	BJHD
	Hannah Jones	BHMA
	Isobel Laight	BCJO
	Freddie Masefield	BCLO
	Jodie Hartles	BSTA
	Keira Hughes	BSTA
	Freddie Cooper-Bell	CTPO
	Skye Shovell	CCMI
	Alexandra Lawrence	CAMI
	Dominic Burton	CLBK
	James Dipple	CMBI
	Charlie Mason	CCMI
	Adam Hutchinson	CAMI
	Charlie Wasley	CAMI
	Isaac Denston	CAMI
	Emily Fergie	MKRE
	Amber Laydon	MDSL
	Abbi Kieff	MNSA
	Matty Humphreys	MMMG
Ryan Moisy	MKRE	
Courtney White	MPJE	



Trips and Visits



2018-19

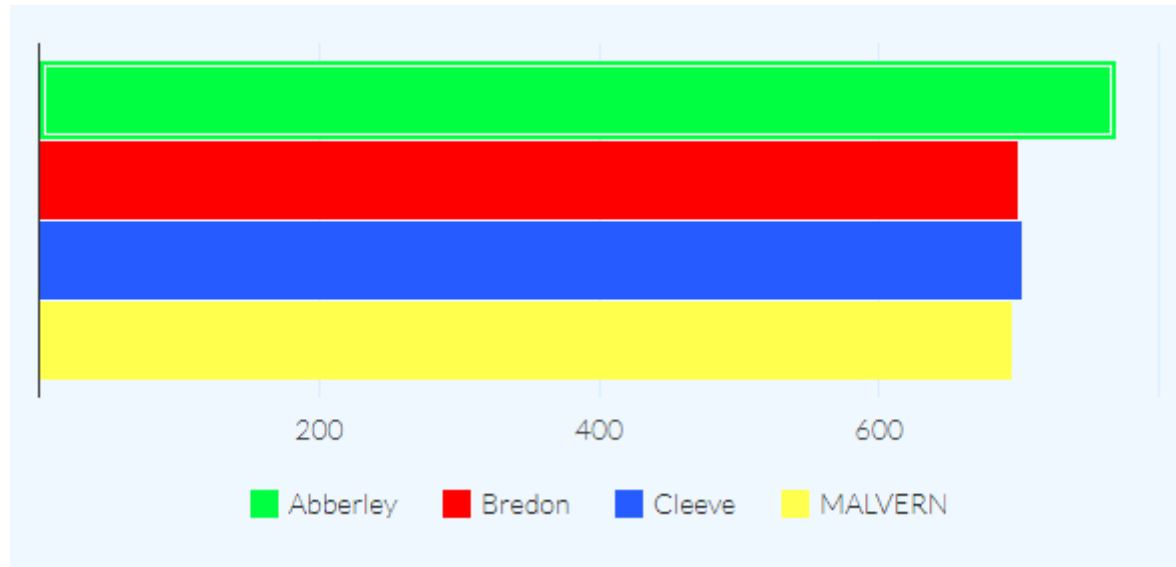
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
June					



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Hollie-Mae Stirling (CAMI) (19)
2. Isabelle Hornsby (BHMA) (18)
3. Ava Emery (CAMI) (14)
3. Matty Humphreys (MMMGM) (14)
5. Brandon Preece (CCMI) (13)
5. Thomas Woodhouse (CCMI) (13)
5. Caryn Porter (AMLA) (13)
8. Oliver Willett (MPJE) (12)
8. Eleanor Taylor (CAMI) (12)
8. Isobel Laight (BCJO) (12)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Wednesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Monday 10 September	Individual School Photographs
	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
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2019	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