

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 8 pupils will have received their allocations for high schools in September. This process is managed by the admissions team at Worcestershire County Council. If you have a pupil in this year group, please ensure you respond to accept or decline the place by the deadline set. Walkwood staff will, in the weeks ahead, be scheduling meetings with our colleagues in each of the high schools to ensure that the transfer of your young people into the next phase of their educational careers is as smooth as it can be.



It was a pleasure to welcome colleagues from Crabbs Cross Academy and The Vaynor First School to Walkwood this week. They were able to sample lessons and discuss matters around reading and writing with the heads of some of the departments here. We enjoyed having them with us, and they were able to share ideas with us.

The Arts Evenings will soon be upon us - Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April. If your child is involved, we shall let you know about ticketing soon. Another artistic event is happening today, as Gladstone Wilson, aka Pop Academy, is working with your Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. He uses appropriate 'pop' songs to engage the pupils in singing, and this afternoon will end with a joyous sing-a-long. We always enjoy his visits, and he will return to work with Year 7 and Year 8 in a couple of weeks.



We are making use of email on many occasions, moving away from sending paper-based letters home. (You may be aware of 'bottom of the bag' syndrome for these communications!) Therefore, please check that we have your correct email address.

Next Friday is World Book Day, so we shall have the opportunity for fancy dress related to book characters. It was last year that we had snow on this day—I've checked the forecast, and we should be ok this time!

Rev. C. Leach
Principal

My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action. 1 John 3:18

A Prayer of St. David

Almighty God,

On this special day for the people of Wales, we remember Saint David, your servant. We give thanks for his passion for the Gospel which helped to spread Christianity; we give thanks for his purity and simplicity of life which enabled his pursuit of Christian perfection; we give thanks for his gentleness, but clear spiritual leadership. Grant that we may learn from him and respond to the words that are thought to be his last: 'Be steadfast, and do the little things'; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This week's theme was:

St David

Be joyful and keep your faith and your belief, and do the little things that you heard and saw from me.

St. David

Whole School Attendance – 94.81%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

11.02.19—15.02.19

Year 5 — 94.55%

Year 6 — 96.5%

Year 7 — 96.51%

Year 8 — 91.47%



For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Thankfulness	You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. <i>Psalm 118: 28</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Gratitude	I call to witness the gratitude of the people that is to come, whose children rejoice with gladness; though they do not see me with bodily eyes, yet with the spirit they will believe the things I have said. <i>2 Esdras 1:36-37</i>
The assembly theme:	Being thankful	O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever. <i>Psalm 118: 1</i>

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

The weekend	Local charities that support the community of Redditch	Monday	The lives of those with life-threatening illnesses
Tuesday	The teachers and support staff at Walkwood	Wednesday	For those who have experienced bullying online and offline
Thursday	A successful World Book Day	Friday	Public services.

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Idea from Matty Humphreys

The Lottery

Silly Norman





Ski Trip 2020 - Zauchensee, Salzberger Sportwelt, Austria

Thank you to those keeping to the payment schedule for the ski trip. Just a reminder that £290 should now have been paid. The remaining instalments are due as follows:

By end of February 2019 - £100

By end of March 2019 - £100

By end of April 2019 - £100

By end of May 2019 - £100

By end of June 2019 - £100

By end of July 2019 - £100

By end of August 2019 - £100

By end of September 2019 - £100

By end of October 2019 - £100

By the end of November 2019 - £100



All pupils who come on the trip are required to have their own passport. Although not needing to be done at this time, the application process for passports does take time and we urge you to complete it as early as possible. Last year confirmation of our flights was delayed due to passport information not being given to me by parents/carers on time.

Nearer the time, we will be holding an information evening where you will be given a kit list and all other necessary information.

