

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final trip launch has taken place today as Year 6 are offered the opportunity to go to East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre in North Yorkshire. Letters are out on the stripy table for pupils to collect. The Year 8 visit to Snowdonia will not now be taking place, but there are alternative choices. As our yearly visit to London was heavily over-subscribed, we have managed to secure additional accommodation and booked a second coach. The trip to the Isle of Wight will be going ahead, as well as the very popular Brecon Beacons residential. Our staff will be progressing with the arrangements throughout the coming months.

Also very popular was Walkwood's Open Evening yesterday. May I thank parents and carers who dropped off and collected their children so the pupils were able to be part of the event. They were superb ambassadors for our school, being very willing and fully able to explain how Walkwood works, and the benefits of the schooling that they receive here. Not only were pupils helping in the subject rooms, but a great many were guides for visiting parents and children, who were able to comment on the commitment and enthusiasm of their hosts. Indeed, nearly a third of the school were involved in the evening!

Additionally, I express my appreciation to the many visitors who came to see what our school is about. It was a treat to be able to speak with many of you, including those to whom I usually only have the opportunity to bid "Good morning" as we pass at Walkwood's front gate.

"I will bless you with a future filled with hope ..."

Jeremiah 29:11

On a national level, the Chief Inspector of Schools, Amanda Spielman, has extolled the value of a well-constructed and broad curriculum. In fact, Walkwood already has a curriculum that seems to be in line with her thinking, but we shall continue to ensure that what we offer is for pupil's overall benefit. In her speech on Thursday she said, "[teachers] go into it because they love what they teach and want children to love it too." Absolutely!

Rev C Leach
Principal

Father God,

Let your spirit come upon us this day. Let us be filled with a peace we have not known before. Guide us to know when we need to take time to be still and in your presence. Let us understand what it is to truly be at peace and it have some tranquillity in your life. Show us your peaceful places in this world, in our surrounding areas, so that we can experience more of you in these times of stress and worry. Let us be at peace with you.

Amen

This week's theme was: Peaceful places

My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Isaiah 32.18

Whole School Attendance – 96.24%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

01.10.18—05.10.18

Year 5 — 97.54%

Year 6 — 97.92%

Year 7 — 94.68%

Year 8 — 94.73%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Forgiveness	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. <i>Proverbs 17:9</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Peace	Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <i>John 14:27</i>
The assembly theme:	Never giving up	Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. <i>Corinthians 13:6-8</i>

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

The weekend	The ongoing investigations into the Salisbury attacks	Monday	The teachers and support staff of Crabbs Cross Academy
Tuesday	Public services	Wednesday	Funding for schools
Thursday	The homeless community in Red-ditch	Friday	Those suffering with mental health issues



Punctuality



We believe that punctuality is an important part of learning at school and is a key attribute for life at Walkwood and beyond.

School starts at 8:45 am. Students must be on site by that time. They are expected to be in their classroom for tutor time by 8:50am.

Senior members of staff are on duty at the gates and reception each morning and will record the names of pupils who arrive late, after 8:50am. Pupils who are late may receive a consequence that day.



If you have any shoe boxes lurking at home, please hold on to them for a week or so. We shall be using them to support The Bridge Church in their shoe box appeal, and will share more details in due course.

Thank you!



Walkwood Choir – Primrose Concert

We are now just a week away from our first concert of the school year, when we shall join the Primrose Choir and Avonbank Brass Band in an exciting Proms Concert. All our singers have been fantastic at turning up to rehearsals and not only have they been doing a great job of memorising their song words, they already sound rather good too – and by Friday they'll be totally fabulous!



There are still some tickets available if you would like to come and support the children in the concert next Friday evening.

