

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the half term which contains the Transition Days, when our Year 8 pupils attend their high schools for two days and, at the same time, the incoming Year 5s join us here at Walkwood. Members of the college teams are meeting, or will soon be meeting, their colleagues from the high schools to ensure that the process is as smooth as possible.



For the current Year 4 pupils who will be joining us in September, the parents/carers received the first pack of information just before half term, which contains a signed invitation to the pupil from our Head Girl and Head Boy. Mrs Perks and Mr West are visiting the

first schools and primary schools of our new pupils to talk to the class teachers, with the same intention as for the Year 8s.

There were Year 4 pupils here this week too, but it was for the annual Walkwood Music Festival. Choirs from Crabbs Cross Academy, The Vaynor First School, Webheath Primary Academy and Feckenham Church of England First School each shared their individual songs. Additionally, they sung songs together as a group, and the volume was excellent. They managed to cope with being in the school hall for an extended period of time due to the wet weather, channelling their energy into the music. It was a pleasure to have them with us. (Some of them let me know they are coming to Walkwood, so we shall be seeing them again soon.)



And when the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon him. *2Kings 3: 15*



I know it can be annoying when sporting fixtures are cancelled or postponed due to poor weather, as happening this week with the Year 7 and 8 Quads. The same events for the younger age groups are due next week, when the forecast is much more positive. Also, with the residential trips for

Years 5, 7 and 8 going out next week, favourable weather conditions are most welcome!



Thank you to all of you who have Year 5 and Year 7 pupils and came to the Parents' Evenings last Thursday and this Wednesday. Your input through the questionnaires is welcomed too, and we shall share the results when we have collated them.

Rev. C. Leach - Principal

A Prayer for The Trinity

Lord God,

We thank you for the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Knowing that all three work in our lives and communicate with us. We pray thanks for the different areas in our lives when we need each one of you. We pray for those that don't know all three of you, that they will come to know you more and understand how each of you can work differently. Thank you for your unfailing support and love in our lives.

Amen

This week's theme was:
The Trinity

Now that we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. And his Spirit tells us that God is our Father.

Galatians 4:6

Whole School Attendance

93.72%

Whole School Target

95.6%

03.06.19—07.06.19

Year 5 — 94.64%

Year 6 — 93.95%

Year 7 — 93.85%

Year 8 — 92.38%



For the week ahead



<p>The Fruit of Faith is:</p>	<p>Honour</p>	<p>I have honoured my followers in the same way that you honoured me, in order that they may be one with each other, just as we are one. John 17:22</p>
<p>The tutor group virtue:</p>	<p>Courage</p>	<p>I will save you and make you a blessing to the nations. So don't be afraid or lose courage. Zechariah 8:13</p>
<p>The assembly theme:</p>	<p>The greatness of God</p>	<p>He has shown you his greatness among the nations. Exalt him in the presence of every living being, because he is our Lord and he is our God; he is our Father and he is God for ever. Tobit 13:3</p>

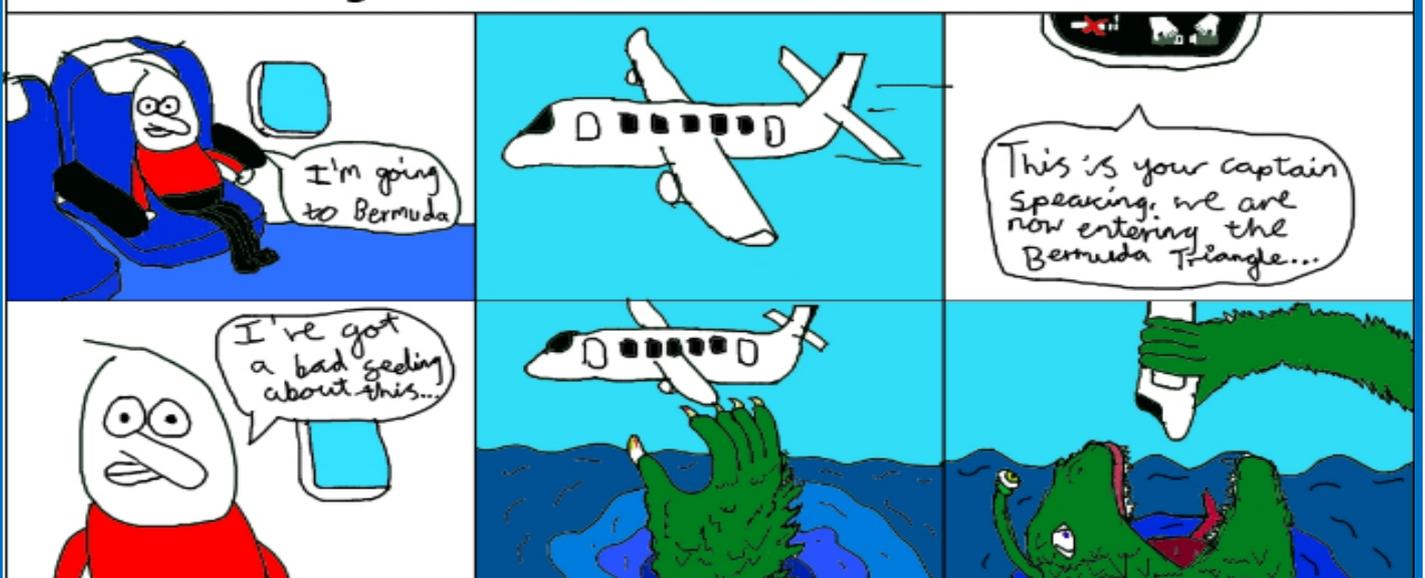
We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

