

Dear Parents and Carers



There have been some wonderful sounds coming from the music room. The choir have been rehearsing during lunchtime for the forthcoming musical event, while the orchestra have been doing the same at other times. What with some very pleasant compositions in lessons, it is a joy to listen to, either in the room or from afar.

Every few weeks we gather two colleges in the morning for an assembly which considers hymns and other worship songs. I have fronted the two such gatherings this week for two halves of the school, but it is fortunate that Mrs Griffiths is able to lead on the musical needs because my skill is . . . limited!

There have been some splendid offerings from pupils for our school Christmas card. There are a fair number of trees (plus fruits or baubles attached), and a great many school shields with festive images. There was even a trio of penguins with one in a school jumper. So, it is not just in music that our pupils can be creative.

The festive season is approaching, and one of the matters to sort will be the Christmas lunches. This has been set up on ParentPay as we need to know how many to cater for. Also, the cost is higher than for a usual lunch, and has been held at last year's price of £3. Do check the Insider for further details as the different colleges have their lunches on different days within the final week of term.

As I predicted last week, the number of coats has increased this week as the temperature has dropped. However, some children were caught out a bit at the end of Tuesday when there was a heavy downpour at the end of the school day. If you ever have a situation of wet shoes, the drying process can be speeded up by stuffing the shoes with newspaper. It's true!



It's a couple of weeks until our Year 5 go to see The Wizard of Oz—please ensure permission letters are returned (there's one inside if you need it).

Children make themselves known by their acts, by whether what they do is pure and right. The hearing ear and the seeing eye - the Lord has made them both.
Proverbs 20: 11-12

Father

Thank you for your kindness and your forgiveness. Today we pray for those that have been hurt, and those that have hurt others, they might even be the same people. We pray that in our school we are aware of everyone's troubles, but also that we acknowledge that bullying is not acceptable. We pray that those who bully are forgiven and understand the hurt they have caused, and we pray for those who have been bullied, that they can forgive and teach others the way to respond.

Amen

This week's theme was:

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.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Whole School Attendance – 96.97 %

Whole School Target – 95.6 %

19.11.18—23.11.18

Year 5 — 98.50 %

Year 6 — 96.78 %

Year 7 — 97.22 %

Year 8 — 95.37 %



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Achievement	At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: it is to eat the 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:	Patience	Patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. <i>Romans 5:4</i>
The assembly theme:	St. Andrew	As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make fish for people.' <i>Mark 1:16-17</i>

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

The weekend	Matthew Hedges as he finally returns to the UK after being detained in the UAE	Monday	The lives of those with life-threatening illnesses
Tuesday	For those who have experience bullying online and offline	Wednesday	Theresa May as she continues talks about Brexit
Thursday	Those helping the effort to reduce global warming	Friday	The teachers and support staff of Walkwood.

S4 Ep 11

Silly Norman

High Ropes



Charity News

A massive well done to the following girls who raised £18.25 for WWF last week by running a bake sale.

Kiona Chatterton, Libby Gumbley, Ashleigh Morris, Sophie Frost, Maisie Frost, Madison Peace, Paige Chambers, Sophie Blagrove



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.



Save the Children.



KS2 Maths Workshop

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the KS2 Maths workshops on Monday 26th November. We hope you found the evening useful and we were able to answer any queries or questions you had about the arithmetic curriculum.

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

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/> - Parents and Carers- KS2 Maths workshop

We look forward to see many of you at our KS2 English workshops on Monday 21st January.

Mrs L Cull

Year 5 Theatre Trip

Year 5 Theatre Trip: *The Wizard of Oz*

Just a reminder that we are taking all of our Year 5 pupils to see the performance of *The Wizard of Oz* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Wednesday 12th December 2018.

As the trip is linked to the English curriculum, the school will cover the cost. We will leave school at around 9am, travelling by coach. Any pupils who arrive late on the day will not be able to attend the trip, so please ensure punctuality. We expect to return to school at around 2pm, at which time the pupils will eat their lunch. School uniform will be worn for the visit and a packed lunch will need to be provided (pupils entitled to Free School Meals will 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; it is a good idea for them to have two snacks with them, so that they can eat one at around 10am when we arrive at the theatre, and then their second snack during the interval. Please bear in mind our school policy regarding nuts. Due to the size of our year group, pupils will not be able to purchase snacks at the theatre.

