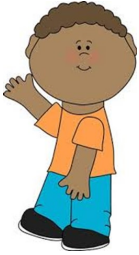


Dear Parents and Carers,

The gentle and careful preparations for SATs have continued this week. As I have stated before, there is a difference between being ready and being stressed about tests. Given that we are a middle school, the pupils do not have an educational diet of just English and Maths, but one where the curriculum remains broad and balanced for almost all the year.



Last Friday saw the conclusion of college matches (details inside). Our school looks to include all pupils in these events, although not everyone is great at every sport, we know. The organisation of such events is a task in itself, so my thanks to the PE staff and the others who gave them support. Such events require our Fruits of Faith to be very evident; friendliness and honour in the way the game is played, along with tolerance when our team does not win. Occasionally, forgiveness is required if we accidentally collide with someone else. Sportsmanship summed up.



The fine weather has meant that within our PE lessons we have been able to make use of the field as pupils begin their work on athletics. Sports Day is not that far ahead, and even less so until the week when pupils place names on the events list for that day.

Last week I wrote about the pastoral support that we supply here at Walkwood. Regrettably, this has been tested this week when matters from social media have surfaced in school and have affected school work and conversations. Collectively, over 30 hours have been given over to trying to end disputes that have been happening in the evenings, including where pupils have shared their login details, including passwords, with each other. Please monitor your child's use of common social networks and encourage them to use it wisely or, if needs be, lose it. We have shared some advice about Facebook from National Online Safety on page 8.



My child, accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding.

Proverbs 2: 1

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Dear Father,

We approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mum with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We pray you give each mum strength. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.

This week's theme was:
Mother's Day

Obey the teaching of your parents—always keep it in mind and never forget it. Their teaching will guide you when you walk, protect you when you sleep, and talk to you when you are awake.

Proverbs 6:20-22

Whole School Attendance – 94.44%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

18.03.19—22.03.19

Year 5 — 93.81%

Year 6 — 94.92%

Year 7 — 96.09%

Year 8 — 92.84%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Thankfulness	You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. Psalm 118: 28
The tutor group virtue:	Humility	Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, ‘Let him have this place.’”
The assembly theme:	Charities	Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. Finally, a poor widow came up and put in two coins that were worth only a few pennies. Jesus told his disciples to gather around him. Then he said: “I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others.” Mark 12:41-43

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

The weekend	A lovely Mother’s Day for all	Monday	The USA and the decisions being made about the Mexican border
Tuesday	The British Royal Family	Wednesday	The NHS doctors, nurses and support staff
Thursday	Those we know that are unwell	Friday	The elderly who are lonely, and those supporting them.

S4 Ep25

Silly Norman

Mother's Day





Year 6 English Revision Sessions

From January, the English Department has been running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them with SATs in May. Pupils can decide which sessions they would benefit from attending (see the list below); we have given them each a copy of the schedule below, with information about which teacher is delivering the session and where.

Every time a pupil attends a revision session, his/her English teacher will then award them with a merit on Epraise for each session attended. **If a pupil attend 15 sessions, they will be awarded a 'Commitment to English SATs' Achievement Badge on Epraise.**

Pupils should bring a packed lunch or meal deal to the relevant room at the start of the lunchtime.

Date	Topic
Wednesday 3 rd April	Synonyms & antonyms
Friday 5 th April	Reading: making a prediction
Wednesday 10 th April	Adverbs of manner
Wednesday 1 st May	Subjunctive form
Friday 3 rd May	Active & passive voice
Wednesday 8 th May	Contractions
Friday 10 th May	Reading: retrieving relevant information

Walkwood Rocks!



We would like you to take part in an Easter collective worship competition.

Using any part of the Easter Story, we want you to decorate a rock with your design and bring it into School to be judged.

This can be something inspirational about the story, something you have learned, a piece of scripture or some art work depicting. We want you to take part and have fun!

