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 <u>Courage</u> and <u>Compassion</u> for us to become successful British Citizens.



15th November 2019

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Attendance Ted will be in Badgers 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. Holidays in September will automatically incur a fine - please see our attendance policy for more information. Children who attend 98% and above will receive a text for them and their parents or carers. This is to congratulate them for good learning behaviours that will stay with them for life.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 95.6%

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th



It was wonderful to see the children dressed up for Remembrance Day. Families and parents came in to take part in activities in the afternoon as well as enjoying a well-deserved slice of cake and a cup of tea

<u>Nativity dates</u>: Caterpillars and Ladybirds are beginning practise of the annual Nativity. There will be performances on Monday 9th December at 9.30am and Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm. More information about tickets will follow.

Thursday 28th November: Woodland art day - WE NEED YOUR OLD CDS FOR AN EXCITING

RECYCLED ART PROJECT. Please deliver to the office for this day. The children will be enjoying our surroundings in the afternoon of this day. We would like to ask that they come to school in 'playout' clothes which are older and can get dirty. They will be exploring art with the nature around them and taking part in an in school inter-house competition! Wellies may be needed, please bring in a separate bag to change into.



<u>Happy Helpers</u>



We have many events coming up in November and December including the Christmas Fair (see dates for your diary) Can you help? Last year we raised money to install new Interactive whiteboards in all our classrooms and they are fantastic! This year we would like to fundraise to renovate some areas of our school.

We always welcome willing helpers to assist with all our events and could not do many of these events without our volunteers. It doesn't matter how many

events you help at – all help is welcomed.

Please contact Cheryl Fry or the school office (who will pass on your details) If you can offer a couple of hours to help at events.

<u>Friday 15th November - Children in Need</u>: Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for today! It was a great day and more details of how much we raised will follow!

<u>Christmas trees</u>: Larkin's Christmas trees are kindly donating us a real tree for the school year. We are looking forward to decorating it. Please see the leaflet sent home last week for exciting events at their farm and discounts on trees.





<u>**Cross Country:**</u> On Wednesday, the cross country team were in great spirits and all worked together to achieve some great results. I was so impressed with how the team encouraged each other! Well done.



<u>Monday 2nd December - Author Day - David Walliams</u>: We will be celebrating the work of David Walliams on this day (no dress up) The children will enjoy activities based around his books. There will be an inter-house competition. Details attached!

<u>Class Collective Worships</u>: It was lovely to see the collective worship by Caterpillars and Ladybirds about perseverance. They had even set up some challenges for the adults to complete to test our perseverance.



Stay and Play

at Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School Wednesday 4th December – 2-3pm.

We are inviting all parents, families and children to stay and play at the school. If you are considering your school place for September 2020 we are inviting you to spend some time at the school and meet some of the staff. Children and parents will be able to have a look at the reception classroom and enjoy inside and outside! Meet the reception teacher and ask questions. Refreshments will be provided.

Please call the school office to book your place on 01277 899298.

<u>Class Collective Worships: 9.15am All welcome</u>		
Date	Leading	Value theme
Thursday 28 th November	Hedgehogs	Courage
Thursday 12 th December	Badgers	Compassion

Prospective Parents - Come and visit our school - OPEN MORNINGS 2019 - 9.30-11am



Tuesday 10th December 2019

<u>Open Mornings</u>: Above is information about our open mornings for prospective parents and carers. Please pass onto anyone you know who will be looking for a school place in September 2020 and of course if you have siblings please book your place on an open morning. **There are still spaces on the** 10th **December**. If you are unable to make this date please contact the school office and we can try to accommodate you with a tour of the school.

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 28th November Woodland art day please send children in 'playout' clothes and a pair of wellies/old shoes to change into.
- Monday 2nd December Author Day David Walliams (no dress up just for information) Inter-house competition details attached
- Wednesday 4th December 2-3pm Stay and play for pre-school September 2020 school ready children please contact office to book your place.
- Thursday 5th December Whole school to the Panto!
- Friday 6th December Reindeer day (more details to follow) Families welcomed at 2pm
- Monday 9th December 9.30am Nativity performance
- Wednesday 11th December 2.00pm Nativity Performance
- Tuesday 10th December 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Thursday 12th December Christmas Fair 3.30 4.30pm
- Monday 16th December Christingle Carol Service at St Nicholas Church children to be picked up from Church at 3.15pm. Service begins at 2.30pm all families welcome.
- Wednesday 18th December Whole school Christmas lunch.
- Wednesday 18th December Children can be picked up at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 18th December End of term
- Thursday 19th December INSET Non Pupil Day

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