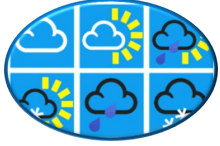


Dear Parents and Carers,



On one of the opening days of this half term, bright sunshine later gave way to rain, then hail. It was just as well that our PE team decided to have lessons inside or else pupils' sports socks may have started filling with small spheres of ice! Lunchtime the same day started off inside, before the sun came out about 10 minutes later, so a little cheer from the youngsters who were facing the windows. The relief from them was obvious in the speed of their play once they got outside.

The snow started during the last part of the Bugsy Malone rehearsal, only to have disappeared by the time it was to go home.

And yet, we do need to be thankful that Redditch has not been badly affected by the recent storm, and be mindful of folk within the county who have had to experience raising water levels.

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

One challenge we did have this week was an errant fire bell. Pupils were, as always for any evacuation, excellently behaved, for they come down onto the Y7 and Y8 playground in silence. The headcounts were quick and all were safe. It was then that myself and Mrs Wood had to contend with a bell that would not reset, even after several attempts. There was one cheer from the pupils when the ringing noise subsided, only to be followed by a collective groan when the din started again. I was as pleased with our pupils as I was frustrated with the bells, and I was grateful our system works so effectively! It is surprising how many matters can be solved with a screwdriver (as long as we know if a flat- or cross-head is required).



We have decided that there will not be dressing up this year for World Book Day, which will bring relief to some of you I suspect. There will be events during the day which allow pupils to focus more purposefully on reading including 'pass the book' and 'book speed-dating'. We have also noted a milestone in our collective reading efforts, as the school population has now read over 200 million words since the start of the school year.

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

A prayer remembering Elizabeth Fry

Life-giving God, who alone have power over life and death, over health and sickness: Give power, wisdom and gentleness to those who follow the lead of your servant Elizabeth Fry, that they, bearing with them your presence, may not only heal but bless, and shine as lanterns of hope in the darkest hours of pain and fear; through Jesus Christ, the healer of body and soul, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

This week's theme was: Elizabeth Fry

I give myself this advice: Do not fear truth, let it be every so contrary to inclination and feeling. Never give up the search after it; and let me take courage, and try from the bottom of my heart to do that which I believe truth dictates.

Elizabeth Fry

Whole School Attendance

95.90%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 10.02.20:

ALBA
MDSL
MNSA
MHBA



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Inquisitiveness	Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights. Proverbs 18:5
The assembly theme:	Free Speech	Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others. Ecclesiastes 7:21-22

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

The weekend	The safety of people and animals during bad weather conditions	Monday	The homeless community in Redditch
Tuesday	The continued rehearsals of 'Bugsy Malone'	Wednesday	The prime minister as he makes decisions for the future
Thursday	Those pupils who are representing the school in sport	Friday	The environment of our planet

Picture of the Week



Flooding by the River Dee in Bangor-on-Dee



Week Commencing 02.03.20

Music Rehearsals (Lunchtime in Music Room)

Monday – 12:35 – Tallulah (Tallulah)

12:55 – Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Tuesday – 12:55 – Fizzy (Tomorrow)

Wednesday – 12:35 – Bugsy (Give a little love)

12:55 - Lena Marelli (Show Business)

Thursday – 12:35 – Blousey (Im feeling fine/Ordinary Fool)

Friday – 12:55 – Everyone except main lead characters and girl singers

Acting Rehearsals (12:50 Lunchtime in Room 10)

Tuesday – Leroy, Bugsy, Fat Sam, Blousey, Bangles, Tillie, Velma, Tallulah, Baby Face (Pg49-54)

Wednesday – Fat Sam, Snake Eyes, Knuckles, Louis, Shady, Ritzy, Dandy Dan, Louella (Pg20-25)

Thursday – Tallulah, Bugsy (Pg26-27)

Friday – Louella, Dandy Dan, Butler, Bronx Charlie, Doodle (Pg11-12)

Afterschool Rehearsal (3:30-5:00pm in Hall)

Tuesday and Thursday for the whole cast.

Look out on the Insider every Friday for details of the afterschool rehearsals for the following week and who is involved!!

Production Team



Important Information/Dates:

- Reminder that the whole cast are expected to attend rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday after school.
- Rehearsals on Tuesday 17th, Thursday 19th, Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March will run **until 5:30pm**. This is for the whole cast.
- There will be an important final dress rehearsal for everyone to attend on **Sunday 29th March. This will start at 2pm and finish at approx 5:30pm.**

This will be the final dress run through of the whole show.

Other information for the cast will be given out to them nearer the time regarding this and the evenings themselves.

Performances/Tickets:

- Performances are on Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April at 7:30pm.
 - Tickets cost £5.00 each
 - Tickets will be on sale from 4th March.
- Tickets are available at lunchtime from Mrs Cull in the Hall or via contacting the school office.

Costumes:

- All those in 'So You Wanna Be a Boxer' will need a plain pair of blue/black shorts and a plain white T-shirt
- Main Characters will be spoken to about their individual costume needs.
- All costumes are based around 1920's New York
- All performers in the chorus and gangs will need trousers, shirt, tie/bow-tie, a waistcoat/jacket and if available a trilby style hat.
- Their costume items then need to be brought into school in a plastic bag, with their name clearly on the front and taken to Mrs Minton in the textiles room.
- All costumes need to be in school asap but definitely **by Friday 13th March** so that we can see what else we need to provide/supply for children.

