



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.

6th July 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fair

What a fantastic day, all the children had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see the local community together enjoying themselves. Thank you to the Happy Helpers for all their work and particularly Cheryl Fry for leading such a great team. Thank you to all the staff members that gave up their time and I look forward to more events that bring us all together.

Transition Day

This week Caterpillars and Bees have spent a morning together to begin the transition process for September. I spoke to Caterpillars about their morning and wanted to share with you some of their positive responses.

'We made jigsaw pieces and put our names on them and things we like' - Ivy

'We played a game together to get to know each other' - George

'I am looking forward to seeing Mr Joy' - Sienna

The children added ideas of what they would like to learn about next year, some of their ideas included flowers, seals and Maths! What a great morning and we have more opportunities for everyone to get to know each other coming up.

Sports Day

A brilliant sports day! Well done to Mr Joy and Mrs Walker for organising such a great event. Well done to Vikings for winning overall and receiving 2 ribbons for the house cup. Thank you to everyone for their kind words and support after Mrs Walker's accident, especially Mrs Newell for her sound advice. Mrs Walker is now recovering and we are looking after her.



Mrs Balcombe

As many of you know, Mrs Balcombe has been a committed member of the governing body of the school for many years; she has been Chair of the Governing body for many of those. She is retiring from this post in July and we wish her well, I know she will be popping in to say hello. Mrs Balcombe has been a stable part of the school for many years and will be missed, but she feels it is now time for her to move on in order to spend time on her other passions such as gardening, Wimbledon and Art! We are having a farewell for her in school with the children and if you would like to contribute to flowers, please give your contributions to the school office.

School Prom

Please don't forget all children are now invited, please see the letter sent out last week. You do need to return the reply form in order to attend. More details regarding exact timing will follow. The prom will begin at 6pm and finish at 8pm.

Inter- House Event - #artrubbish

Our next interhouse event is - Make a flower out of recycled materials, children can use any 'rubbish material' and create it at home. They need to bring their finished entries into school by the 17th July for judging. Entries should be labelled with House and name - please make sure this is underneath the entry so cannot be seen by our special judge! The winning entry will receive 2 ribbons for their house on the House cup! Let's get recycling and get creative! Good luck to all houses.



On Friday 13th we will be having a whole school art day - creating art out of recycled rubbish. We need your plastic bottles, magazines and newspapers. Please deliver to the school office.

Parent Governors

In September we will be writing to all parents asking for nominees to fill a parent governor vacancy. Details about the role and election process will be included and any parent can apply. Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. Please take time over the summer holidays to consider if you would like to stand for election as a parent governor - it is an exciting opportunity for parents to have real impact on the success and future of the school.

Parent Forum

If you are interested in joining the forum, please return the slip on the letter sent out last week. You need to be available once a term for a meeting and the forum will be picked in September depending on how much interest we receive.

Mrs Larkin



Attendance Ted will be in Bees Class next week - 97.1% - 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.

Happy Helpers

We are always grateful to the Happy Helpers group who come into school to help us with events. All family members of our children are welcome to help and you can help at one event or all of them, any help is welcomed. The Happy Helpers are not a PTA so the ideas for the events come from the school and then Cheryl Fry who is our Happy Helper coordinator communicates the information to all. Cheryl then organises who can help and what they can help with. We are so grateful for offers of help and in the first instance contact Cheryl on 07932 325750, who will give you details of events coming up!

Dates for your diary

- Celebration Assembly - every Friday at 2.45pm (unless notified otherwise)
- Tuesday 10th July - 1.30pm KS2 Show performance
- Wednesday 11th July - 3pm - Short service for Mrs Thurley - planting of roses.
- Wednesday 11th July - 7.00pm KS2 Show performance
- Wednesday 18th July - School Prom 6pm - 8pm
- Friday 20th July - 11.00 Year 6 Leavers assembly (Year 6 parents only)
- Friday 20th July - 12.00 Whole school picnic (all parents welcome) **Children can be picked up from 1.00pm on the last day of term.**

Dear God
Thank you for giving us nature and beautiful flowers. Help us to be grateful and kind.
Amen
Written by Elizabeth in Ladybirds



Interhouse 'HOME' Event

#artrubbish

Create a flower of your choice only using recycled materials.

Name and HOUSE should be labelled on it and hidden from view for judging.

Please note this is a make a home project and should be brought into school by Tuesday 17th July!

Winning House will receive 2 ribbons for the cup.

Good luck!