

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of you may have had pancakes for dinner on Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before Lent; pancakes are an effective way of using up these ingredients. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, which is the time of preparation for the coming of Easter. The colours in church change to **purple** for **p**reparation. We follow the pattern as the cloth at the front of assemblies is purple, and so is the scarf over the cross.



So, what have you given up for Lent? I will not allow pupils to give up homework for Lent (good try, by the way!) as Lent is when we recall how God will be merciful and forgive us our sins, rather than creating new sins by avoiding doing homework!

With our honouring of World Book Day taking place today, there has been a wide range of costumes which represented book characters! There was slightly less reference to Harry Potter and company this year - perhaps it shows the power that the films had when first released. The lessons during the day had, at least in part, a literacy theme. The reading theme was taken up well, and pupils were able to engage in the slightly different activities. A book fair has also been taking place this week, so the library has been very busy.

The Gospel of St John ends: **There are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.**

We have been trying some new fillings in paninis this week. The chilli chicken has been disappearing very quickly, as have those where the inside is, in effect, pizza. The cheese and onion version is creeping up in popularity too. We have also been trying out using pineapple as one of the selections within the salad bar, but as this has now all been eaten, we shall need to order more. The idea of fasting in Lent certainly does not apply to our meal deal menu.

Rev. C. Leach

A Prayer for being thankful

Dear God,

Thank you for the creation of the world. Thank you that we are in a fortunate country where we have clean water and easy access to education. Thank you that we are able to appreciate so many things in this country. We pray that you will continue to give us thankful hearts, that we may show joy and thankfulness in all aspects of our life. In your name,

Amen

This week's theme was:
Being thankful

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 118: 1

Whole School Attendance – 96.66%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

25.02.19—01.03.19

Year 5 — 97.8%
Year 6 — 97.46%
Year 7 — 96.15%
Year 8 — 95.15%



For the week ahead



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| The Fruit of Faith is: | Thankfulness | You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. <i>Psalm 118: 28</i> |
| The tutor group virtue: | Gratitude | I call to witness the gratitude of the people that is to come, whose children rejoice with gladness; though they do not see me with bodily eyes, yet with the spirit they will believe the things I have said. <i>2 Esdras 1:36-37</i> |
| The assembly theme: | Poverty | Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy. <i>Proverbs 31: 9</i> |

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

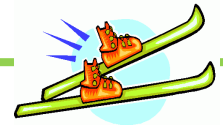
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| The weekend | Those affected by the tornadoes in Alabama | Monday | Those we know that are unwell |
| Tuesday | The homeless community in Redditch | Wednesday | The police force as they deal with the up rise in knife crime |
| Thursday | Our political representatives | Friday | Local businesses in Redditch. |

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Silly Norman

World Book Day





Ski Trip 2020 - Zauchensee, Salzberger Sportwelt, Austria

Thank you to those keeping to the payment schedule for the ski trip. Just a reminder that £290 should now have been paid. The remaining instalments are due as follows:

By end of February 2019 - £100

By end of March 2019 - £100

By end of April 2019 - £100

By end of May 2019 - £100

By end of June 2019 - £100

By end of July 2019 - £100

By end of August 2019 - £100

By end of September 2019 - £100

By end of October 2019 - £100

By the end of November 2019 - £100



All pupils who come on the trip are required to have their own passport. Although not needing to be done at this time, the application process for passports does take time and we urge you to complete it as early as possible. Last year confirmation of our flights was delayed due to passport information not being given to me by parents/carers on time.

Nearer the time, we will be holding an information evening where you will be given a kit list and all other necessary information.

Mrs Louise Cull
Assistant Principal/Trip Organiser

Y6 Yorkshire Trip Information meeting reminder

Please remember there is a meeting for all parents and pupils for the above trip on Tuesday 12 March 2019 starting at 6.30 pm in the school hall.



Where Next? Flowers

For nearly 30 years, Where Next? have come into school on the Friday before Mothers' Day to sell flowers to pupils (and staff too). This will happen on 29th March this year. We shall publish details of this year's stock in the next week or so.



