

Dear Parents and Carers,

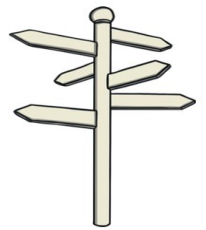
As the new year is 10 days in now, some of you may have made New Year's resolutions—but are they holding still? In assembly this morning I have spoken of the opportunity that a new year brings, in which any resolutions are our choices and we make of each year what we are able. We can be certain that support for our pupils is available throughout the challenges that the year faces because of the strength of our pastoral care. However, faith can assure us that God looks over us and is aware of the good and difficult times:

Happy New Year 2020

And remember that I am always with you until the end of time.

Matthew 28: 20

For our Year 8 pupils, this week is the start of their penultimate (last but one) term with us, and Mr West and I reminded them of what their three and a half years have provided at our school. Additionally, the standards we uphold and the values we live by will not change. By doing so, our pupils will certainly be ready for whichever high school they will begin at in September.



The rehearsals for the school show, Bugsy Malone, have started this week. Consequently, the sound of the one of the songs, "We could've been anything that we wanted to be", has come through my door. The pupils are already in good voice and there are a few weeks to go yet.

The ski trip enters its final preparations, with pupils trying out their skill at the Ski Dome this week. They fly out to Austria in four weeks time. This also marks the two years since Walkwood had its Ofsted inspection, as that took place while pupils and accompanying staff were out on the snow.



If you have friends or family who wish to state their preferences for first school or middle school places, please remind them of the deadline—Wednesday January 15th.

Rev. C. Leach, *Principal*

A Prayer for New Year's Resolution

Lord, We thank you for this New Year that is upon us. We thank you that we are given the promise of your love throughout the year. We pray that as we look on this year, the goals that we give ourselves will be fulfilled through your power and your grace. Bless us as we go in to this New Year with your spirit and your guidance.

Amen.

This week's theme was:
New Year's Resolutions

**Broken promises are worse than
rain clouds that don't bring rain.**

Proverbs 25:14

Whole School Attendance

96.08%

Whole School Target

95.6%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Inquisitiveness	Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights. Proverbs 18:5
The assembly theme:	National Government	Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. Matthew 22:21

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

The weekend	firefighters and rescue personnel in Australia.	Monday	our MP, Rachel Maclean.
Tuesday	medical staff working at The Alex.	Wednesday	pupils and parents in their school preference submissions this year.
Thursday	Walkwood's Governors.	Friday	all worshippers at Friday prayers within the Redditch mosques.

Picture of the Week



Smoke rises from a fire in East Gippsland, Victoria, Australia



PE Clubs



The only PE club we can run is the Cheerleading (squad only) which is on a Wednesday 3.30-4.45pm. This is due to rehearsals for the School Production. Once the light comes back and the weather starts to improve we will be able to offer more extra-curricular PE clubs.



Prize Draw Winners

Here are the Prize Draw winners for the Autumn term for 100% Attendance or Zero Demerits:

Connie Evans Year 6 - Haribo Hamper

Joe Leaver Year 7 - £10 Amazon Gift Card

Jenson Bugler Year 5 - Quality Street

Holly Henrick Year 7 - A Miniature Wheelie Bin

Isabella Bowditch Year 6 - £10 Amazon Gift Card

Eoin Clarke Year 8 - 'Our Planet' Book

Sam Curtis Year 6 - Quality Street

Liam Cooke Year 8 - £10 JD Sports Gift Card

George Cooper-Bell Year 7 - £10 JD Sports Gift Card

Hayden Simpson Year 6 - Celebrations

Talia Kandekore Year 6 - Celebrations

Brooke Monaghan Year 8 - £10 JD Sports Gift Card





Applying for middle school

For children who are currently in Year 4 and intend to be in a middle school for Year 5, it is time to apply for a place. This needs to be completed using the online system:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you do not have internet access, call the county admissions team on 01905 822700 for assistance.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is part of the Worcestershire County Council's coordinated scheme, which is administered by Babcock Prime.

The closing date for both first and middle school places is 15th January 2020



Contact Details



Can you please ensure that we hold the correct contact details for you in case of emergency i.e. telephone number, email, address etc. You can email any amendments to office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk and these will be amended for you.



Nut Allergy

As we have some children in school with a nut allergy can you please ensure that you do not send your child in with any food item that contains any nuts to avoid an allergic reaction. Thank you very much for your co-operation.





Week Commencing 13.01.20

Music Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Music Room)

Monday - 12:35 – Fizzy (Tomorrow)
12:55 – Blousey (I'm Feeling Fine)

Wednesday - 12:35 – Girl Singers (Bugsy Malone)
12:55 - Fizzy (Tomorrow)

Friday - 12:35 – Gang (Down and Out)

Acting Rehearsals (12.50 Lunchtime in Room 10)

Tuesday – Bugsy, Bronx Charlie, Roxy (Pg 1-3)

Wednesday – Seymour Scoop, O'Dreary, Smolsky (Pg 18-19)

Thursday – Bugsy, Blousey, Fat Sam, Bronx Charlie (Pg 5 – 10)

Friday – Bugsy, Leroy, Cagey Joe (Pg 40 – 41)

After School Rehearsal (3:30-4:45pm in Hall)

Tuesday – Whole Cast (Final scene/Finale)

Thursday - Bugsy, Bronx Charlie, Roxy, Girl Singers, Blousey, (Pg 1-5)

Look out on the Insider every Friday for details of the after school rehearsals for the following week and who is involved!!



