

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have continued to settle in to our new normal, embedding expectations with work and, more generally, around the school. Year 5 heard the bell for the first time this week as we had a fire drill, or rather, we had two at opposite ends of the day so that the two halves of the school - Years 5 and 7 as well as Years 6 and 8, were not on the playground at the same time. We always expect that children come out and line up promptly, sensibly and in silence, so allowing a register to be taken quickly.



Thank you for the nasal flu forms which have been coming in apace for Years 5 to 7. Just to make sure, I suggest you check at the bottom of your child's bag to ensure that it is not still there! There have been days when the post box has been very full, so that has been encouraging.

We have not forgotten about Year 8s: they have three lots of prospectuses from high schools today. As the 'rule of six' is in operation, open evenings are not possible, and different schools are offering different ways of getting information. The pupils have details from Tudor Grange Academy Redditch, Trinity High Schools and St. Augustine's Catholic High School. The booklets will begin the process for indicating high school preferences.



We shall be outlining our own approach to open evening in two weeks. The event is usually very popular indeed and a factor in decisions about middle school places for next September. Our surveys have always given a high recommendation rate from Walkwood parents and carers to their friends and family, and I hope you will feel able to speak honestly about your views if you are asked.



If you have yet to complete our survey about home learning (486 of you have already—thanks a lot), please click here [these three short questions](#). This will ensure we are prepared if a local lockdown happens and pupils need to self-isolate.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:6

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for Reconciliation

Loving God,
Bring healing to strained or broken relationships.
Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention.
Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ.

Amen

This week's theme was: Reconciliation

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Matthew 5:43-45

Whole School Attendance
95%

Whole School Target
95.6%

**Congratulations to the following
tutor groups 99%+ for the week
commencing 21.09.20**

5C2, 5E2 and 8C2



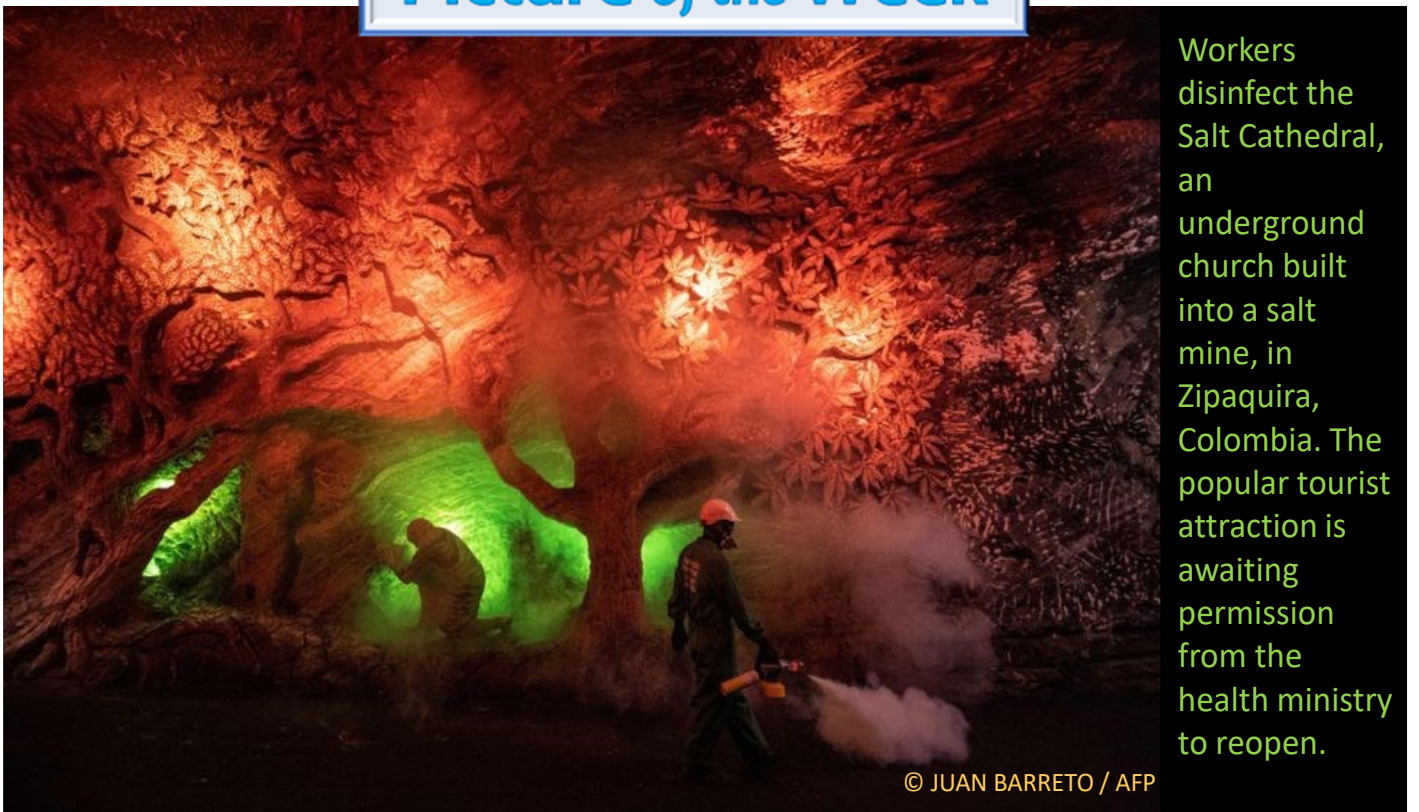
For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Forgiveness	Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. Proverbs 17:9
The assembly theme:	Anti-bullying	We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