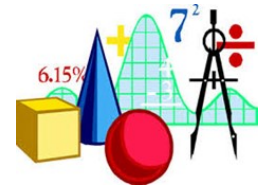
The judging will take place on **Thursday 11th April**, with prizes available for the best ones. Please bring all entries to room 3.



Get creative and have fun!



Year 6 Maths Revision Sessions



From January, the Maths Department have been running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them in the run up to the SATs. Pupils can decide which sessions they would benefit from. Your child's Maths teacher gave them a copy of the timetable below in January so they could select which sessions to attend. Pupil versions also show the teacher and the room the sessions will be held in.

Pupils will be awarded with an EPraise point for each session they attend.

If they attend 15 sessions, they will be awarded with the 'Commitment to Maths SATs' Epraise Achievement Badge.

They should bring a packed lunch or meal deal to the relevant room at the start of lunchtime.

Date	Topic
Tuesday 2 nd April	+ and – fractions
Thursday 4 th April	X and / fractions
Tuesday 9 th April	Written X, including decimals
Thursday 11 th April	Written division, including decimals
Tuesday 30 th April	Written + and -, including decimals
Thursday 2 nd May	Using the inverse
Tuesday 7 th May	Word problems involving all operations
Thursday 9 th May	Time problems and timetables

La crème de la crème

In order to promote and celebrate 'La Francophonie', 35 KS3 pupils, who are particularly able in French, gathered to take a quiz on all things Francophonie. The questions were entirely in French and pupils were encouraged to use their superhero team worker and self-manager skills as they trawled the internet for the correct response. Their Fruits of Faith also came into play as they demonstrated inquisitiveness, tolerance and friendliness. The French department were delighted with the engagement, focus and buzz demonstrated throughout this nationwide event. Pupils developed their knowledge of cultures, historical events, traditions whilst widening their vocabulary and research skills. It was the Year 7 girls team who became the Walkwood champions. A big bravo to Kaleigh, Lexi, Georgia, Queenie, Evie, Isla and Shannon.



Mrs. Hughes

Co-ordinator for More Able Pupils



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School



Arts Evenings 2019

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th April

Show begins at 7pm

Tickets £4

Year 7 Girls Hockey Tournament

On 14th March the Year 7 Girls Hockey Team went to Redditch Hockey Club to play in the district tournament. In the first match the girls lost 1-0 to Birchensale but that did not dampen their spirits. They went on to have a huge 4-1 win against St. Bede's. They then had one more match remaining and played confidently and ended up with a 1-0 win against Woodfield. This put the girls in 2nd place out of 4 teams. They put in a huge effort and aim to be 1st next time - well done girls!

By Georgia Avery-Sherwood
ARMA



College Matches

Fantastic week of college matches. Pupils showed great team worker skills throughout the games and a big thank you to our leaders who helped to referee during these lessons.

Total from Rugby and Hockey scores:

4th Abberley - 150
3rd Bredon - 160
1st Cleeve - 210
2nd Malvern - 180

Total from both college matches:

2nd Abberley - 370
2nd Bredon - 370
1st Cleeve - 430
3rd Malvern - 350



Isle of Wight Trip

Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for this trip.

Just to remind you that the final payment of £115 is due by 29th March. This will bring the total amount paid for the trip to £315.

We ask that all payments be made using Parentpay.

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.

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



Y6 Yorkshire Trip

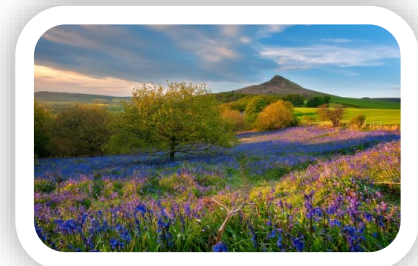
Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for this trip.

Just to remind you that the final payment of £100 is due by 31st March. This will bring the total amount paid for the trip to £300.

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.

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.

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



Y8 London Trip

Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for this trip.

Just to remind you that the following payments should now have been made:

£50 deposit by 30th November.

£60 by 30th January.

£60 paid 28th February

The next payment of £60 is required by 31st March with the final payment of £70 due by 30th April.

