

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome  
to the new school year!

It has been a smooth return to school for the pupils, and I have been heartened by the positive responses from you about how new pupils have settled in. Older pupils have been looking after the new Year 5s, and the other pupils have joined us in other years. In fact, we anticipated that our Year 5s would need a bit of additional time at lunch to decide what food they would wish from the dining hall, and they have been surprised with the amount of choice that is available. They have also found out about tuck at breaktime, so we have been increasing the amount that is available.

A reminder: the front gates and the Scott Road gate are open at 8.30am. This is when there are staff on playground to supervise the children before the first bell rings at 8.45am for the pupils to go to their tutor rooms for registration.



We have a number of new staff, whose names are within The Insider. Like the Year 5s, they have settled quickly into our Walkwood family and are getting to know the pupils quickly. We hope they enjoy the days and terms ahead. This morning was our first whole school assembly, when the Head Girl, Lexi, and the Head Boy, Joe, presented badges to this year's Prefects. It is appropriate that the lead pupils hand out these awards.



It's the time for photographs on Monday. All pupils are to have their jumpers on for when the camera goes 'click', please. I shall be styling my hair for my own picture—when I said that to a few Year 8s this week they all replied with, "That won't take you long then"! I'm so glad we're back at school . . . same old jokes!

Rev. C. Leach  
Principal

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

A Prayer for New Beginnings

Our Father,

Amen.

This week's theme was: New Beginnings

God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done, and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future.

Ecclesiastes 3:11



# For the week ahead

<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Friendliness</b>	<p>When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad. Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people. Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others.</p> <p>Romans 12: 15-17</p>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Trust</b>	<p>We are saved by trusting. And trusting means looking forward to getting something we don't yet have.</p> <p>Romans 8:24</p>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	Rest for the new Y5, who may be rather tired after two full days	<b>Monday</b>	A welcoming and enjoyable first full week for new pupils and staff
<b>Tuesday</b>	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	<b>Wednesday</b>	Those around the world dealing with extreme weather conditions
<b>Thursday</b>	Those struggling with the negative effects of social media	<b>Friday</b>	An encouraging start to Walkwood's sports teams



## **Teaching Groups and Sets for 2019/20**

Pupils attend the majority of their lessons in teaching groups. Teaching groups are mixed ability.

Sets for Maths, English and Science are organised according to teacher recommendations and analysis of pupils' performance during the last academic year. Pupils are placed in sets with others currently working at a similar ability stage to them. There may be movement between sets over the course of the year.

### **Teaching groups**

These have been arranged as follows:

Year 5 will be taught in six teaching groups. These groups are created based on information passed to us during our transition meetings with first schools.

Year 6 will be taught in six teaching groups. As they were taught in six teaching groups last year, there has been no need for us to change the groups completely, although slight changes may have been made.

Year 7 will be taught in six teaching groups. As they were taught in seven teaching groups last year, we have reorganised the pupils into new groups.

Year 8 will be taught in six teaching groups. As they were taught in six teaching groups last year, there has been no need for us to change the groups completely, although slight changes may have been made.

### **English and Maths groups**

English and Maths groups have been arranged as follows:

Year 5 will be taught in their six mixed ability teaching groups until approximately half term. We will then use teacher assessment and GL data to organise them into three ability sets in a half year split.

Year 6 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in three ability groups, sets 1 to 3.

In both Years 7 and 8 pupils will be taught in six ability sets, 1-6.

### **Science groups**

Science groups have been arranged as follows:

Year 5 and 6 will be taught science in their mixed ability teaching groups.

Year 7 and 8 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in ability sets 1-3.

