



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.

25th May 2018

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have arrived at half term and there is only half a term until the Summer holidays, the children are all working so hard. After the SATS the year 6 were taken to Stubbers Adventure centre - they were a joy to be with and tried kayaking, abseiling, crate stacking and archery. Their behaviour was exemplary and we were all so proud of them.



Last Friday, we celebrated the Royal wedding, it was a fantastic day! We enjoyed a street party lunch with homemade Victoria sponge. The children learnt about weddings, the royal family and celebrations. They made junk model wedding cakes, a wedding dress and caterpillars even designed the top table. It was a fantastic day filled with excellent learning and lots of fun; it was lovely to see so many parents in the afternoon joining in with the celebrations and having some fun making nature crowns.





This week, you will receive some important letters regarding uniform and GDPR - please let the office know if you have not received these after half term. We are delighted to announce we will be changing our school uniform from September 2018 with a new improved Dr Walker's logo! There will be a 2 year rolling transition period so plenty of time to wear out the old design. The new uniform will be compulsory from September 2020. We will be revealing the new design after half term with a coffee morning.

Mrs Thurley remains in our thoughts and many of our staff attended her funeral on Thursday 24th, it was a lovely service and all the children said a prayer for her in school. We are still collecting for her memorial tree if you would like to donate.

We are delighted to announce our new House names and all children have been allocated a house. We have chosen a House Captain and photos will follow on the newsletter or check our Twitter to see our new House Captains. Our new Houses are **Normans, Saxons, Vikings and Romans**. We look forward to many inter-house events in the future. On Wednesday, KS2 were auditioning for parts for our Summer play - *Mystery at Magpie Manor*, I was honoured to watch and was so impressed with their confidence and acting skills.

Mrs Walker has launched a Sumdog competition for Half term, so good luck to all. On the 30th June we will be holding our Summer Fair, see below for details on how to help. I am in charge of the crockery smash! If you have any old crockery (no glass please) please donate to the school office.

When we return after Half term we will be taking part in Active Essex 30/30 challenge. As a school we have developed a June timetable of how we can be active for 30 minutes each day at school including a whole school Zumba session, dodgeball and a limbo session! We will be encouraging the children to take their challenge home and be as creative as possible to be active for 30 minutes! Why not Tweet your child completing the challenge at home @drwalker_s #3030Essex - 3030Essex.com.

I hope you all have a restful and lovely Half term and I look forward to seeing you all for the remainder of the Summer term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Larkin



Attendance Ted will be in Ladybirds Class next week - 98.5% - 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.

Father's Day Lunch - Your booking form has been sent home - please return to the school office ASAP...we look forward to seeing you all in school.

Dr Walkers Summer Fair - Don't forget on Friday the 8th June at 3:15 we will be holding a short after school meeting. If you can help set up, run a stall or help with the tidy up after the event please come along so we sign you up for a job!

Don't Forget our Summer Fair is on Saturday 30th June 12-4pm, all funds raised will go to Dr Walkers along with 10% which will be donated to our chosen charity this term which is Chess Homeless Charity in Chelmsford. A new local charity will be decided upon in September.

Dates for your diary

- Celebration Assembly - every Friday at 2.45pm (unless notified otherwise)
- Class photos - Thursday 7th June 9am
- Friday 15th June - Father's Day lunch
- Friday 22nd June - Fun Run - parents invited at 2pm (more details to follow)
- Saturday 30th June - 12-4pm Dr Walker's Summer Fair - held on Fyfield Playing Field
- Thursday 5th July - Sports Day 1.30pm

- Tuesday 10th July - 1.30pm KS2 Show performance
- Wednesday 11th July - 7.00pm KS2 Show performance
- Tuesday 17th July - 1.30pm (Sports Day back up day in case of rain!)
- Wednesday 18th July - School Prom 6pm - 8pm (invitation only - see letter)
- Friday 20th July - 11.00 Year 6 Leavers assembly (Year 6 parents only)
- Friday 20th July - 12.00 Whole school picnic (all parents welcome)

