



Dear Parents and Carers

Our pupils have come back suitably refreshed from the half term break, although there were some sleepy eyes on Monday as they were clearly not quite used to getting up so early. That said, the mornings have not held sunny brightness, except in the learning of pupils in school, of course!

Glory be to Thee, O Lord God, for all the blessings I daily receive from Thee, and for Thy particular preservation, and refreshment of me.  
*Thomas Ken (1637 – 1711)*

It is now four years since I came to Walkwood for the first time for the interviews for the post of Principal, and was offered the role. How time flies! So much has happened since then, including two inspections, one from the Church of England ('Outstanding') and one from Ofsted ('Good'). We have had years of more applications than places and, in fact, there are only five vacancies in the school. The interest for next year's intake has been high.

Our prefects have been doing a sterling job. They have carried out their duties diligently and in the manner that we would wish, given the ethos of Walkwood. It really is a pleasure to work with them in the many tasks they complete, including those who join me in wiping down the tables at lunchtime. They had a doughnut treat this morning!

I have spent time with the Head Girl and Head Boy of The Vaynor First School as we have planned their Ceremony of Remembrance for Monday, when Walkwood's pupils in the same role will be part of the service. Our half school assemblies this week have recognised the need for remembrance, particularly the events of World war 1. Some of Walkwood's musicians were part of the Service of Remembrance at St. Stephen's Church this Thursday. They played confidently and tunefully and they all appeared quietly confident about everything they did. Their team work and self-management skills were really evident.

Please see the information herein about the football fixture on Thursday evening at the Redditch United ground. Our team is playing St. Bede's Catholic Middle School in a national fixture—all support would be welcomed (I shall be praying for the team while I am in a gathering at Church House in Westminster!). In fact, there are a number of teams in action within the next week—good luck to them all.

Rev C Leach

Dear Lord,

As we remember the days of war over 100 years ago, we pray that you will fill our hearts with humility and hope.

We know that you conquer all things and we pray that you are with those who we are remembering people today, and those who are in war today. We pray for your protection and your love over them, that they will feel safe in your arms.

Amen

This week's theme was: Remembrance (WW2)

'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See I am making all things new.'

Revelation 21: 3-5

Whole School Attendance – 95.53%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