# Equipment for Maths lessons

Compulsory items:

Pencil

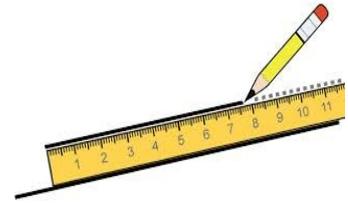
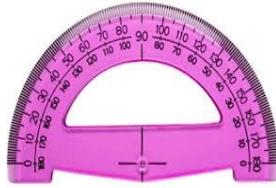
Ruler

Rubber

Protractor

Scientific calculator (Year 7 and 8 only)

A pair of compasses (Year 7 and 8 only)



The following items are not compulsory but are useful:

Pink highlighter

Green highlighter

Whiteboard pen

A notebook



## Welcome to Walkwood!



[Miss Gandy](#) has returned to us and is now [Mrs Fazackerley](#).

[Miss Larkin](#) joins us to teach Humanities and Spiritual & Social Education (SSE). Her tutor group is A-CLa.

[Ms Cunningham](#) has joined our school and the English department, as well as being a tutor for this year to C-LBk.

It has been necessary for Miss Johnson to take a year's leave of absence, so her classes and tutor group are in the care of [Mr Foster](#), who is an English teacher.

## Music News

Instrumental music lessons start next week on the following days:

Monday - Brass, Cello, Clarinet and Saxophone

Tuesday - Flute

Wednesday - Guitar and Keyboard

Thursday - Singing, Violin and Drums

Timetables for these lessons are already on the Music Room notice board.

Please could all musical instruments, music tutor books and practice diaries be clearly labelled. A key-ring type of label is usually the most secure. Instruments can be left in the Practice Rooms on the day of your child's instrumental lesson and will need to be collected at the end of the day.

If there are still any pupils who would like to start learning to play a musical instrument, they should come and collect an application form from me in the Music Room.

Orchestra will continue to rehearse on Monday mornings, starting next week.

Nearly Jazzy Band will continue to rehearse on Tuesday lunchtimes.

Choir has already started rehearsing and it was fantastic to see some new singers from all year groups. Our rehearsals will be on Monday and Friday lunchtimes, with more rehearsals as we approach our forthcoming concert which will be on Friday 18th October with the Primrose Choir and Arrow Valley Brass Band. The concert starts at 7.30pm and will take place here at school. This is always a super evening and a really exciting event for our singers to take part in. There will be more details nearer the time.

Mrs C Griffiths

Congratulations to the following children who won the Prize Draw and who had Zero Demerits or 100% Attendance in the Summer Term:

1. Maymunah Kosar – Echo Dot
2. Oliver Willett - £10 Amazon Gift Card
3. Caryn Porter – Echo Dot
4. Hannah Jones - £10 Amazon Gift Card
5. Mark Barratt - £10 Amazon Gift Card
6. Rebekah Levy – Dairy Milk
7. Kasey Court – Wireless Bluetooth Headphones
8. Rebecca O’Hare – Dairy Milk
9. Aleeza Naveed Ata – Dairy Milk
10. Caitlin Harland – Vue Cinema Gift Card
11. Heidi Judge – Wireless Bluetooth Headphones
12. Yu Chen Wang – Vue Cinema Gift Card



## Parent Governor

The Governing Body has a vacancy for parents of current Walkwood pupils to serve as school Governors. The Full Board meets once a term, and each Governor also serves on one of the three sub-committees which also meet once in each term. As Walkwood is an academy school, there are legal duties to ensure its smooth running and financial stability, along with supporting and holding to account the school’s leaders. Governors put aside the needs of their own child and look to support the school in delivering to all pupils. For an initial conversation, please contact the PA’s Office at school, or email [office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk).