Mrs Louise Cull
Assistant Principal/Trip Organiser

Clubs and Activities

Spring 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 starting 18 th September ECO Monday lunchtime DT Block Movie Club all years AMI starting Monday 17 th September	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm Indoor Sports Club (range of different activities each week including hockey, boccia, curling, dodgeball etc) All years welcome. 3.30 - 4.45pm PMC
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 Cheerleading Squad Training 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (9 th Jan) KS2 Science Club Lab 2 3.30 - 4.45pm JHD
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 <i>(when you are cooking will be confirmed)</i> Gymnastics Club (starts 16 th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm RMA/CHU/KRE First Aid Club Room 2 3.30 - 4.45pm KMI
Thursday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50 - 1.20pm CGR Eco Schools Club Week 1 Room 21 (Lab 3) MBI First meeting Thursday 20 th September 2018	Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm KS3/KS2 Dance 3.30 - 4.45pm LMO/KRE (starts 16 th January) KS3 Basketball Club (starts 16 th January) 3.30 - 4.45pm CHU KS3 Girls Rugby Club 3.30 - 4.45pm
Friday	Homework Club Library 8.00 am - 8.45am		Homework Club DT Hub 3.30 – 4.30pm

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

contumacious

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 28th January 2019 — 28th February 2019

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Lauren Sole (Year 8 AMLA) - who has read an incredible 474,723 words

Top Boy

Arran Smith (Year 6 ALWA) - who has read a fantastic 795,019 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



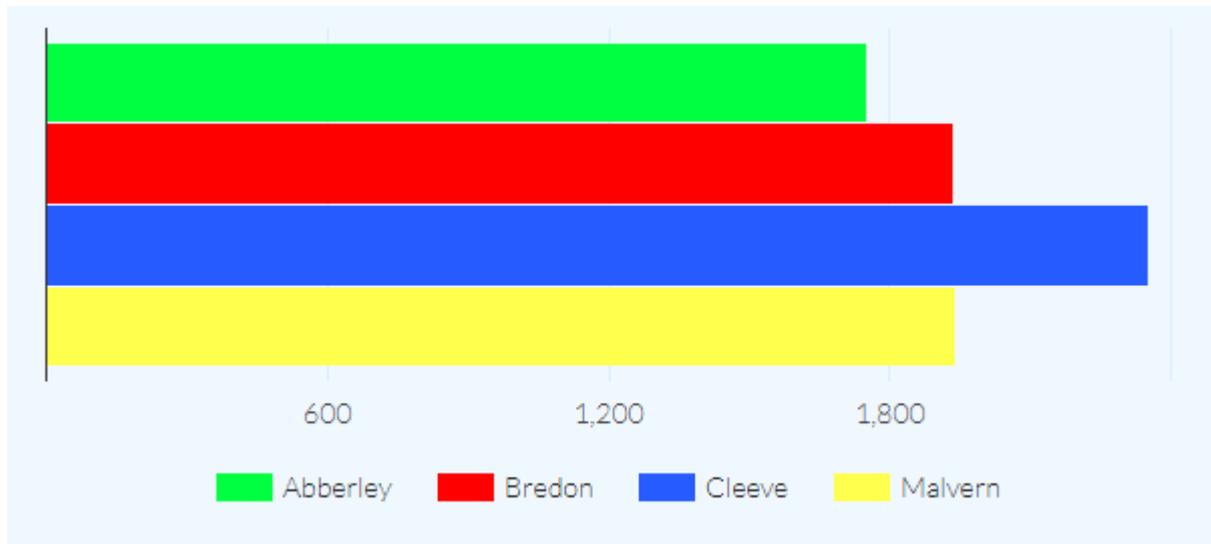
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 17—Mon 20	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 300	Rev Leach
June					
Thurs 20— Sat 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 300	Rev Leach
Fri 21—Mon 24	Outward Bound	Isle of Wight	Y7 & 8	£ 315	Mr West
Fri 21— Mon 24	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 170	Mr Macdonald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



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🏠 Niamh Campbell (CLBK) (31)
2. 🏠 Isla Neale (CLBK) (28)
3. 🏠 Daisy Stokes (CLBK) (27)
4. 🏠 Bella Williams (CLBK) (26)
5. 🏠 Abigail Gibson (MDSL) (25)
5. 🏠 Darcey Hocking (CLBK) (25)
7. 🏠 Sophie Blagrove (ALBA) (24)
7. 🏠 Alfe Bonehill (BRCO) (24)
7. 🏠 Allisia Coles (BRCO) (24)
7. 🏠 Queenie Butler (CLBK) (24)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2019	Tuesday 12 March	Y6 Yorkshire Trip Information Evening 6.30 pm
	Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April	Arts Evening Performances 7.00 pm
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
	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
	Monday 2 & 3 September	Staff Development Days
2020	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
	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