22.10.18—25.10.18

Year 5 — 96.63%

Year 6 — 96.07%

Year 7 — 96.76%

Year 8 — 92.58%

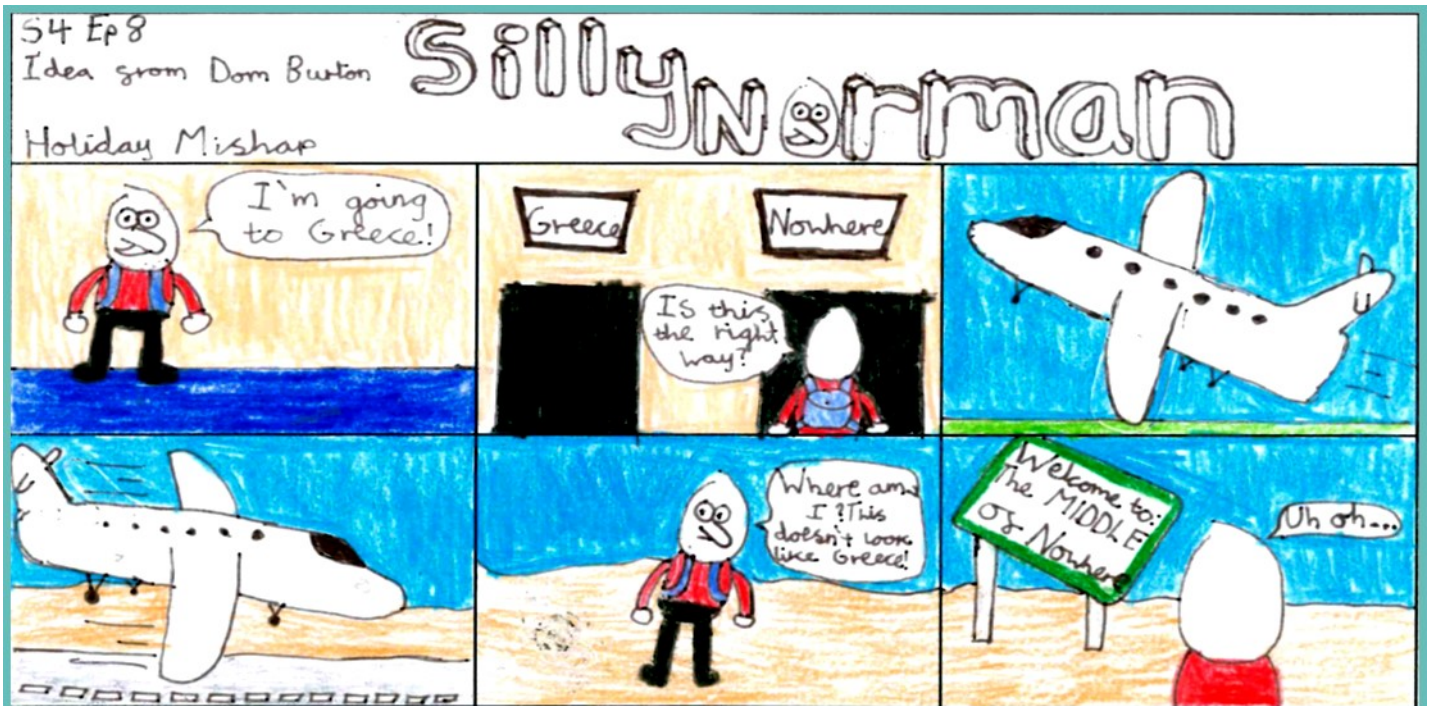


# For the week ahead

<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: it is to eat and 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>
<b>The tutor group virtue:</b>	<b>Determination</b>	That is why I run straight for the finish line; that is why I am like a boxer who does not waste his punches. I harden my body with blows and bring it under complete control, to keep myself from being disqualified after having called others to the contest. <i>1 Corinthians 9:26-27</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Making peace</b>	Let's keep on pursuing those things that bring peace and that lead to building up one another. <i>Romans 14:19</i>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	Remembering those at war, and others who try and keep the peace	<b>Monday</b>	The new people in government in the USA
<b>Tuesday</b>	The school's primary Maths challenge	<b>Wednesday</b>	The staff at the Alexandra Hospital
<b>Thursday</b>	The local churches and community centres	<b>Friday</b>	Walkwood's Autumn assessments



## KS2 VIPERS Homework Sheets

After half term, Year 5 and 6 English teachers will be setting a 'VIPERS' sheet for the Monday reading homework tasks. These tasks are focused around specific reading skills (Vocabulary – Inference – Prediction – Explain – Retrieve – Summarise), which are linked to the SAT Content Domains. Your child's reading progress will improve further if pupils can practise and discuss these skills with you at home as frequently as possible. We would like the weekly homework session to be completed in the following way please:

- Listen to your child read their Renaissance reading book for 10/15 minutes.
- Look at the VIPERS sheet which has come home that week.
- Work through some or all of the questions on the sheet, in reference to the book your child has read to you. Should you need some help, there are exemplar, modelled VIPERS sheets on our website in the 'Pupils' section, with suggested answers to each question. These are not exhaustive, but are examples of the sort of response which each question requires. These modelled sheets refer to an extract of 'Wind in the Willows', also on the website.
- Your child will write their answers on the sheet – these can be quite brief – and then hand in the sheet to their English teacher for the homework due date. There is a comments section for parents also.

### Renaissance quizzing at home

On a separate note, should you like your child to quiz on Renaissance books at home (including books from home which they might have read in their spare time, and which appear on the Renaissance system), please go to the following URL, where your child can login and take their quiz in the usual way:

<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823/default.aspx>

Many thanks for your continued hard work with supporting your child with his/her reading progress.

Mrs M Johnson  
Head of English

## English and Maths



From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we will be moving to ability sets in English and Maths in Year 5. We have organised these sets using both teacher judgements and the data of the recent GL assessments.