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.

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



Main Concerns for Parents

facebook



Risk of sexual predators

Children may be at risk of being contacted by internet predators if they do not take proper safety precautions or communicate with strangers online. Predators typically create a fake Facebook account and pose as other children to build up a trusting relationship, relying on the anonymity of the internet to portray themselves as someone they are not.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is when hurtful or malicious comments are posted online about an individual or when they receive abusive messages or other upsetting content. Children may also be peer pressured by their Facebook 'friends' to do things they do not want to. This can leave people feeling vulnerable, worried, alone and can knock their self-esteem.

Sharing too much information

Children often do not understand the risks involved in giving out too much personal information on the internet. They may also be less protective of personal details, such as their mobile phone number or address. There have been numerous headlines of teenagers broadcasting events, including birthday parties or parents being away, to their online friends where the event has been gate-crashed and got out of control.

Inappropriate content

Although Facebook does ban adult content, there may be some content that your child is exposed to that is inappropriate for their age. Inappropriate content includes information or images that upset your child, material that's directed at adults, inaccurate information or content that encourages unlawful or dangerous behaviour. Parents are also particularly concerned that children may come across sexual content and extreme images.

Fake news and propaganda

Young people get much of their news from social media feeds, where false, exaggerated or sponsored content can be prevalent. There are concerns that fake news can normalise prejudices, foster hatred and bias towards certain people and sway public opinion. Recent reports have outlined a growing concern that 'hate preachers' have shared content that commends terrorist acts and behaviours.

Identifying fact from fiction

It is important that children understand that not everything they read online may be true. False news stories often have catchy headlines in all caps with exclamation points – but if shocking claims in the headline sound unbelievable, they probably are. If no other news source is reporting the same story, it may indicate that the story is false.



Limit oversharing

Encourage your child to avoid saying where they are, where they go to school and where they are going to be with friends. They should also be careful about uploading certain images, status updates and messages even with friends. Depending on your child's age, you might go through their privacy shortcuts and account settings together to make selections you're both comfortable with.

Follow the age guidance

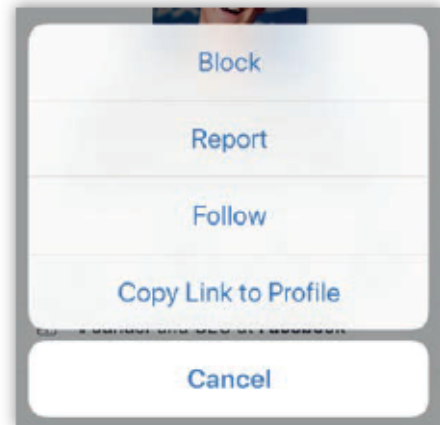
Despite Facebook's 13-plus age requirement, studies have revealed that there are millions of users on Facebook under the age of 13. According to the NSPCC, a quarter of British parents allow children under the age of 13 to have their own Facebook account. Ensure your child is the minimum age required to join a social networking site to be confident you are not undermining your child's healthy development.

Use the Activity Log

Chat to your children about reviewing their privacy settings and to make sure that they consider the audience when sharing content on Facebook. They can use the Activity Log to review and manage what they've shared on Facebook and limit who sees individual posts or images.

Report fake accounts

A fake account is an account where someone is pretending to be something or someone that doesn't exist. Fake accounts can include accounts for fake or made up people, celebrities or even pets. Click three dots on the cover photo and select 'Report' if you suspect an account is fake.



Set some rules

Children nowadays are completely comfortable with technology but it's your responsibility to ensure they're protected from the dangers of the web. You could ask your child to use internet devices in a communal area, explain what acceptable or unacceptable behaviour is and ask your child not to download apps or files without your permission first. Limit usage at bedtimes and before school.

Sources: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/latest/features-and-news/children-social-media-fake-news>
<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/facebook-lose-users-teenagers-less-engaged-snapchat-instagram-social-media-young-children-a7908446.html>
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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2018/02/06/one-four-parents-allow-13s-facebook/>

ARTS EVENING

Rehearsals next week after school:

Wednesday 3rd April – Act 1.