Production Team

Walkwood
Church of England Middle School



Bugsy Malone

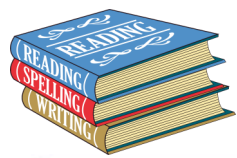
Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 1st April

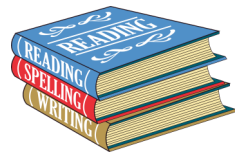
Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm

All tickets £5



Don't forget to come to our Book Fair in the Library from
Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March



Find the **BEST NEW BOOKS** at your Book Fair from just £2.99!

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This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March. On this day pupils will be involved in various activities with a focus upon the celebration of reading for pleasure and with the aim of broadening the pupils' knowledge of texts, both fiction and non-fiction. We will not be dressing up this year.



Mrs Johnson
Head of English

School Trips

Year 6 Yorkshire

Year 7 Isle of Wight

Year 8 London



Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for these trips. Can I please remind you that the fourth instalment should have been paid by 28 February. If this hasn't been done, please do so as soon as possible. We ask that all payments be made using ParentPay. Please can you inform us by email, letter or phone if your child no longer wishes to take up their place on the trip. If you are having problems paying please also contact the school.

Thank you

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

contravene

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 27th January 2020 — 27th February 2020

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Kirsty Sutton (Year 8 MAB) - who has read 532,344 words

Top Boy

Ethan Skinner (Year 5 MPJE) - who has read 1,324,137 words



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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



NHS



Trips and Visits

2019 - 2020



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Wed 17 - Fri 19	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7	£ 320	Mr West
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 173	Mr Macdonald/ Mrs Cull

"Show your wonderful love. Your mighty arm protects those who run to you for safety." Psalm 17: 7



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/f2c9-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>



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term Part 2, 2020



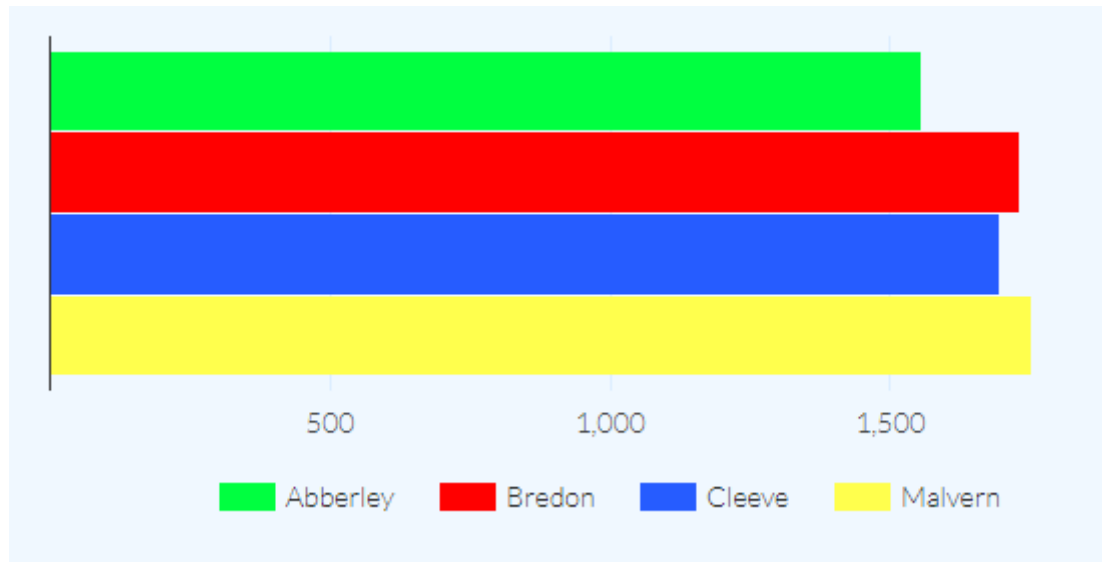
	Before School 8.00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)		
Tuesday	Homework Club Library	Nearly Jazzy Band (invitation only) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30– 4.30pm Year 5,6,7 Netball Training 3.30- 4.45 pm (KRE) Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30– 5.00 pm (TTO/CGR)
Wednesday	Homework Club Library	Colouring Club - Room 15 (RSH) Silent Reading Club - Room 19 (LBA) KS3 Science Ambassadors - Lab 2 12.50 - 1.20pm (JHd)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30 - 4.30pm KS2 Science Club - Lab 2 3.30 - 4.30pm (JHd) Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm (DSL) Cheerleading Squad 3.30 - 5.30pm (LMO/KRE)
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) - Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm (CGR)	Homework Club - DT Block 3.30– 4.30pm Production Rehearsal - Hall 3.30– 5.00 pm (TTO/CGR)
Friday	Homework Club Library		



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 Noah Bowman (BLWO) (24)
2. 🏠 Georgia Parkes (ALBA) (21)
2. 🏠 Jacob Smart (BLWO) (21)
4. 🏠 Isabelle Knight (MMM) (20)
4. 🏠 Ethan Skinner (MPJE) (20)
4. 🏠 Alex Jones (MMM) (20)
4. 🏠 Lauren Brown (BLWO) (20)
4. 🏠 Filip Grabowski (CMBI) (20)
4. 🏠 Fizz Stanley (MPJE) (20)
10. 🏠 Amelia Smyth (BLWO) (19)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2	Wednesday 18 March	Y6 Yorkshire information evening 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 31st March	Bugsy Malone Production
0	Wednesday 1st April	Bugsy Malone Production
	Thursday 2nd April	Bugsy Malone Production
2	Friday 3 April	End of Term
0	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Wednesday 6 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Friday 8 May	May Day bank holiday
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	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	End of Term
	Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Days
	Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October	Half term
	Friday 18 December	End of Term
2	Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
0	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February	Half Term
	Thursday 1 April	End of Term
2	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
1	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term