At Dr Walker's School we develop <u>Respect</u> and <u>Responsibility</u>. Build <u>Perseverance</u> and <u>Creativity</u>. Combine Christian values with Courage and Compassion for us to become successful British Citizens.

> An Exceptional Place to Flourish

7th December 2018

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Attendance Ted will be in Badgers Class next week - 96.7% - Well Done!

Please be aware that holidays taken during term time could incur a penalty to parents by the Education Welfare Service. Please see our website for the school's Attendance Policy and a copy of the letter informing parents of the possibility of incurring a penalty by taking holidays during term time.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 96.4%

<u>Whole School Pantomime</u> On Wednesday it was a delight for the whole school to visit the Harlow Playhouse to watch Aladdin - the children were so well behaved and their faces lit up when they saw the flying magic carpet! We had a lovely time.

<u>St Nicholas Day</u> On Thursday we all dressed as St Nicholas to celebrate this important saint, the children learnt all about him and his life and the wonderful things he did. Everyone wrote prayers and we have decorated our tree in the entrance with them and learnt a new song all about him. In the afternoon we walked to church had a lovely service led by Rev Liz Horwell and the children showed their learning, read prayers and sang songs. In the church there were lots of wellies and amazingly by the end of the service they all had a small gift in them to take home. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members join us in church and we look forward to our Christingle service together on Monday 17th.





<u>Christmas Bazaar</u> Today we have enjoyed our Christmas Bazaar and a big thank you goes to our parents and carers for donations and happy helpers who have helped on stalls. A huge thanks to Mrs Gladwin who has worked so hard to make sure it was a fantastic success.

<u>End of term Celebration assembly</u>: Our last celebration assembly will take place on Friday 14th December at 2.45pm.

<u>Tuesday 18th December is Christmas dinner day</u> and there will be a Victorian Christmas theme, the children will be learning about how the Victorians changed Christmas for us all and making crafts and decorations to enjoy at dinner. It is a dress up as a Victorian day - there are some great no sew, no buying ideas on pinterest and mumsnet if you need inspiration.

<u>Christmas concert</u> On Wednesday 19th the children will be performing some songs in the hall, they will begin at 1.30pm. Mince pies and tea will be available from 1.00pm in the ICT suite and we would welcome parents and carers from 1.00pm as we are inviting adults to complete a parent view survey. After the performance, parents and carers are welcome to sign their children out and take them home.

<u>Nativity Performances</u> - Tuesday 11th at 9.30am and Thursday 13th at 2.00pm - there will be a Christmas raffle at both performances.

Christmas Card Orders

Christmas Card Orders have gone home today. If you have any Mugs, Coasters or Labels please collect them from the School Office.

Post Box

The Christmas Card Post Box will be out from next week - Please make sure your cards have the child's <u>Name</u> <u>and Class</u> on them - This makes things much easier for our Post Elves - Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

• Monday 7th January – Children back at school



The children wrote prayers on St Nicholas Day focusing on children in the world and what we hope for them this Christmas. We decorated our tree with them. If you are visiting school please have a read and there are St Nicholas Prayer cards available in the entrance to take home. The children received one in their wellies.

