

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find inside the list of items that can be placed in our shoe box appeal. This year we are joining The Bridge Church in providing a Christmas present for children in parts of the world who are in a less fortunate economic situation. We have set a target for each tutor group to present two boxes, which will be taken by the Year 6 pupils to the school's Harvest Service at The Bridge Church at the end of this half term.



It is pleasing to hear that so many of you are following the progress of your child through e-Praise. Each day will see further points added, should the pupil be meeting the learning outcome for the lessons. Additional points are also awarded, and there are weekly 'points boosts' for attendance. This year, we shall also be using e-Praise to allow you to book appointments for Parents' Evenings, as there is an app that you can download to your phone or tablet that allows you to keep track of where your appointments are. The first time this will be used is for the Year 5 'settling in' evening on Thursday 25th October (further details inside).

There were a plethora of team matches yesterday, continuing our commitment to provision beyond the curriculum, and the belief that the diverse talents of our pupils have the opportunities to develop. My gratitude goes to the staff who manage these teams for the benefit of the children, including the administrative needs of arranging matches and, where necessary, arranging transport.



The final details of the trips will be completed within the next couple of weeks when all the practicalities are agreed and given that the numbers of pupils are clear now. We shall publish these, as well as individual letters.

Thanks in advance for allowing pupils to take part in next Thursday's Open Evening. We do not 'hand pick' our representatives for the event, but allow those who wish to explain our school to potential pupils and parents to do so. Some children will be acting as guides while others will be working in the many subject areas. It will, no doubt, be a busy evening - please invite anyone who has a youngster in Year 4!

Rev C Leach
Principal

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, now you have received mercy .
1 Peter 2: 10

Dear Lord,

Sometimes we fall out with each other, we quarrel and argue and say things we don't necessarily mean. At other times, our hearts are filled with hatred. We pray that you can give us forgiving hearts, and broken hearts, that we may value our friendships and want to reconcile with each other. Give us the strength to understand how important it is to say sorry and forgive. Let your Spirit of peace be upon us to teach us this. In your precious name,

Amen

This week's theme was: Reconciliation

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5: 18-20

Whole School Attendance – 96.49%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

24.09.18—28.09.18

Year 5 — 97.53%

Year 6 — 97.42%

Year 7 — 96.55%

Year 8 — 94.36%



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:	Peace	Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <i>John 14:27</i>
The assembly theme:	Peaceful places	My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. <i>Isaiah 32:18</i>

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

The weekend	Those affected by the tsunami and earthquake in Indonesia	Monday	Local charities that support the community of Redditch
Tuesday	The local churches and community centres	Wednesday	The staff at the Alexandra Hospital
Thursday	Those affected by the riots caused by the fight for independence in Barcelona	Friday	The teachers and support staff of Vaynor First School.





Punctuality

We believe that punctuality is an important part of learning at school and is a key attribute for life at Walkwood and beyond.

School starts at 8:45 am. Students must be on site by that time. They are expected to be in their classroom for tutor time by 8:50am.

Senior members of staff are on duty at the gates and reception each morning and will record the names of pupils who arrive late, after 8:50am. Pupils who are late may receive a consequence that day.



If you have any shoe boxes lurking at home, please hold on to them for a week or so. We shall be using them to support The Bridge Church in their shoe box appeal, and will share more details in due course.

Thank you!



CHARITY NEWS

For the week beginning 24th September two pupils organised a bake sale for Rees, The Care Leavers Foundation Charity. The pupils were:

Amelie Ames— MDSL

Eleanor Dicken— ALBA

The amount raised was £56.30.

Well done girls!



Also regarding last week's charity stall for The Meningitis Trust that raised £117.17, two girls were missed off the list as having raised money as well. They are:

Daisy Sheehy— AMLA

Lucie Thompson— ALWA

A great achievement girls!!



