

# Dr Walker's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.

Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.

Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.

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Dear Parents and carers,

It is with sadness I write this week's newsletter, earlier this week we received the sad news that Margaret Thurley has lost her ongoing battle with cancer and has passed away. I never had the pleasure of meeting Margaret in person, but spoke to her many times on the phone and she was clearly a positive and determined person who cared greatly about the school. Margaret started at the school in November 1982 and was here for over 35 years - her passion was reception children and she has contributed to a happy start to school life for hundreds of children over the years. After speaking with the team, it is clear to me she dedicated many hours to our school and the children and was committed to the education and care of the pupils at Dr Walker's.

I spoke to the children who would have known her and we said prayers in the classrooms giving the children time to reflect on their memories of such a special lady.

*'I remember that she never gave up on us and she always believed in us, I also know my brother will miss her too'*

*'I can remember coming into school crying and she gave me a cuddle and read me a story - she always cheered us up'*

Two of our MPs approached me yesterday with the idea that they would like to plant a tree in the school grounds with a plaque to remember Mrs Thurley. I think this a wonderful and fitting tribute for such a special lady who holds a special place in many people's hearts.

If parents, carers or friends would like to contribute, please hand in any contributions (clearly labelled) to the school office. We will let parents, carers and friends know in due course when we will be planting the tree so we can spend a few moments together marking the moment at a short service.

I know you will join me in taking a few moments to remember the contribution Margaret made to the community of Dr Walker's, we are thinking of her family at this time and they are all in our prayers at this difficult time.

Mrs Larkin



**Attendance Ted will be in Caterpillars & Ladybirds Class next week - 100% 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.

**The Royal Wedding - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May** Don't forget we will be celebrating that day by dressing up as Kings, Queens, princes and princesses. All information was sent out this week and posters are on the noticeboard. Parents are invited to join us at 2.15pm.

**Father's Day Lunch** - On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June we will be hosting a Father's Day lunch (an all-day breakfast!) all dads, step dads, Grandads and anyone who is like a dad is welcome. Look out for the booking form in the next couple of weeks.

**Summer Fair** - Well done to Ava in Bees for designing the winning poster design! We will soon be seeing this in around the local area to advertise our Summer Fair.



**On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 3.15pm** we will be having a short after school meeting with tea! Can you help run a stall? Can you help us set up the Summer fair? All help will be gratefully received - please come along to sign up for a job!

#### **Dates for your diary**

- Celebration Assembly - every Friday at 2.45pm (unless notified otherwise)
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS week.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Celebration for the Royal Wedding day - children are invited to dress as a princess, prince, king or Queen for the day!
- Class photos - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day lunch
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Fun Run - parents invited at 2pm (more details to follow)
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - 12-4pm Dr Walker's Summer Fair - held on Fyfield Playing Field
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day 1.30pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm KS2 Show performance
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 7.00pm KS2 Show performance
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm (Sports Day back up day in case of rain!)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - School Prom 6pm - 8pm (invitation only - see letter)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 11.00 Year 6 Leavers assembly (Year 6 parents only)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 12.00 Whole school picnic (all parents welcome)

Dear God, We pray for the family of Mrs Thurley and ask you to guide us in remembering all the special memories she has given our school community. In times of sadness help us to remember our own family and friends and the love they give to us. Amen

