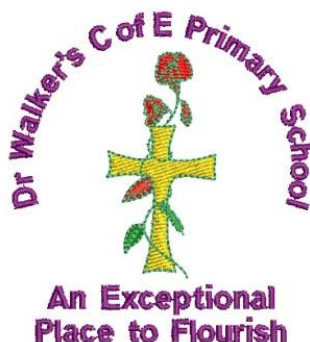


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Build Perseverance and Creativity,
Combine Christian values with Courage and Compassion for us to become successful British Citizens.



2nd November 2018

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On Tuesday, we welcomed Jane Quinton, a curate who is working with the local area. She led our collective worship with a theme that we are all special and unique - we all really enjoyed singing the song - Our God is a great big God! The video is on Twitter. We look forward to seeing her again on the 13th for Collective Worship. On Monday, our Collective Worship was led by Andrea from Essex Police who spoke to the children about safety on fireworks night. We hope you all have an enjoyable celebration but stay safe!



KS2 children took part in a tag rugby tournament this week, their commitment was fantastic. They haven't been training long as a team, so their 3rd place out of 5 was a fantastic achievement. The feedback from the adults reported the children worked so hard as a team and we are very proud of them.....more rugby to come! Thank you to Ms Mitchell for some great action shots!

We work with West Essex Sports partnership and we are currently enjoying some extra sports opportunities - it was great to welcome Mrs Watkins into school this week. She coached our children in curling and again the team work was fantastic as well as the excitement of a new sport!



December is such a busy month for us in school and at home, attached is a list of December events. Have you got any Christmas decorations you would like to get rid of? Artificial trees? Please donate to the school office if so.

Alex Burghart

Just before Half term, Alex Burghart MP for Brentwood and Ongar visited the school, he enjoyed a tour and also spoke to our very own MPs about local issues and their lives in school. The children had a wonderful time and we all really enjoyed meeting him. Don't forget he is looking for a Christmas card designer - get your entries in as it would be wonderful to have a Dr Walker's pupil win!

Inter house Bake off

This week we saw Rahul win the Great British bake off but who will win the inter-house bake off. There is a flyer attached with everything you need to know about entering.



Remembrance Day Parents and carers are invited in for lunch on Friday 9th November and in the afternoon; grandparents are invited for an afternoon tea. During the day the children will be learning about WW1, how life was during war and how peace can be achieved in the world. We look forward to welcoming you for lunch at 11.30am. At 1.30pm Grandparents and extended family are invited to go to classrooms and get involved in some poppy making and then an afternoon tea will be served at 2.30pm. Please note if you are coming to the afternoon tea as well as lunch - you will need to leave and come back so we can tidy and set up the hall etc. We will also be welcoming everyone to come into classrooms from 3.00pm to have a look at the wonderful work the children have produced throughout the day - we hope you can visit us during the day at some point. **Please note there will be no celebration assembly on the 9th November.**

School Photographs - Monday 5th November

A reminder that the school photographer is in school on Monday 5th November to take individual photographs. Families with younger siblings can arrive from 8:30 for family groups. Any siblings in school will be photographed both individually and together during the morning so there is no need to come at 8:30 unless they have a younger sibling to be included in the family group.

Cashless Online Payments

As advised earlier in the week we will be going to cashless online payments from Monday 5th November due to the closure of Ongar bank. Full details will be sent by email to parents over the weekend with your login details and passwords ready although you will not be able to use the system before it goes live on Monday 5th. Please bear with us over this first week or so as it is new to us as well!



Attendance Ted will be in Badgers Class next week - 98.1% - 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.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 5th November - School photos for individual photos and family groups
- Monday 5th November - Fireworks lunch for the children with sparkly jelly.
- Friday 9th November - Dress in WW1 or 2 Themed clothes! Make Peace day.
- Friday 9th November - Parents Lunch and Grandparents afternoon tea
- Friday 9th November - All adults welcome from 3pm to go to classrooms to see learning from the day.



Dear God, As we approach remembrance day, help us to promote peace in our lives by reflecting on own actions in everyday life. Help us to practise forgiveness daily and compassion in our actions towards others. Amen



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