In Maths, the year group will be split into the C and the E side, and on both sides of the year there will be sets 1 – 4 (eight sets in total). In English, both sides of the year will be mixed and there will be seven ability sets: two set 1; two set 2; two set 3 and two set 4.

Should you have any queries, please direct them to your child's English or Maths teachers.



Mrs L Cull and Mrs M Johnson



# Redditch United Schools Cup Final



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
19:30 – Trico Stadium, Redditch



**Walkwood**  
Church of England Middle School

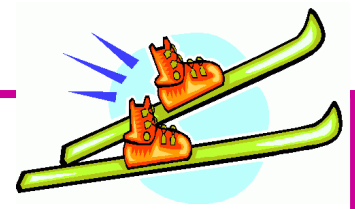


**St Bede's**  
CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL (ACADEMY)

All family, friends and anyone else that may wish to support  
Walkwood are welcome.

Please come down to show your support!

## Ski Trip 2020



I am thrilled to say we have had an overwhelming response to the Ski Trip 2020 launch. I have been in touch with the tour operators and I am able to increase the numbers to 60 pupils without it changing the cost of the trip due to increasing transport vehicles. The only hold up I am currently facing is confirmation that the hotel can accommodate this increase in numbers. Our tour operators are waiting to hear from their Austrian agents, but as soon as they do I will let you know. I apologise for this hold up and would like to re-assure you that offer of a place and reserve list letters will be sent home as soon as is possible. Thank you for your patience with this.

Mrs L Cull

## Year 5 Brecon Beacons Trip

Offer of a place and reserve list letters should have been received for all pupils who returned the reply slip.

We would like to remind you that the total cost of the trip is £170 of which a non-refundable **deposit of £50 is required by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Subsequent payments, also non-refundable, are due as follows and must be adhered to as these have been set by the travel company:

2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £60 required by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Final payment of £60 required by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Smaller more frequent payments can be made as long as the totals above are paid by the dates stated.

We ask that all payments be made using Parentpay, our payment system for which you should already have received a personalised letter stating your log in details.

Please note that once money has been paid to the travel company they will not refund us, therefore it cannot be refunded to parents/carers.



If you have any further queries regarding the trip, then please do not hesitate to contact either of us at school. Nearer the time, we will be holding an information evening where you will be given a kit list and all other necessary information.

Please can you inform us by letter or phone if your child no longer wishes to take up their place on the trip.

Mrs L Cull and Mr R Macdonald



# Clubs and Activities

## Autumn Term 2 2018

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Homework Club DT Block 8.00-8.45am  Orchestra Music Room - 8.45-9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> September	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) (NFO) 3.30 – 4.45pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	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) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)  Fitness (all years) 3.30—4.45pm RMA/CHU/NFO/KRE  Year 7/8 Rugby until end of November PJE
<b>Thursday</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> September 2018.	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  KS2 Dance 3.30-4.45pm LMO/KRE  Another club to be confirmed CHU
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club DT Block 8.00-8.45am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm  Rec Football – NFO, CHU, RMA, (until end of November)

# Homework Club

Pupils at Walkwood Church of England Middle School have the unique opportunity to complete their homework before and after school right here on site. Homework Club runs from Monday to Friday, before school, from the revised time of 08:00-08:45 in the library, then after school from 15:30-16:30 in the DT Hub. If you would like your child to attend our Homework Club, please could you complete the registration form which can be found by Reception. This will inform us of your consent and will also give us an indication of when your child will be accessing the club. Before registering, please could you and your child read the rules and conditions which we expect each pupil to adhere to when they attend each session:

Only homework/classwork is to be completed at Homework Club

Pupils are to silently read/complete book quiz if assigned tasks have been completed

Pupils are to work quietly whilst allowing others to do likewise

Pupils must sign in on arrival and out when leaving

Pupils do have access to computers for work purposes ONLY– no games

Revised Pick-Up Arrangements - The PM Homework Club will run from 15:30-16:30 and pupils will no longer be able to be collected any earlier than 16:30. At this time, the member of staff on duty will bring ALL pupils out to the Feckenham Road entrance where they can be collected.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the withdrawal of this privilege for a stated period of time, in the first instance. Each session will have a maximum amount of pupils so we will inform you if any of the sessions are full.