# Clubs and Activities

## Autumn 1 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am From w/c 16.09.19  Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am (CGR)	KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO)  Choir (all year groups) 12.50 - 1.20 pm Music Room (CGR)	Multi Skills KS2 Club (PMC) 3.30 - 4.45 pm Starts Monday 16th September
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am From w/c 16.09.19	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50- 1.20 pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm From w/c 16.09.19  Tuesday 10th September 1 week only Year 7 and Year 8 Football trials and 7/8 Netball  All years Football Team training (if selected) Starts 17th September 3.30 - 4.45 pm  Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball training (team only) Starts 17th September 3.30 - 4.45 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am From w/c 16.09.19	Colouring Club Room 15 (RSH)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm From w/c 16.09.19  KS2 Science Club (Lab 2) 3.30 - 4.30 pm (JHd) Starts Wednesday 11th September  Cooking Club (Groups TBC) 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL)  Wednesday 11th September Year 5 and 6 Football Trials  Cheerleading tri-outs and then training for selected squad 3.30 - 4.45 pm LMO/KRE
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am From w/c 16.09.19	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm From w/c 16.09.19  Year 7 and 8 Rugby (PJE) 3.30 - 4.45 pm  All years Girls Football 3.30 - 4.45 pm RMA/PCO/LWO
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am From w/c 16.09.19		

# Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

## querulous

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 2019 — 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

(Year 8 CSBK) - who has read an incredible words

Top Boy

(Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic words

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

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

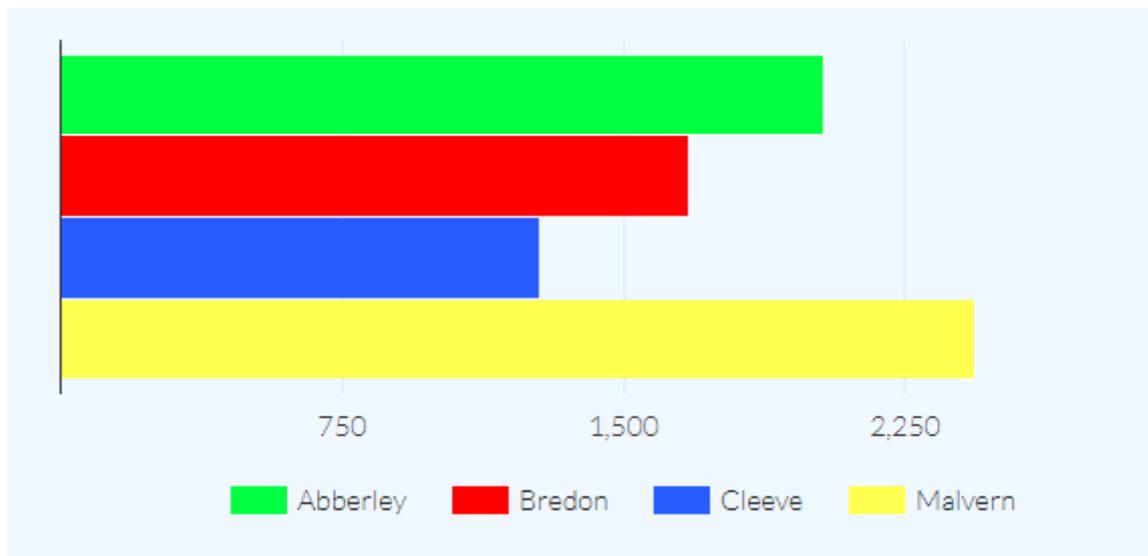




# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Sophie Roberts (MNSA) (46)
2. Oli Riley-Shakles (MHBA) (45)
3. Evie Silcock (MDSL) (43)
3. William Power (AAFA) (43)
3. Thomas Kendrick (ALWA) (43)
6. Lissy Annis (AAFA) (40)
6. Annabelle Baker (MHBA) (40)
6. Ellis Warrilow (AAFA) (40)
6. Alfie Tither (AMLA) (40)
10. Alex Freeman (AMLA) (39)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2	Thursday 24 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
0	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	<b>Half Term</b>
	Wednesday 6 November	Y6 SATs information evening and KS3 Curriculum parents information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
9	Wednesday 13 November	Ski trip parent information evening 6.30—7.30 pm
	Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Friday 20 December	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 6 January	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 13 January	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.30—7.30 pm
	Thursday 30 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 5 February	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
2	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	<b>Half Term</b>
	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
0	Friday 3 April	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
2	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
0	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	<b>Half Term</b>
	Thursday 4 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 10 June	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Friday 17 July	<b>End of Term</b>