Items to go into a Christmas shoe box present



Unisex Fun	Boy Fun	Girl Fun
Lego*/building toys	Lego*/building toys	Lego*/building toys
Ball*/inflatable ball or globe	Ball*/inflatable ball or globe	Ball*/inflatable ball or globe
Juggling balls/bean bags	Juggling balls/bean bags	Juggling balls/bean bags
Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix Cube	Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix cube	Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix cube
Game e.g. dominoes/cards	Game e.g. dominoes/cards	Game e.g. dominoes/cards
Wind-up toy	Wind-up toy	Wind-up toy
Wind-up Music Box	Wind-up Music Box	Wind-up Music Box
Musical instrument e.g. harmonica/whistle	Musical instrument e.g. harmonica/whistle	Musical instrument e.g. harmonica/whistle
Yo-yo	Yo-yo	Yo-yo
Teddy bear/soft toy	Teddy bear/soft toy	Teddy bear/soft toy
Fidget Spinner	Fidget Spinner	Fidget Spinner
Balloons	Balloons	Balloons
Picture Book/Comic Book	Picture book/Comic book	Picture book/Comic book
Mini Board Games*	Mini Board Games*	Mini Board Games*
	Toy vehicle	Doll
	Wooden or foam glider	Jewellery*
	Football cards/figurine	Skipping rope
Stationery	Stationery	Stationery
Pencils	Pencils	Pencils
Colouring pencils/pens	Colouring pencils/pens	Colouring pencils/pens
Paper/notebook	Paper/notebook	Paper/notebook
Sharpener/Eraser/Ruler	Sharpener/eraser/ruler	Sharpener/eraser/ruler
Pencil case	Pencil case	Pencil case
Paints & brushes	Paints & brushes	Paints & brushes
Practical	Practical	Practical
'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat	'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat	'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat
Scarf	Scarf	Scarf
Toothbrush	Toothbrush	Toothbrush
Toothpaste	Toothpaste	Toothpaste
Soap/small toiletries	Soap/small toiletries	Soap/small toiletries
Hairbrush/comb	Hairbrush/comb	Hairbrush/comb
Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt	Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt	Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt
Drawstring bag	Drawstring Bag	Bobbles/hairbands/clips
		Drawstring bag/handbag
Other	Other	Other
Wind-up torch	Wind-up Torch	Wind-up Torch
Sweets	Sweets	Sweets
Sunglasses	Sunglasses	Sunglasses
Hair gel	Hair gel	Perfume/pocket mirror
		Nail varnish/lip balm



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	<p>Homework Club Library</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room - 8.45-9.30am (CGR)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie Club all years (AMI) starting Monday 17th September</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) starts 24th September (NFO) 3.30 – 4.45pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p style="color: red;">Stunt Squad & Cheerleading (sign-up sheet and try-outs information to follow)</p> <p>Science Club 3.30—4.30pm</p> <p>Girls Football (RMA/ LWO/ HMA)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>All years Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm – (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>5/6 Netball Club (starting 12th Sept) KRE)</p> <p>5 and 6 Football (starts 12th Sept) CHU and LWO</p> <p>Year 7/8 Rugby (starts 12th Sept) PJE</p>
Thursday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Choir (all year groups) Music Room - 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)</p> <p>Eco Schools Club Week 1 in Room 21 (Lab 3) (MBI) First meeting Thursday 20th September 2018.</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>7/8 Netball Club (starting 13th Sept) LMO/KRE</p> <p>7/8 Boys Football (starts 13th Sept) RMA/NSA</p> <p style="color: red;">Hockey club (not starting until end of September – more details to follow) NFO</p>
Friday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>		<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Rec Football – NFO, CHU, RMA, (starts 14th Sept)</p>

Year 5 'Settling in' Evening

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school with your child on Thursday 25th October between 4pm and 7pm to meet primarily with their tutor. This will provide you with the chance to see how they have generally settled into Walkwood during the first half term.



On the same evening, if you have a pressing concern you would like to discuss with English, Maths or Science teachers, these subject teachers will be available if required. Please however bear in mind that some staff members have more than one Year 5 group and a tutor group, and so they will not be able to meet with all parents of the pupils they teach. Therefore, please book in with your child's tutor teacher as a priority and then the core subject teachers only if you have any immediate concerns. This is not our formal parents' evening, this will come later on during the academic year; you will also receive a full school report in February.

