

Dear Parents and Carers,



At the eleventh hour of this the eleventh month, our school followed the national Act of Commemoration with two minutes silence. We did this by beginning a PowerPoint just before 11am which played The Last Post, and there followed a series of pictures that allowed pupils to visualise aspects of World War Two. We do this as it can be hard to know what to do during that time of silence, and the photographs give a focus for pupils' thinking. The end of the silence is marked by Reveille, which is the bugle sound that was played to awaken troops after a night's rest – a sort of alarm call in the morning! For Christians, this is the call to the soldiers who have died to rise in the glory (of the morning) to be with the risen Christ.



Additionally, the senior pupils, lead by the Head Boy and Head Girl, represented Walkwood at the town's Act of Remembrance at Redditch's War Memorial, joining pupils from The Vaynor First School and Birchensale Middle School.

Live like free people, and do not use your freedom as an excuse for doing evil. Instead, be God's servants.
1 Peter 2:16



Fixtures for boys' and girls' football have continued this week, and we appreciate when there are changes to the times and dates of fixtures as a result of weather.



This week has seen the launch of the school production, and there is a good amount of interest about taking part. The performances will be the final week of next term, which gives a good run-up to arrange auditions, appoint the cast and begin rehearsals. More details inside!



This year's festive jumper fundraising, on the final day of this term, will donate the proceeds to Children in Need. The first information about this are also inside.



Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for The Beatitudes

Dear Father, May you bless those who feel they have no hope, help them to understand your love and what you can do for their lives. We pray for those who are kind and humble, and for those who yearn to know more of you, we pray they feel your presence in their lives. Pour out your Spirit on those who follow your footsteps that they may know your peace. Amen.

This week's theme was: **The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5: 3-9

Whole School Attendance

96.86%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 04.11.19

**MKRE
CMBI
MNSA
MAB**



For the week ahead

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 assembly theme:	Careers	Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. <i>Colossians 3:23</i>

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

The weekend	Children in Need	Monday	safety on the roads of our town.
Tuesday	those affected by flooding or other adverse weather.	Wednesday	our school's catering team.
Thursday	Bishop John of Worcester.	Friday	integrity of people in public office.

Picture of the Week



School Production 2020

This week saw the launch assembly of this year's school production, **to be performed 31st March -2nd April 2020**. We are proud to announce our upcoming production as...



This musical is set in 1929 in New York and the city is divided by rivalry. On one side, Dandy Dan's mob terrorise the district, taking out those they turn against with their new splurge guns. On the other side, Dandy Dan's rival, Fat Sam, runs his successful Grand Slam Speakeasy. There, he deals with business and enjoys the attentions of his girlfriend, the seductive Tallulah. However, Sam is jealous of Dandy Dan's gang as he still uses old-fashioned custard pies to take out their victims. When Fat Sam's gang is brutally splurged and his empire under severe threat, he engages the help of Bugsy Malone, a smooth-talking man about town. While Bugsy simultaneously attempts to woo Blousey Brown, the new-girl singer in town, he helps Fat Sam steal a fresh delivery of splurge guns from Dandy Dan. However, Bugsy's efforts cost him his relationship with Blousey after he lets her down by not taking her to Hollywood as promised. Returning to the speakeasy, Blousey and the rest of Fat Sam's crew are unaware of Dandy Dan's intent for revenge. His mob burst into the speakeasy and chaos ensues. Splurge, custard pies, and flour bombs fly across the bar. As the pandemonium comes to a sticky end, it emerges that Bugsy and Blousey have reconciled and there is finally peace between the two rival gangs.

All pupils are encouraged and welcome to take part in the production and we are hoping it will be as successful as our last production of 'Seussical', in which nearly 100 pupils took part.

Auditions will be held at lunchtime on:

Thursday 21st November for Year 5 and 6 pupils

Friday 22nd November for Year 7 and 8 pupils

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

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November 3:30-4:30pm. Students will be informed if they are required to attend this. **Any pupils who audition will be a part of the production as we want everyone to feel involved.**

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/April.

The Production Team



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

Festive Jumpers



On the last day of this term, Friday 20th 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!



Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

conciinnity

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 14th October 2019 — 14th November 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Emilia Tyler (Year 5 BRCO) - who has read an incredible 444,953 words

Top Boy

Jo Bellizzi (Year 5 MHBA) - who has read a fantastic 861,781 words

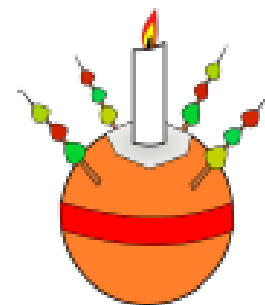


Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

Christingle at the Gazebo, Callow Hill

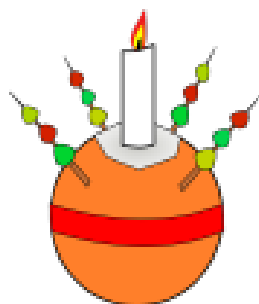
With St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham



Come along and celebrate

Sunday 17th November, 10.30am

At the Gazebo, Foxholes Lane, Callow Hill



Make your own Christingle!!