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 2 2019



| | Before School 8:00am – 8:45am | Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm | After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm |
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| 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:

abhor

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 7th February 2019 — 7th March 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Isabelle Smith (Year 5 BCJO) - who has read an incredible 355,926 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 519,760 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

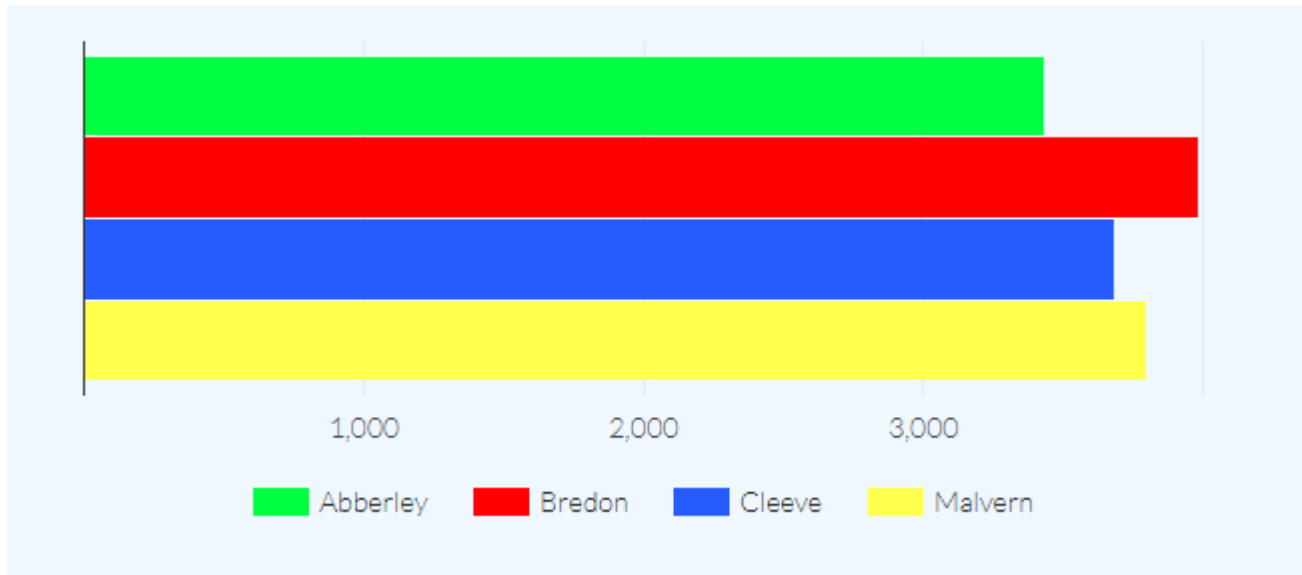


| DATE | ACTIVITY | LOCATION | OPEN TO | COST | LEADER |
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| May | | | | | |
| Fri 17—Mon 20 | Outward Bound | Yorkshire | Y6 | £ 300 | Rev Leach |
| June | | | | | |
| Thurs 20—Sat 22 | Arts and Theatres | London | Y8 | £ 300 | Rev Leach |
| Fri 21—Mon 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. ● Shannon Philip (MHBA) (32)
2. ● Ryan Moisy (MKRE) (30)
2. ● Keiren Thompson (MKRE) (30)
4. ● Abbi Kieff (MNSA) (29)
4. ● Kaitlyn Hicks-Kenward (BCJO) (29)
6. ● Charlie Mason (CCMI) (28)
6. ● Emily Jones (MPJE) (28)
8. ● Matthew Tipton (MMMVG) (27)
8. ● Dominic Burton (CLBK) (27)
8. ● Samuel Kelly (MPJE) (27)



Looking ahead



| | Date | Event |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 2019 | Tuesday 12th March | Y6 Yorkshire Information Evening 6.30 pm |
| | 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 | |
| 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 | |