Thursday 4th April – Act 2.



The children have been instructed where to look to find out which rehearsal they will be needed for. Some children will be needed for rehearsal on each day.

Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 2 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am CGR</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18th September ECO</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Indoor Sports Club (range of different activities each week including hockey, bocchia, kurling, dodgeball etc) All years welcome. 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC</p> <p>Year 7/8 netball club - tour teams only to start with</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cheerleading Squad Training 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (9th Jan)</p> <p>KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30 - 4.45pm JHD</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL (when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>Gymnastics Club (starts 16th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/KRE</p> <p>First Aid Club Room 2 3.30 - 4.45pm KMI</p>
Thursday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>	<p>Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR</p> <p>Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI First meeting Thursday 20th September 2018</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>KS3/KS2 Dance 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (starts 16th January)</p> <p>KS3 Girls Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA</p> <p>5/6 Girls Netball Club 3.30-4.45pm KRE</p> <p>KS3 Boys Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm PJE</p>
Friday	<p>Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am</p>		<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p>

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

mundane

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 28th February 2019 — 28th March 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Darcey Hocking (Year 6 CLBK) - who has read an incredible 535,515 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 550,973 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



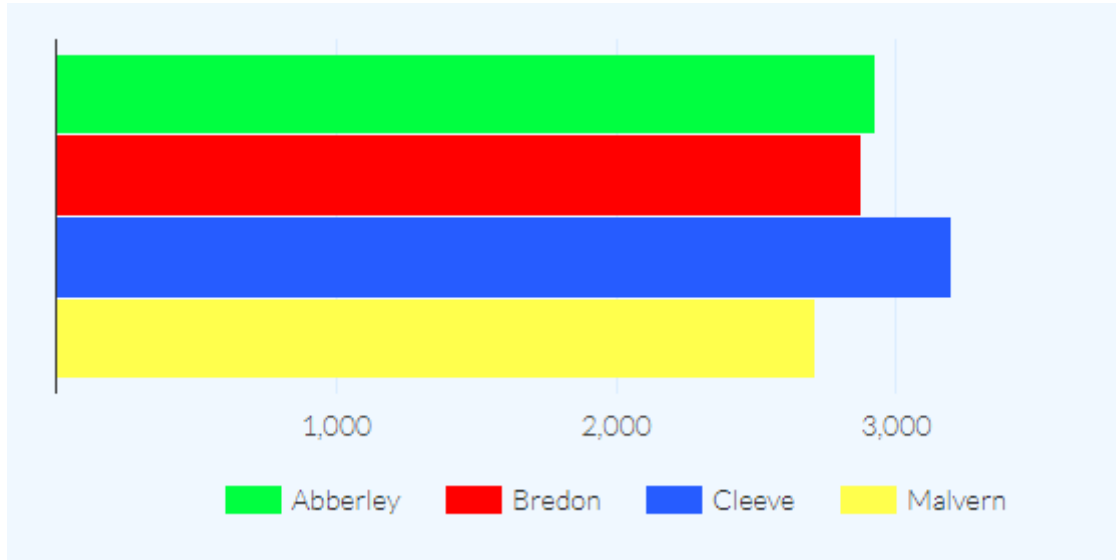
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20— Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21— Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Queenie Butler (CLBK) (47)
2. 🟠 Millie-Rose Evans (MMM) (41)
2. 🟠 Chelsea Peters (MDSL) (41)
4. 🟡 Grace Nolan (BCJO) (40)
4. 🟡 Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (40)
6. 🟡 Evie Barnish (BHMA) (38)
6. 🟠 James Hodgkins (ARMA) (38)
8. 🟠 Daisy Moyse (BJHD) (36)
9. 🟠 Katie Bove (AECO) (35)
9. 🟡 Neve King (MNSA) (35)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April	Arts Evening Performances 7.00 pm
	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
	Monday 2 & 3 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 4 September	First day of the Autumn Term
2020	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Friday 17 July	End of Term