As explained in your welcome pack we will be using Epraise for parents' evening bookings. There is an app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit www.epraise.co.uk, ensuring you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list of schools.

If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into Epraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit and a password will be sent to your email.

If you do not have an email address registered with us then you will be unable to login so you will need to contact the school reception to add an email address to your contact details.

Once in Epraise select Community then Parents' evenings. Click on Year 5 Settling In Evening, then book appointments with the required staff. If booking more than one appointment I would suggest leaving at least five minutes between appointments to allow yourself time to travel around the school. Do not forget to bring your appointment schedule with you to parents' evening. Room lists, so you know where to locate staff, will be available on the evening.



Love to Learn;
Learn to Live;
Live to Love.



Walkwood

Church of England Middle School



Open Evening

for prospective Y5 pupils and parents.
Thursday 11th October,
from 6.45 to 8.15pm

The current pupils, staff and Governors invite prospective Y5 pupils with their parents to our **Open Evening**. Tours of the school with current pupils will demonstrate the breadth of learning that a middle school can provide!

Outstanding

Our Church of England inspection said:

- ✓ The inclusive vision of the school ensures that all children are supported in their personal well-being and academic achievement.
- ✓ Key to the school's vision is that every individual is created in the image of God, and from this belief springs the school's outstanding attention to individual needs, both academic and pastoral.

Parents' Days

Tuesday 16th and
Wednesday 17th October

Our **Parents' Days** will show the school in action. There will be a tour, with the opportunity to ask questions of pupils and staff. Places on the tour can be booked by contacting the school Reception on 543361, or emailing us at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



- ✓ An impressive ethos pervades the school. Its motto 'Love to learn, learn to live, live to love' reflects the Christian principles that underpin the school's work. The school is fully inclusive of all faiths and beliefs. It values each individual. It has nourished a very positive climate for learning in the school which helps all pupils to thrive.
- ✓ During their time at the school, pupils develop into confident, articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.



Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

cajole

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 5th September 2018 — 4th October 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Caitlin Banks (Year 5 BJHD) - who has read an incredible 853,979 words

Top Boy

Charlie Senior (Year 6 CSBK) - who has read a fantastic 933,266 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



Year 8 Extended Netball and Football Fixture 2018

On 28th of September 14 Year 8 girls (with 2 sports council members) arrived at Trinity High School to play netball; Walkwood were very determined to do well and the girls were split up into 2 teams, WW1 & WW2.

WW1's first game was against St Bede's, the girls started off with an amazing start having scored in the first 2 minutes! It was a battle all the way through and the game finished at a draw of 2-2, but amazing work from the girls.

WW2 went off on a brilliant start against Ipsley and after the triumph of the first goal these girls were determined to win the whole game. The girls played exceptionally well and managed to score another goal.

Straight away WW1 were back on and ready for a victory against Birchensale with a last minute goal securing another win in the final minute. The game finished 1-0. We had some amazing defending from all players in this game.

WW2 were now onto their last game, which was against Woodrush, which we knew was going to be tough. The girls got off to a rocky start and Woodrush managed to score 3 goals - before the girls gave up they quickly scored another - this made the game very tense. Woodrush just squeezed in one last goal and the game finished 4-1.

Some tremendous gameplay from all the teams!

By Caryn Porter

On the afternoon of Friday 28th September the recreational football team headed to Trinity High School to play against teams from other schools - it was great fun and a wonderful experience for us as a team. We won, drew and lost some of the games but showed great teamwork and support for each other. On behalf of the whole team thanks for taking us, Miss Reeves and Miss Forrest, we had a wonderful time!

By Rhys Potter





Netball, Benchball and Football College matches

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.



Tuesday 23 rd October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 8
Wednesday 24 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 5
Wednesday 24 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 6
Thursday 25 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 7

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads.

Thanks,

PE Department



Welcome Rachel Maclean MP



Two classes of Year 8s had the opportunity to meet with Rachel McClean M.P. as part of their SSE lesson.

Pupils were given an insight into a day in the life of an MP, the role they fulfill in Parliament, as well as being aware of the issues currently being debated in Westminster. Pupils were encouraged to ask questions and we were very pleased to see the inquisitive nature of our young people. Pupils asked thoughtful and evoking questions which sparked an interest in politics, and we may even see some budding journalists and politicians in the making.