Items to go into a Christmas shoe box present



Unisex Fun	Boy Fun	Girl Fun
Lego*/building toys	Lego*/building toys	Lego*/building toys
Ball*/inflatable ball or globe	Ball*/inflatable ball or globe	Ball*/inflatable ball or globe
Juggling balls/bean bags	Juggling balls/bean bags	Juggling balls/bean bags
Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix Cube	Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix cube	Puzzle e.g. Expandaball/Rubix cube
Game e.g. dominoes/cards	Game e.g. dominoes/cards	Game e.g. dominoes/cards
Wind-up toy	Wind-up toy	Wind-up toy
Wind-up Music Box	Wind-up Music Box	Wind-up Music Box
Musical instrument e.g. harmonica/whistle	Musical instrument e.g. harmonica/whistle	Musical instrument e.g. harmonica/whistle
Yo-yo	Yo-yo	Yo-yo
Teddy bear/soft toy	Teddy bear/soft toy	Teddy bear/soft toy
Fidget Spinner	Fidget Spinner	Fidget Spinner
Balloons	Balloons	Balloons
Picture Book/Comic Book	Picture book/Comic book	Picture book/Comic book
Mini Board Games*	Mini Board Games*	Mini Board Games*
	Toy vehicle	Doll
	Wooden or foam glider	Jewellery*
	Football cards/figurine	Skipping rope
Stationery	Stationery	Stationery
Pencils	Pencils	Pencils
Colouring pencils/pens	Colouring pencils/pens	Colouring pencils/pens
Paper/notebook	Paper/notebook	Paper/notebook
Sharpener/Eraser/Ruler	Sharpener/eraser/ruler	Sharpener/eraser/ruler
Pencil case	Pencil case	Pencil case
Paints & brushes	Paints & brushes	Paints & brushes
Practical	Practical	Practical
'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat	'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat	'Magic' gloves & 'Magic' hat
Scarf	Scarf	Scarf
Toothbrush	Toothbrush	Toothbrush
Toothpaste	Toothpaste	Toothpaste
Soap/small toiletries	Soap/small toiletries	Soap/small toiletries
Hairbrush/comb	Hairbrush/comb	Hairbrush/comb
Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt	Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt	Flannel/facecloth/wash mitt
Drawstring bag	Drawstring Bag	Bobbles/hairbands/clips
		Drawstring bag/handbag
Other	Other	Other
Wind-up torch	Wind-up Torch	Wind-up Torch
Sweets	Sweets	Sweets
Sunglasses	Sunglasses	Sunglasses
Hair gel	Hair gel	Perfume/pocket mirror
		Nail varnish/lip balm



Clubs and Activities

Autumn Term 1 2018

	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20PM	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club Library</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room - 8.45-9.30am (CGR)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Choir (all year groups) 12.50-1.20pm Music Room (CGR)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie Club all years (AMI) starting Monday 17th September</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Kurling and Boccia Club (invite/sign up only) starts 24th September (NFO) 3.30 – 4.45pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p style="color: red;">Stunt Squad & Cheerleading (sign-up sheet and try-outs information to follow)</p> <p>Science Club 3.30—4.30pm</p> <p>Girls Football (RMA/ LWO/ HMA)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>All years Silent Reading Club Rm 19 (LBA)</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm – (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be confirmed)</p> <p>5/6 Netball Club (starting 12th Sept) KRE)</p> <p>5 and 6 Football (starts 12th Sept) CHU and LWO</p> <p>Year 7/8 Rugby (starts 12th Sept) PJE</p>
Thursday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Choir (all year groups) Music Room - 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)</p> <p>Eco Schools Club Week 1 in Room 21 (Lab 3) (MBI) First meeting Thursday 20th September 2018.</p>	<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>7/8 Netball Club (starting 13th Sept) LMO/KRE</p> <p>7/8 Boys Football (starts 13th Sept) RMA/NSA</p> <p style="color: red;">Hockey club (not starting until end of September – more details to follow) NFO</p>
Friday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>		<p>Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>Rec Football – NFO, CHU, RMA, (starts 14th Sept)</p>

Year 5 'Settling in' Evening

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school with your child on Thursday 25th October between 4pm and 7pm to meet primarily with their tutor. This will provide you with the chance to see how they have generally settled into Walkwood during the first half term.



On the same evening, if you have a pressing concern you would like to discuss with English, Maths or Science teachers, these subject teachers will be available if required. Please however bear in mind that some staff members have more than one Year 5 group and a tutor group, and so they will not be able to meet with all parents of the pupils they teach. Therefore, please book in with your child's tutor teacher as a priority and then the core subject teachers only if you have any immediate concerns. This is not our formal parents' evening, this will come later on during the academic year; you will also receive a full school report in February.