<p>The weekend</p>	<p>A lovely Father's Day for all</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>The conservative party as they start voting for a new leader</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Public services</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>A successful Deep Day</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Successful Art Days</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Enjoyment for the pupils on the residential trips</p>

S4 Ep33

Bermuda Triangle

Silly Norman



New 'Pupil Leadership Team' for 2019-20.



This Friday 14th June, we will launch the new 'Pupil Leadership Team 2018-19'. This will be launched to current Year 7 pupils who wish to be a part of this team ready for the start of the new academic year in September. The aim of the 'PLT' is to empower pupils within our school community to become ambassadors for the school, taking on leadership roles and to be involved in the continuing development of the school towards outstanding. This will be launched during an assembly and pupils will be given job descriptions for each of the available roles which include Head Boy and Head Girl, College Captains and Vice Captains and a team of Prefects. Students are now encouraged to write their letters of application, stating their skills/qualities and why they feel they would be good in the role. The 'job descriptions are available here:

<http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/b9d5-PLT%20job%20specs%20revised.pdf>

The closing date for applications is Thursday 20th June.

Once we have received applications, shortlisting will take place and pupils will be invited to take part in the 'Hustings' part of the process. It is important that the newly elected 'Pupil Leadership Team' represents the pupils in our school and so the 'Hustings' is their chance to have their say. Those shortlisted for roles will give a speech before their peers stating why they should be elected.

Friday 5th July will see the first of the Hustings for Head Boy and Girl.

Monday 8th/Tuesday 9th July will see the College Hustings taking place.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all the pupils good luck in the application process. The 'Pupil Leadership Team' will then be announced during the Celebration Assembly on the last day of term.

Miss Reeves
Coordinator - Pupil Leadership Team

The work undertaken by the 'PLT' has been invaluable and a great success. Here are some of the views from the team:

"This year, the pupil leadership team has really affected Walkwood and how we are as a school. The process has given so many opportunities to everyone and I am glad that I was given the opportunity to take part. We have learnt and applied skills that will help us in the future such as writing application letters and writing speeches. It took a lot of hard work but it is an amazing experience in the end."

"The pupil leadership team has been a great experience and has given everyone involved many more opportunities to share their thoughts and ideas for the school."

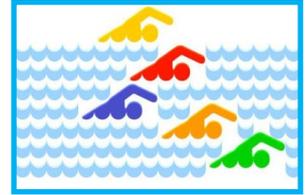
Being on the pupil leadership team has been fun and we have been able to help out at parents evenings and other school events.

"I enjoy being in the Pupil Leadership team because it gives me a sense of responsibility so that it is not as big a shock in later life."

I love being on the pupil leadership team. It has made me a lot more confident as I get to participate more in jobs and activities around the school. I love doing my duty on my set day and get to show parents around. It has been an unforgettable experience.

The pupil leadership team has been an amazing experience. It has built up my confidence and has helped me to progress in my learning.

Swimming Gala



On Friday 7th June, the Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala took place at the Abbey Stadium.

The team had a good start to the competition and were 2nd at the half-way stage. The final races were close and winning the cannon helped the team gain some final points to close the gap on 1st.