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

The weekend	members of the emergency services.	Monday	the admin staff here at school
Tuesday	our town of Redditch, and those who work at the borough offices.	Wednesday	pupils who are settling into their school routines!
Thursday	Our Year 8 pupils and parents as they begin deciding about high schools for next September.	Friday	understanding and mutual respect between leaders of faiths.

Picture of the Week



Workers disinfect the Salt Cathedral, an underground church built into a salt mine, in Zipaquirá, Colombia. The popular tourist attraction is awaiting permission from the health ministry to reopen.



Walkwood are currently working in partnership with **National Online Safety** to help keep our pupils and the Walkwood Community safe online. We are delighted to announce that as a parent of Walkwood you will have access to the support site. Parents can sign up with National Online Safety as a parent/carer by following the below link:

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/walkwood-church-of-england-middle-school>

Once you have registered we would advise that you complete the certificate in online safety for parents and carers (Level 1) or take a look at the classes hosted by Myleene Klass relevant to your child's age.

The National Online Safety website will provide parents with handy guides on social media, online safety and mental health for you to share with your child.



High Schools in Redditch

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

<https://www.redditch.tgacademy.org.uk/>

Saint Augustine's Catholic High School

<http://www.st-augustines.worcs.sch.uk/Home/>

Trinity High School

<http://www.trinity.worcs.sch.uk/>

RSA Academy Arrow Vale

<http://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk/>

Ridgeway Academy

<https://ridgeway.academy/>



Out of school club

Funzone at Walkwood Holiday club will be open 7.30-6pm for the following dates

Friday 23rd October 2020

And for ½ term

Monday 26th October 2020

Tuesday 27th October 2020

Wednesday 28th October 2020

Thursday 29th October 2020

Friday 30th October 2020

We will have lots of **Halloween fun** during 1/2 term, we will be carving pumpkins (please bring your own) making individual bugs in jelly, wrapping the mummy, spooky cupcakes, football, dodgeball, Nintendo Switch, nail art, tattoos, ~~ipads~~, fancy dress competition, Halloween disco, painting candle lanterns and so much more!!