As explained in your welcome pack we will be using Epraise for parents' evening bookings. There is an app available for Android and Apple phones or you can visit www.epraise.co.uk, ensuring you select Walkwood Church of England Middle School from the list of schools.

If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into Epraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit and a password will be sent to your email.

If you do not have an email address registered with us then you will be unable to login so you will need to contact the school reception to add an email address to your contact details.

Once in Epraise select Community then Parents' evenings. Click on Year 5 Settling In Evening, then book appointments with the required staff. If booking more than one appointment I would suggest leaving at least five minutes between appointments to allow yourself time to travel around the school. Do not forget to bring your appointment schedule with you to parents' evening. Room lists, so you know where to locate staff, will be available on the evening.

Year 6 SATs Information Evening 2018

On Wednesday 7th November, we will be holding our annual Standardised Attainment Tests (SATs) Information Evening from 6:30-7:45 pm.

The format of the evening will be as follows:

6:30-6:45 pm General information about SATs and SATs week.

6:45-7:45 pm English and Maths workshops, where you will be given subject specific information and a flavour of the types of questions that will be asked of your child.

If you have not had experience of the SATs before I would recommend you attend, as the introduction of a new curriculum in September 2014 has meant changes to the tests and the way in which the results of the tests are reported to parents.

Pupils need not attend the information evening.





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St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham



A weekly group for 5 -10 year olds

Every Wednesday

5:00 – 6:00 pm

In the Gazebo, Callow Hill

Beginning 3rd October

A warm welcome to all, with songs, activities, bible stories and refreshments.

For more information please contact Fiona Carter

Tel: 07864 867313 email: fiona-carter@hotmail.co.uk

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

chasten

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 5th September 2018 — 11th October 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Caitlin Banks (Year 5 BJHD) - who has read an incredible 1,380,524 words

Top Boy

Charlie Senior (Year 6 CSBK) - who has read a fantastic 933,266 words

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

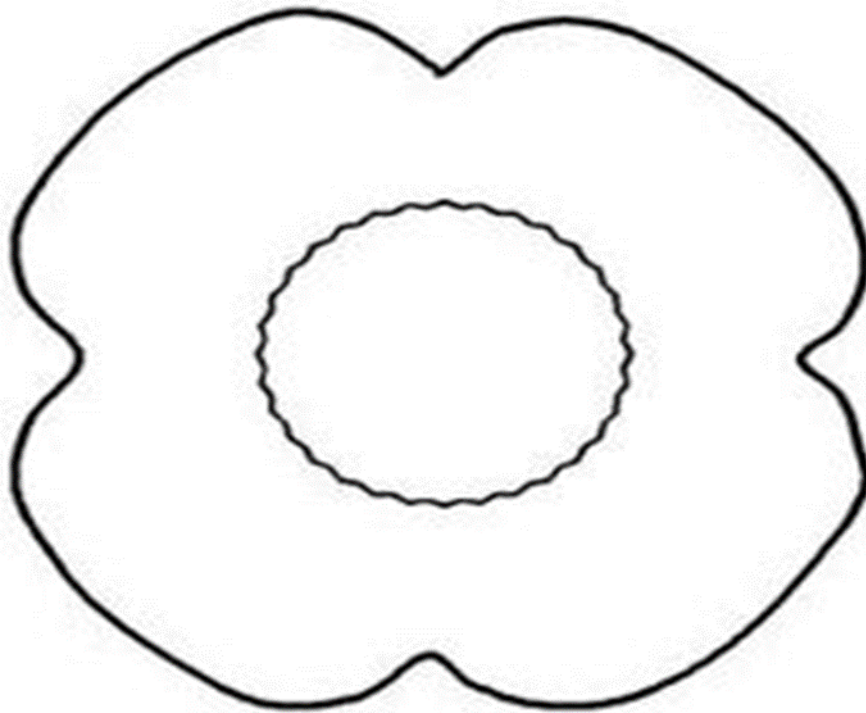




1918

LEST WE FORGET

2018



Do you have a family member that fought in WW1 and you would like to honour and remember?

Walkwood is looking to do a WW1 Remembrance display to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Please cut out the poppy template and write your family members' details and your child's name and tutor (a photo if possible) and send into Walkwood FAO Mrs West or email into school at office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk Thank you to those who have done so already.



