



Dear Parents and Carers,



Advent (the season of preparation before Christmas) officially began last Sunday, although those who have an Advent calendar would have started on Saturday, I suspect. At school, we have our own Advent calendar, where some of our Year 5 pupils come down each day when they do not have assembly. We open up a window as it tells the Christmas story, and have a prayer before sharing some chocolate! As we get closer to Christmas, more of the nativity story is uncovered.

Year 5 are also looking at Advent in their Spiritual and Social Education lessons. The Advent wreath is made up of four coloured candles, standing for peace, love, joy and hope. There is a white candle that is lit at Christmas-time, with the third candle being pink while the others are purple.



A dozen of our pupils have helped shape a questionnaire that will be used by social care staff. The project lead for the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board worked with the pupils to see if the resources that adults had prepared were as useful as they could be. The atmosphere within the room was positive throughout, and the feedback offered by pupils was really helpful. I am grateful for their input.

The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; through the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.  
*Isaiah 42: 8*

The daytime, however, is less and less, so please encourage your youngster to be sensible to and from school. Equally, if you drive along Feckenham Road or Tennyson Road, please reduce your speed still further as the street lights may be 'on' during darker days.

With two weeks of school left this term, we shall keep lessons going until the Deep Days of the final week, when the learning takes on a different form. 'Keeping things going' means that the routines continue and pupils feel calmer. We'd hate for them to be bored!

Rev C Leach

### A Prayer from St Andrew

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour I praise thee, I ask Thee O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the grace of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.

Amen

### This week's theme was: St. Andrew

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

Mark 1: 16-17

**Whole School Attendance – 96.21%**

**Whole School Target – 95.6%**

**25.11.18—30.11.18**

**Year 5 — 96.96%**

**Year 6 — 95.71%**

**Year 7 — 96.8%**

**Year 8 — 95.37%**



# For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Achievement	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>
The tutor group virtue:	Patience	Patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. <i>Romans 5:4</i>
The assembly theme:	Advent—waiting	Joseph had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—'God saves' - because he will save his people from their sins." <i>Matthew 1:20-22, The Message</i>

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

The weekend	The continued refugees turning up in the South East	Monday	The reminder of what Advent is all about
Tuesday	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	Wednesday	The teachers and support staff of Crabbs Cross Academy
Thursday	Those we know that are unwell	Friday	The continued Brexit talks.



## Charity News

Very well done to:

Allisia Coles - BRCO

Zahra Salih - BJHD and

Izzy Smith - BRCO who held a bake sale last week and raised £35.80 for Dementia.



## Charity News and Festive Jumpers

Christmas Jumper day is on the last day of term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December (not the 14<sup>th</sup> December as proposed by the charity itself). Pupils and staff are invited to wear school uniform but replace their school jumper for a Christmas jumper.

### £1 donation to Save the Children.

This is not compulsory! There will be pupils and adults who will be in their usual attire.



Save the Children®



## PE News



Just to inform you that there will be no PE clubs running from the 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

## KS2 Maths Workshop

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the KS2 Maths workshops on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We hope you found the evening useful and we were able to answer any queries or questions you had about the arithmetic curriculum.

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

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/> - Parents and Carers- KS2 Maths workshop

We look forward to see many of you at our KS2 English workshops on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Mrs L Cull

# Year 5 Theatre Trip

## Year 5 Theatre Trip: *The Wizard of Oz*

Just a reminder that we are taking all of our Year 5 pupils to see the performance of *The Wizard of Oz* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

As the trip is linked to the English curriculum, the school will cover the cost. We will leave school at around 9am, travelling by coach. Any pupils who arrive late on the day will not be able to attend the trip, so please ensure punctuality. We expect to return to school at around 2pm, at which time the pupils will eat their lunch. School uniform will be worn for the visit and a packed lunch will need to be provided (pupils entitled to Free School Meals will order their packed lunch in advance). Pupils should bring a bottle of water with them to drink and a snack to be eaten in the interval; it is a good idea for them to have two snacks with them, so that they can eat one at around 10am when we arrive at the theatre, and then their second snack during the interval. Please bear in mind our school policy regarding nuts. Due to the size of our year group, pupils will not be able to purchase snacks at the theatre.

If you have not already done so, please complete the reply slip below and return to the school drop -box by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Johnson  
Head of English

## Year 5 Theatre Trip: *The Wizard of Oz*

Pupil name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_ English set: \_\_\_\_\_

“ I give permission for my child to accompany the theatre trip to *The Wizard of Oz* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

“ I do not give permission for my child to accompany the theatre trip to *The Wizard of Oz* at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Signed (parent/carer): \_\_\_\_\_

Print name (parent/carer): \_\_\_\_\_

## Christmas Lunch 2018

Christmas lunches this year will be held on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December 2018. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch, the cost will be £3.00, to be paid via Parentpay.