To book please use our new online booking system

The link for the system is <https://funzoneltd.uk/>

If you have any questions please email us on

funzoneltd@hotmail.co.uk

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

nauseating

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 3rd September 2020 - 1st October 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Evie Morgan (5E1) - who has read 779,922 words

Top Boy

Wilfred Johnson (8E3) - who has read 651,854 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU



There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.

Frank Serafini

Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/Files/19c6-Early%20Help%20Offer.pdf>

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/Files/T2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/Files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/Files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/Files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/Files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



Public Health
England

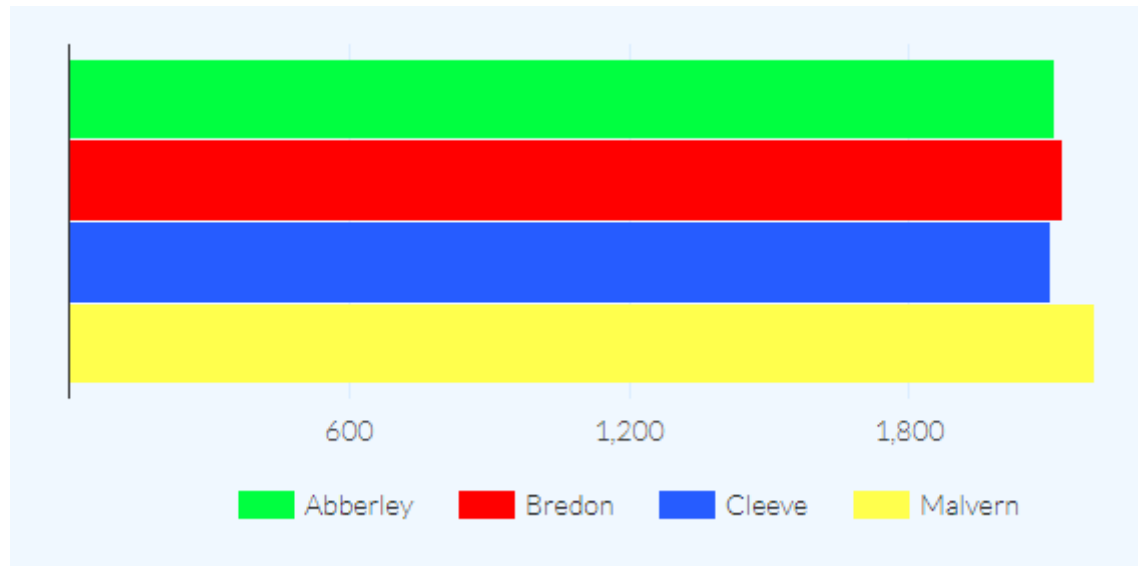
[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

[Guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at increased risk or has possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)



Epraise Update

Points This Week: By College

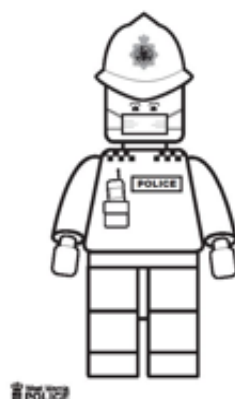
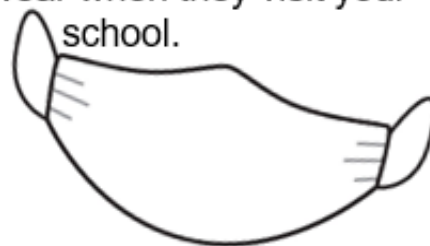


West Mercia Police



Colouring Competition

Design your local Police officers a mask they can wear when they visit your school.



Age: 5 – 11
Closing Date: 20th October 2020

We will make arrangements to collect all entries from each school before Half Term.

A winning entry will be then designed for the winner and all local officers to wear.

We will attend the school of the winner and present the winning mask (in line with Covid19 restrictions)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2020	Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half term
	Friday 18 December	End of Term
2021	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half Term
	Thursday 1 April	End of Term
	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term