Netball, Benchball and Football College matches

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.



Tuesday 23 rd October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 8
Wednesday 24 th October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 5
Wednesday 24 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 6
Thursday 25 th October	Lesson 4 and 5	Year 7

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads.



Thanks,

PE Department



College Cross Country Runs

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's that time of year again!!

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a 'College Cross-Country Run' during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Monday 15th October to Friday 19th October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District Cross Country after half term.

Date	Lesson	Classes
Monday 15 th October	2 and 3	6e1, 2, 3
	4 and 5	5e1, 2, 3 - no cross country as in hall for Music workshop
Tuesday 16 th October	2 and 3	8e1, 2, 3
	4 and 5	8c1, 2, 3
Wednesday 17 th October	2 and 3	5c1, 2, 3
	4 and 5	6c3, 4
Thursday 18 th October	2 and 3	6c1, 2
	4 and 5	7c1, 2, 3
Friday 19 th October	2 and 3	7e1, 2, 3
Monday 22 nd October	4 and 5	5e1, 2, 3

We can't predict what the weather will be like so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

- Walkwood PE kit.
- A towel.
- A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.
- Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)
- An old T-shirt/top to run to avoid white PE tops getting stained.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them clearly labelled.

Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Miss K Reeves
Curriculum Leader of PE





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



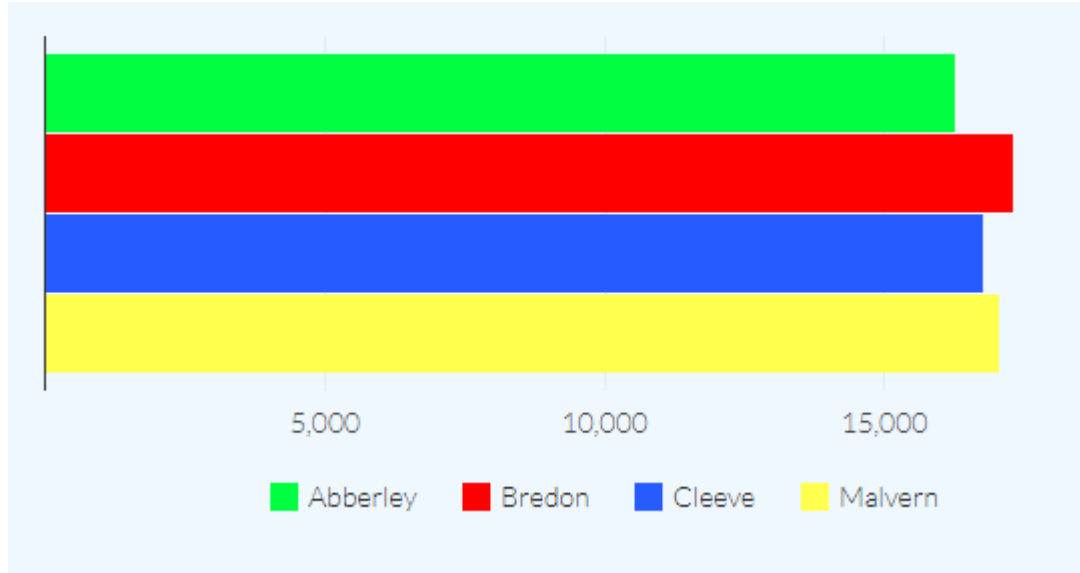
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20—Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. Allisia Coles (BRCO) (26)
2. Evie West (MDSL) (24)
3. Evie Dalton (BRCO) (22)
4. Amber Cooke (CCMI) (21)
4. Luca Brown (CCMI) (21)
4. Cameron Banks (BRCO) (21)
4. Lucas Hill (BRCO) (21)
4. Luca Harris (BRCO) (21)
9. Sophie Cowles (CMBI) (20)
9. Heidi Jones (CMBI) (20)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	Friday 19 October	Primrose Concert 7.30 pm
	Thursday 25 October	Y5 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Wednesday 7 November	SATs Information Evening 6.30-7.45 pm Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening 6.30-7.30 pm
	Monday 26 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.30-7.30 pm
	Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Concert 7.30 pm
	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 6.30-7.30 pm
	Thursday 31 January	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	Wednesday 6 February	Y6,Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00 pm
	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 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