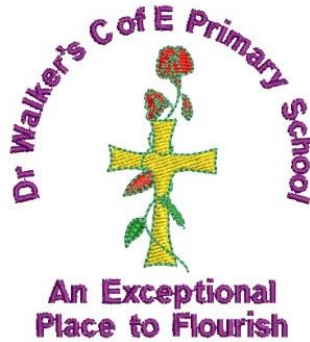


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.  
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.  
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



**22nd November 2019**

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**Attendance Ted will be in Caterpillars & Ladybirds Classes next week - 96.9% - 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 95.7%**

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

## **Christmas Fair Donations and Non-Uniform Day!**

More details from the Happy Helpers about the Christmas Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> December will follow nearer the time but in the meantime please start collecting items to donate for our stalls:

**Christmas Jars** - please festively decorate and fill a small jar (such as a jam jar) with small items (e.g. sweets, crayons, hair clips) for our stall. **Please bring your jars in on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Bring some bottles day**- This will be a **Non-Uniform day** on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** in exchange for bottle donations! We would really appreciate any donations of bottles for our tombola stall - Wine, alcohol, soft drinks or bottled toiletries will all be gratefully received. **Please bring your bottles in on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Thank you in advance for all your help and generosity which will enable the Happy Helpers to make the Christmas Bazaar fun and enjoyable for everyone and to also raise funds for our school.

### **School Photo Orders**

If you ordered your school photographs through the school they were sent home with your child yesterday, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, and those parents received a text informing them of this. If you ordered on-line or had a special order such as a framed print or CD, these will arrive shortly.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 'payout' 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.



# Happy Helpers



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.

Are you a local business or do you have a raffle prize you could donate? All donations very welcome - please hand them into the office.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Author Day - David Walliams:** 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!

## Class Collective Worships: 9.15am All welcome

Date	Leading	Value theme
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Hedgehogs	Courage
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Badgers	Compassion

## Reindeer Day - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

We will be celebrating the reindeer on this day...especially Rudolf! Children are invited to dress as a reindeer. At 2pm we are inviting parents and families to join us for hot chocolate, a reindeer treasure hunt and to buy their reindeer poo and food ready for Christmas. If you can't make it to the event, please feel you can send your child with some money to take part in these events.

The reindeer treasure hunt will be 50p and the other items will be of a similar price. There will also be a chocolate raffle for all to enjoy! We hope to see you there. 2pm in the playground - so wrap up warm!



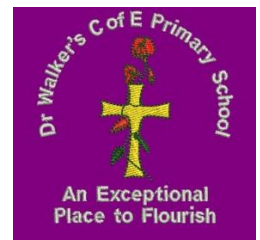
**Inter-house competition - Create a Winter scene with a Reindeer on!** In any medium and deliver to the hall on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> December for judging that day. Please include name and house on the entry.

**Winter Wellness:** Please find attached some information about how to keep well this winter.

**Dates for your Diary**

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Woodland art day - please send children in 'payout' clothes and a pair of wellies/old shoes to change into.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation for Christmas Fair
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Author Day - David Walliams (no dress up - just for information) Inter-house competition details attached
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 2-3pm Stay and play for pre-school September 2020 school ready children - please contact office to book your place.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school to the Panto!
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jars to be delivered to school
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Reindeer day - Families welcomed at 2pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am - Nativity performance
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm Nativity Performance
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair - 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school Christmas lunch.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Children can be picked up at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - End of term
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - INSET Non Pupil Day

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