If you have not already done so, please complete the reply slip below and return to the school drop-box by Monday 3rd December. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Johnson
Head of English

Year 5 Theatre Trip: *The Wizard of Oz*

Pupil name: _____

Tutor Group: _____ English set: _____

" I give permission for my child to accompany the theatre trip to *The Wizard of Oz* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Wednesday 12th December 2018.

" I do not give permission for my child to accompany the theatre trip to *The Wizard of Oz* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Wednesday 12th December 2018.

Signed (parent/carer): _____

Print name (parent/carer): _____

Christmas Lunch 2018

Christmas lunches this year will be held on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December 2018. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch, the cost will be £3.00, to be paid via Parentpay.

Abberley and Bredon Colleges will have their Christmas lunches on Wednesday 19th December, while Cleeve and Malvern 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 17th December 2018. 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 Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th December.

Christmas Lunch 2018

Menu

Roast Turkey

Stuffing

Pigs in Blankets

Roast Potatoes

Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

Gravy

Quorn Fillet (Vegetarian Option)

Christmas Tree Ice Cream





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) 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:

affable

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 29th October 2018 — 29th November 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lauren Sole (Year 7 AMLA) - who has read an incredible 630,498 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 762,999 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



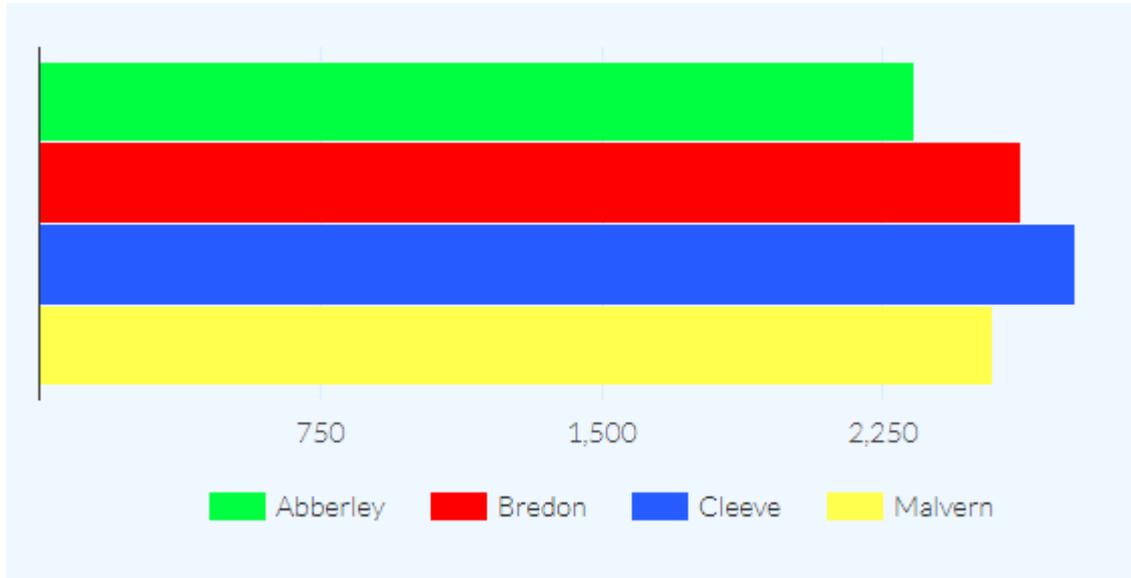
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20— Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21— Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍊 Evie Barnish (BHMA) (28)
1. 🍊 Brandon Preece (CCMI) (28)
3. 🍊 Joshua Thurston (BHMA) (27)
4. 🍊 Jess Andrews (AMLA) (25)
4. 🍊 Zach Bishop (ALBA) (25)
6. 🍊 Sophie Blagrove (ALBA) (24)
6. Laiba Rahouf (CCMI) (24)
8. 🍊 Yu Chen Wang (MPJE) (23)
8. 🍊 Lottie Duke (ALWA) (23)
10. 🍊 Izzy Pioli (BHMA) (22)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert 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 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