Abberley and Bredon Colleges will have their Christmas lunches on Wednesday 19th December, while Cleeve and Malvern College lunches will be on the following day. **There will be no other catering available on these days**, so pupils who do not wish to have a Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed meal from home; equally the children in the colleges not having Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch as no other meals will be available. Those who take free school lunches will be provided with their meal.

Please note that when paying by Parentpay, the Christmas lunch option will be listed as a separate item so that we can identify the number of meals required. Please select the Christmas lunch item (log in to Parentpay, then go into ‘pay for other items’) and ensure that you make your payment by 17th December 2018. If you are unable to pay by Parentpay, please put £3 in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and tutor group and put it in the drop box. Please ensure that your child does not put their £3 in the cashloader as this method is only to be used for everyday school meals.

Please note, **no tuck** will be available on Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th December.

### Christmas Lunch 2018

#### Menu



- Roast Turkey
- Stuffing
- Pigs in Blankets
- Roast Potatoes
- Sprouts, Carrots and Peas
- Gravy



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Quorn Fillet (Vegetarian Option)

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Christmas Tree Ice Cream





# Clubs and Activities

## Autumn Term 2 2018



	Before School 8.00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35pm – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Homework Club Library 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 Library 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 Library 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)  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 Library 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  Multi-Sports (all years) 3.30-4.45pm Hall CHU
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00-8.45am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30–4.30pm

# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

insipid

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 6th November 2018 — 6th December 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Holly Cave (Year 8 MDSL) - who has read an incredible 515,170 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 798,653 words

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





# Trips and Visits



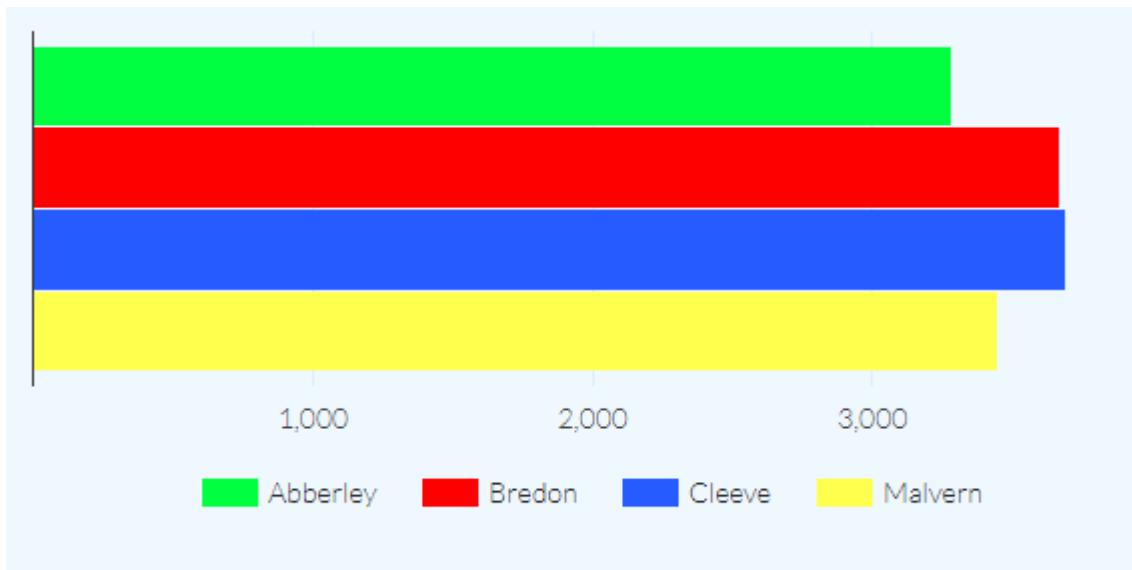
## 2018 - 2019

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. Joe Williams (CCMI) (28)
2. Katie-Ellen Merricks (CCMI) (25)
3. Charlie Mason (CCMI) (24)
3. Luca Brown (CCMI) (24)
5. Isaac Denston (CAMI) (23)
5. Poppy Davies (CAMI) (23)
5. Harriet Coates (BCJO) (23)
8. Evie Hands (MHBA) (22)
8. Thomas Woodhouse (CCMI) (22)
8. Aisha Amin (BCJO) (22)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert <b>7.30 pm</b>
	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 <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