

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sporting matters continue both in team competitions and the various forms of inter-school events that take place on Friday afternoons. We have had both football and rugby matches this week, although our field has been too wet even for the latter. I appreciate the time that Walkwood staff give to supporting pupils for these activities, including the administrative tasks that are involved.



Our school welcomed teachers from The Vaynor First School, Crabbs Cross Academy and St. George's First School on Wednesday. We call this a 'peer review' - our colleagues come to the school with a specific focus to understand how learning takes place here and to offer some ideas for development. This year's focus has been writing, looking at what pupils produce across the four year groups. In return, staff from Walkwood have already been to The Vaynor and Crabbs Cross, and shall visit St. George's in the second half of this term.

This week has seen the first of our consultation evenings for parents and carers of Year 6 and Year 8, with the second of such next Wednesday. As usual, bookings are through ePraise. We have taken this opportunity as previous year's to conduct a paper-based survey for parents and carers, publishing the results on our website (<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Your-Views>). This year we have taken to using Microsoft Forms to allow you to provide feedback by clicking on the link within the email that was sent at the start of this week. If you have a couple of minutes while you are within school for the consultation evenings, or at any other convenient time, please complete the questions, which should take only a couple of minutes.



There is a section at the end of the penultimate (last but one) page which provides a reminder of links to our website for policies and practicalities.

O God, your love is always there for those who pray to you.

Psalm 86: 5

Finally, with the ski trip in the final pre-departure throes of organisation, our planning for the other residentials is also progressing. If your child is going on any of these, please make sure that payments are up-to-date, as we have commitments to the parties who we contract to provide activities and transport.

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for The NHS

Lord we thank you for our health service. We thank you that we are provided with doctors and nurses who help us when we're ill. We know that you are the ultimate healer and can heal our body, mind and soul. We pray for those that need your healing touch on their lives. May they be blessed with your healing Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

This week's theme was: The NHS

Pity me, O Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, for my body is sick, and I am upset and disturbed. My mind is filled with apprehension and with gloom. Oh, restore me soon.

Psalm 6: 2-3

Whole School Attendance

97.35%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 20.01.2020:-

AECO

BLWO, BRCO

CABE

MMMG and the MAB



SURVEY



Parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 and Year 8 have the opportunity to tell us your views of our school. The survey will take a couple of minutes. You will be sent a link to the questions by email.

Survey is open 9am until midnight, **Friday 7th February.**

School Trips

Year 6 Yorkshire

Year 7 Isle of Wight

Year 8 London



Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for these trips. Can I please remind you that the third instalment should have been paid by 31 January. If this hasn't been done, please do so as soon as possible. We ask that all payments be made using ParentPay. Please can you inform us by email, letter or phone if your child no longer wishes to take up their place on the trip. If you are having problems paying please also contact the school.

Thank you



Cancelled Clubs

Please note that Science Club, Cheerleading Club and Cooking Club will not be on Wednesday 5th February due to Parents Evening.



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Inquisitiveness	Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights. <i>Proverbs 18:5</i>
The assembly theme:	God's Creatures	And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its' kind. And god saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <i>Genesis 1:20-22</i>

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

The weekend	for health care workers, and those for whom they care.	Monday	Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester
Tuesday	carers for older relatives	Wednesday	our sports teams
Thursday	members of the cast of 'Bugsy Malone'	Friday	wordsmiths of many languages

Picture of the Week



beech trees at Douneside, Tarland © SORLEY JOHNSTON



Week Commencing 03.02.20

Music Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Music Room)

Monday – 12:35 – Cagey Joe (So You Wanna Be A Boxer)

12:55 – Tallulah (My Name is Tallulah)

Wednesday – 12:35 – Fizzy (Tomorrow)

12:55 - Blousey (I'm Feeling Fine)

Friday – 12:35 – Girl Singers (Bugsy Malone)

12:55 – Blousey, Bugsy (I'm Feeling Fine)

Acting Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Room 10)

Tuesday – Bugsy (Pg 2-3 Actions during Bugsy Malone song)

Wednesday – Leroy, Cagey Joe, Bugsy (Pg 39 – 43)

Thursday – Fat Sam, Blousey, Bugsy, Bangles, Fizzy, Dandy Dan (Pg28-32)

Friday – Smolsky, Leroy, O'Dreary, Dandy Dan (Pg 54-55)

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

Tuesday – Whole cast

Thursday - Whole cast

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

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

multifarious

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 30th December 2019 — 30th January 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Erin Hill (Year 6 MHBA) - who has read 740,007 words.

Top Boy

Ethan Skinner (Year 5 MPJE) - who has read 1,088,604 words.



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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Ellie Daines (MPJE) (26)
2. 🟡 Lara Laight (MNSA) (24)
3. 🟡 Luca Harris (BRCO) (22)
3. 🟡 Hayden Hartles (BRCO) (22)
3. 🟠 Isabelle Eden (CLDW) (22)
6. 🟡 Charley Clissett (CTPO) (21)
6. 🟠 Lucas Hill (BRCO) (21)
6. 🟠 Emilia Tyler (BRCO) (21)
6. 🟠 Grace Keats (BRCO) (21)
10. 🟡 James Swinnerton (BRCO) (20)



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	Multi Skills Club (All Years) (PMc) 3.30—4.45pm
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50–1.20pm (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)	
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		



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

"Show your wonderful love. Your mighty arm protects those who run to you for safety."

Psalm 17: 7



Their care

in our hands

Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/f2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 0	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
2 0 2 1	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
	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	