The team finished overall 2nd after some good swims. Well done to all those who took part or led the event.

Niamh Gibbs Year 8



Police notice

We have been asked by the police to make you aware of a man that has been seen taking photos of groups of children on Feckenham Road last week. School staff are aware and are being vigilant when they are on duty at the three locations along this road.

Please do not alarm your child but talk with them the importance of reporting anything like this to an adult so that it can be followed up.

Walkwood Music Festival

On Tuesday morning, Walkwood hosted the annual Music Festival and what a lovely, musical morning it was! Walkwood Choir was joined by the choirs from Crabbs Cross Academy, Vaynor First School, Webheath Primary Academy and Feckenham C of E First School. Our musical programme consisted of five songs which we all sang together, and each school entertained the others with their own performance. Everyone sang and performed so well and there was a huge variety of songs. After break time there was a surprise performance from Walkwood's Nearly Jazzy bandwell it would have been a surprise if it had not been rainy, and as a result, our visitors were enthralled to watch the band get set up and have an impromptu jamming session until break time was over!



Congratulations to all our performers; the standard of performance was high, as was the behaviour and everyone involved had a thoroughly enjoyable time. A huge thank you must go to all those who helped and supported, especially Walkwood Choir who looked after our visitors superbly. Well done!

Arts Days

Next Thursday and Friday we shall be having our Arts Days. These are two days of practical Arts activities which are mainly linked to work in humanities lessons. The themes for each year group are:

Year 5 - Africa

Year 6 - Art Gallery

Year 7 - South America

Year 8 - China



OCC YOUTH PRESENT...

FOOD

DISCO

A Cheesy NIGHT OUT QUIZ

OASIS CHRISTIAN CENTRE

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE / 7PM
£3.00 ENTRY

A promotional poster for an event. The background is a close-up photograph of several blocks of yellow Swiss cheese on a wooden cutting board. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, it says 'OCC YOUTH PRESENT...'. In the center, 'A Cheesy NIGHT OUT QUIZ' is written in large, bold, orange and white letters. To the left, 'FOOD' and 'DISCO' are written in a stylized, outlined font. To the right, 'QUIZ' is written in a similar font. At the bottom right, the date and time 'FRIDAY 28TH JUNE / 7PM' and the entry fee '£3.00 ENTRY' are listed. The Oasis Christian Centre logo is in the top right corner.

Clubs and Activities

Summer Term 2 2019



	Before School 8:00am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am Orchestra Music Room 8.45 - 9.30am CGR	KS3 Art Club ECO	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Tennis Club 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC Starts 6th May
Tuesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room JHA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm All Girls Rounders 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE Starts 6th May KS2 Science Club - NO LONGER ON
Wednesday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	All years Silent Reading Club Room 19 LBA	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Cooking Club 3.30 – 4.45pm DSL (when you are cooking will be confirmed) Athletics Club all years 3.30 - 4.45pm Starts 6th May
Thursday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR Science Club Invite only session Lab 2 JHD Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm All years Boys and Girls Cricket Club 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/PJE/PMC/SWE Starts 6th May
Friday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Badminton Club 3.30 - 4.45 pm PMC Starts 6th May

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

effusive

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 13th May 2019 — 13th June 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lauren Sole (Year 7 AMLA) - who has read an incredible 761,189 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (Year 6 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 673,083 words

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

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU





Trips and Visits

2018 - 2019



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
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
July					
Wed 17 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 Maisie Frost (BRCO) (53)
2. 🏠 Emily Natrass (ALBA) (49)
3. 🏠 Lauren Sole (AMLA) (48)
4. 🏠 Katie Crouch (BJHD) (45)
5. 🏠 Lucy Hawkes (CTPO) (39)
6. 🏠 Lottie Duke (ALWA) (34)
7. 🏠 Lara Laight (MNSA) (29)
7. 🏠 Neve King (MNSA) (29)
7. 🏠 Harry Dean (MNSA) (29)
7. 🏠 Frankie Brookes (ALWA) (29)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Tuesday 9th July	Summer Concert 7.30 pm
	Friday 19 July	End of Term
	Monday 2 & 3 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 4 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 25 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Half Term
	Friday 20 December	End of Term
	Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
2020	Friday 3 April	End of Term
	Monday 20 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May	Half Term
	Friday 17 July	End of Term