## **SATs Information Evening and Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening**

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the above information evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We hope you found the evening useful and we were able to answer any queries or questions you had.

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

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/> - Parents and Carers - then select either:

SATs information or Year 7 Curriculum evening.

# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

**emulate**

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 8th October 2018 — 8th November 2018

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

Lauren Sole (Year 7 AMLA) - who has read an incredible 705,835 words

### Top Boy

Samuel Curtis (Year 5 MDSL) - who has read a fantastic 855,570 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU .....







# Trips and Visits

## 2018 - 2019



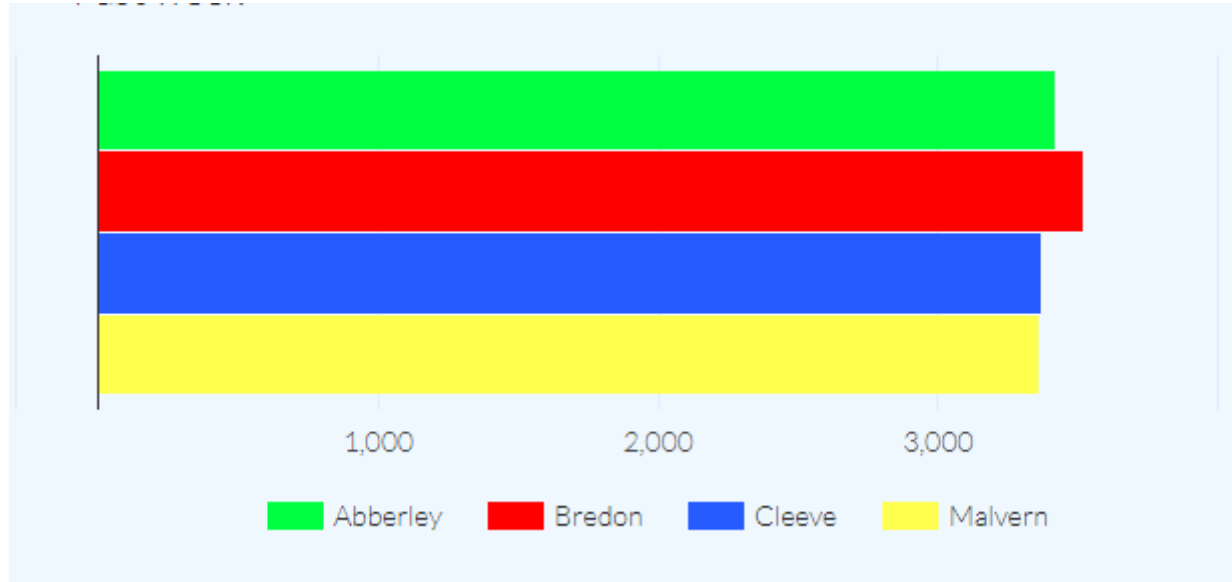
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
<b>May</b>					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
<b>June</b>					
Thurs 20— Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21— Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons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



# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

1. MacKenzie Phillips (CMBI) (31)
2. Brooke Monaghan (BCJO) (29)
2. 🍌 Poppy Davies (CAMI) (29)
4. Finlay Smith (ARMA) (28)
5. 🍌 Joseph Leaver (ARMA) (27)
6. 🍌 Sophie Blagrove (ALBA) (26)
6. Maisy West (MNSA) (26)
8. James Hodgkins (ARMA) (25)
8. James Lev (BRCO) (25)
8. Luqmaan Mahmood (MNSA) (25)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Monday 26 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop <b>6.30-7.30 pm</b>
	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert <b>7.30 pm</b>
	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 <b>6.30-7.30 pm</b>
	Thursday 31 January	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Wednesday 6 February	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	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 <b>6.30 pm</b>
	Monday 27 to Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Thursday 6 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Wednesday 12 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening <b>4.00-7.00 pm</b>
	Friday 19 July	End of Term