A Reminder regarding the KS2 English Workshop

On Monday 13th January 2020 from 6:30-7:30pm, we will be holding a KS2 English Workshop for parents and carers. The focus of the evening will be the English curriculum in Years 5 and 6, with a particular focus on the expectations of grammatical knowledge in these year groups.

The introduction of the new curriculum in 2014 meant changes to the grammatical knowledge that pupils are expected to have, and also the specific reading skills needed to access the reading paper at the end of KS2. At the English Workshop, we will discuss some of these expectations; it will also be an ideal opportunity for you to ask questions you may have.

Please note that this workshop is intended for parents/carers and need not be attended by pupils.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued role in helping your child with their English subject knowledge and understanding. Grammatical knowledge and reading skills are key components of the curriculum and we value the support that you give. We look forward to seeing many of you on 13th January.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Johnson
Head of English
Associate Assistant Principal

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

sanguine

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!



Top Readers for 9th December 2019 — 9th January 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Emilia Tyler (Year 5 BRCO) - who has read an incredible 711,879 words

Top Boy

Jo Bellizzi (Year 5 MHBA) - who has read a fantastic 878,897 words



Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17 - Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald/ Mrs Cull



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term Part 1, 2020



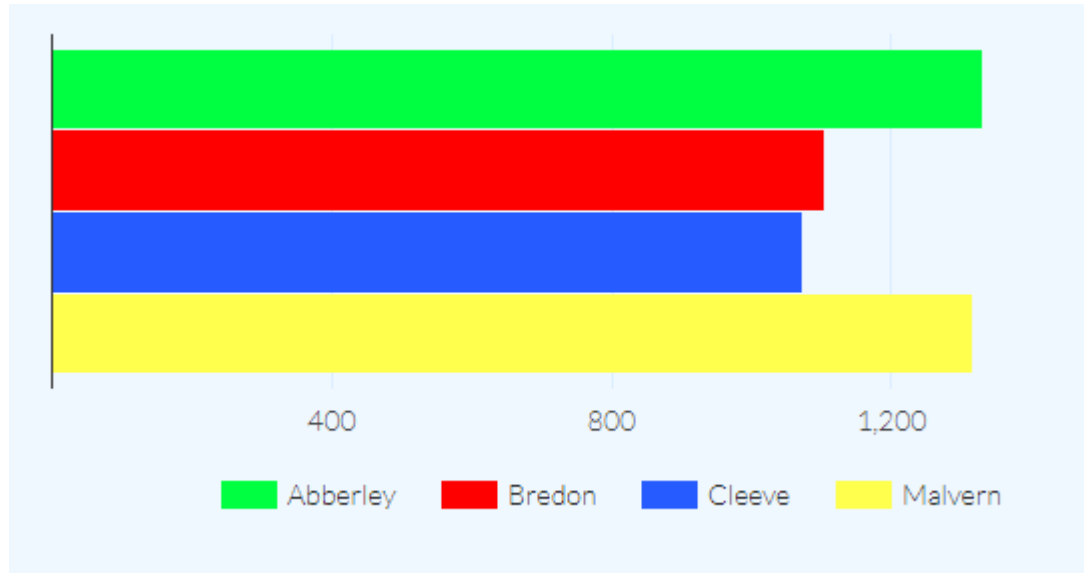
	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	Parliament Club - Lab 2 (invitation only) 12.50—1.20 pm ECO Club - Lab 2 12.50-1.20 pm	
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.35—1.00pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club - Room 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors - Lab 2 12.50-1.20pm (JHd)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30-4.30pm KS2 Science Club - Lab 2 3.30-4.30pm (JHd) Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading Squad 3.30-4.45pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block Library 3.30- 4.30pm
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Reece Griffin (AAFA) (19)
2. 🍌 Sam Curtis (MDSL) (18)
2. 🍌 Alexis Grodoski (AAFA) (18)
2. 🍌 Alfie Morris (ALWA) (18)
5. 🍌 Grace Hyde (MPJE) (17)
5. 🍌 Elliott Allcock (AMLA) (17)
7. 🍌 Jake Turner (MPJE) (16)
7. 🍌 James Swinnerton (BRCO) (16)
7. 🍌 Fizz Stanley (MPJE) (16)
10. 🍌 Henry Dixon (BRCO) (15)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 0	Monday 13 January	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 30 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 5 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 31st March	Bugsy Malone Production
	Wednesday 1st April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Thursday 2nd April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day Bank Holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	End of Term
	Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Days
	Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half term
Friday 18 December	End of Term	
2 0 2 1	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half Term
	Thursday 1 April	End of Term
	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term