(everything you need provided)

A short service

Refreshments

All ages welcome - no need to book - just turn up

For more information contact

Fiona Carter 07864 867313 / fiona-carter@hotmail.co.uk

Callow Hill Gazebo, Foxholes Lane B97 5YF

Primrose Hospice

Santa Fun Run

Join our Santa Fun Run, It's all for a good cause!

Run, walk or jog 1k, 5k or 10k for Primrose Hospice on

1st December 2019 at Arrow Valley Lake, Redditch
Book online at primrosehospice.org/events/santa-fun-run-2/

Adult 5K -£15, suggested sponsorship £25
Adult 10K -£20, suggested sponsorship £50

Registration from 10am

Children (under 16) Entry -£5. Under 2's go free!



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Party Night

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at The 19th Hole

Redditch Golf Club • Lower Grinsty Lane
Callow Hill • Redditch B97 5PJ
Saturday 23rd November 2019
7.30pm till late

The evening includes:

Live band
Raffle and games
Buffet supper
And more

Tickets cost
£10 per adult,
£7.50 for under 12's



GUIDE
DOGS



All proceeds will be going to Guide Dogs
For tickets email: party@ingleton.com



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

Autumn Term Part 2, 2019



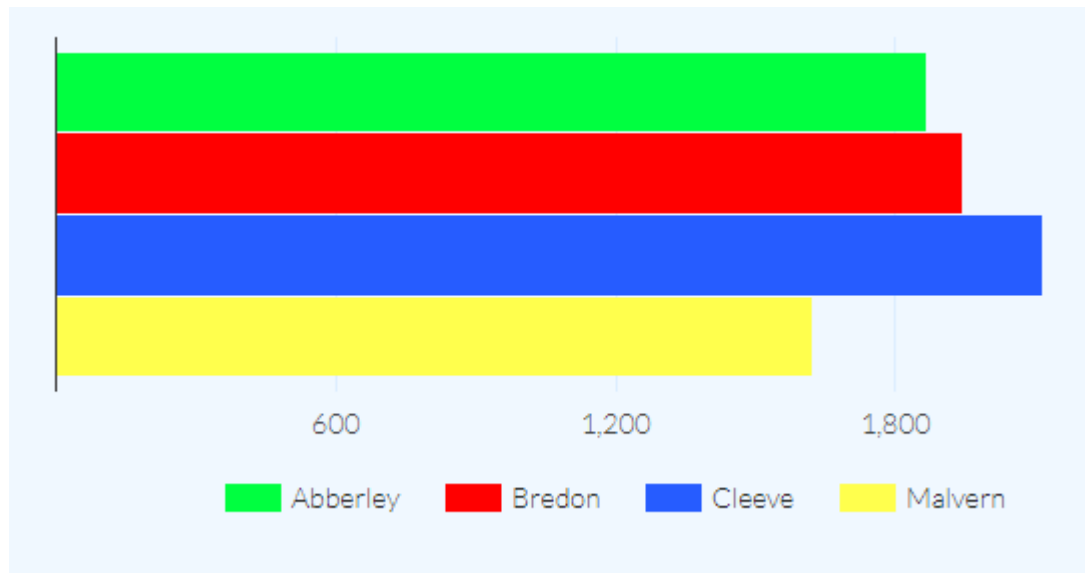
	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18 th September (ECO) Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Parliament Club - Lab 2 (invitation only) 12.50—1.20 pm ECO Club - Lab 2 12.50-1.20 pm	Multi skills (all years) 3.30-4.45pm (PMC)
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50–1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - Library 3.30–4.30pm Dance Club All years Starts 12 th November (KRE)
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 - Library 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 - Library Library 3.30– 4.30pm Year 7 and 8 Rugby 3.30-4.45pm (PJE) Fitness Club Starting 14 th November (all years) (KRE/CHU/LWO)
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🍌 Seth Harrison (CMBI) (45)
2. 🍌 Brooklyn-Jai Fanthom (CMBI) (38)
3. Connie Moorman (CMBI) (37)
3. 🍌 Archie Grogan (CMBI) (37)
5. 🍌 Ethan Barratt (MPJE) (31)
5. 🍌 Daniel Basiak (CMBI) (31)
7. George Coates (BCJO) (29)
7. 🍌 Evie Clayton (MKRE) (29)
7. 🍌 Filip Grabowski (CMBI) (29)
10. 🍌 Alex Neill (AAFA) (28)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Carol Concert - 7.30 pm
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	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
2020	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	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
	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	2021	Tuesday 5 January
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