We will be following this up by giving pupils the opportunity to

ask additional questions we didn't have a chance to get through and inviting Rachel McClean M.P. back to spend more time with pupils at Walkwood Church of England Middle School.



College Cross Country Runs

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's that time of year again!!

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a 'College Cross-Country Run' during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Monday 15th October to Friday 19th October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District Cross Country after half term.

Date	Lesson	Classes
Monday 15 th October	2 and 3	6e1, 2, 3
	4 and 5	5e1, 2, 3 - no cross country as in hall for Music workshop
Tuesday 16 th October	2 and 3	8e1, 2, 3
	4 and 5	8c1, 2, 3
Wednesday 17 th October	2 and 3	5c1, 2, 3
	4 and 5	6c3, 4
Thursday 18 th October	2 and 3	6c1, 2
	4 and 5	7c1, 2, 3
Friday 19 th October	2 and 3	7e1, 2, 3
Monday 22 nd October	4 and 5	5e1, 2, 3

We can't predict what the weather will be like so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

- Walkwood PE kit.
- A towel.
- A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.
- Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)
- An old T-shirt/Top to run to avoid white PE tops getting stained.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them clearly labelled.

Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Miss K Reeves
Curriculum Leader of PE

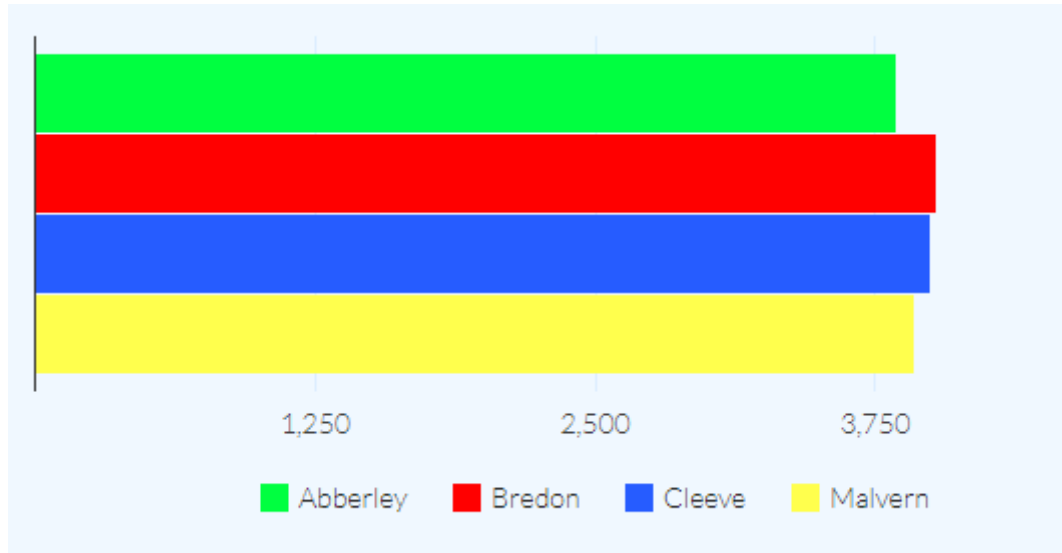




Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Evie Barnish (BHMA) (34)
2. Hayden Hartles (BRCO) (30)
2. Eleanor Taylor (CAMI) (30)
4. Caitlin Banks (BJHD) (28)
4. Abbie Harland (BRFO) (28)
6. Molly McGran (BRCO) (26)
6. Lucy Potter (CTPO) (26)
6. Sophie Cowles (CMBI) (26)
9. Dylan Knight (ALBA) (25)
9. Erin Baker (CTPO) (25)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	Thursday 11 October	Open Evening for prospective Y5 intake 2019
	Friday 19 October	Primrose Concert 7.30 pm
	Thursday 25 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Wednesday 7 November	SATs Information Evening 7.00 pm Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening 6.30-7.30 pm
	Monday 26 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30 pm
	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2 0 1 9	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