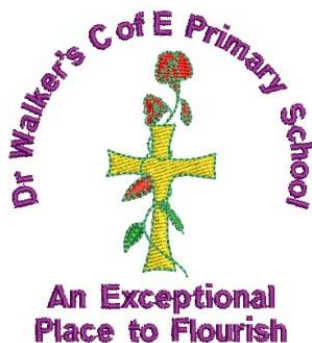


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Build Perseverance and Creativity.

Combine Christian values with Courage and Compassion for us to become successful British Citizens.



15th February 2019

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Attendance Ted will be in Ladybirds Class next week - 99.3% - 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. 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 95.2%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are continually monitoring attendance and you may receive a letter if we are concerned. As a school we aim for a target of 97% attendance overall. We are working hard to achieve this weekly as we know that attendance at school is directly linked to children's outcome. You will receive a letter if your child's attendance falls below 95%, if it doesn't improve you may be asked into school for a meeting to discuss how we can support you to ensure your child attends within the recommended guidelines. It continues to be a big focus

for the school in order to show the children the value we place on their learning. Thank you for your continued support.

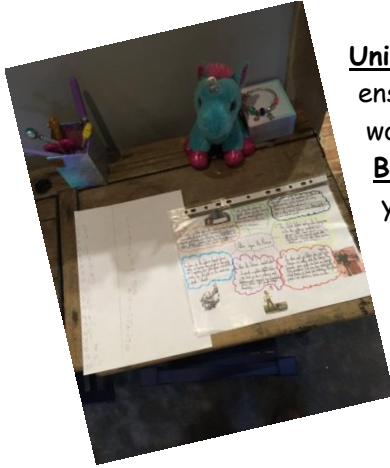
Love was definitely in the air on Thursday and all the staff were treated to a curly wurly!

The sun has come out for us a little this week and the children in EYFS have been planting bulbs and exploring their mud kitchen. In



KS2 lots of active Maths has taken place through our Maths of the day programme!

There has been some wonderful effort put into #homelearningquest and I have enjoyed seeing all the tweets! Well done to you all. Look out for your new set of home learning quests after half term.



Uniform: Our new uniform is fully embedded now and looking wonderful! Please ensure your child is in full uniform, ties are worn and black shoes not trainers are worn. Ties are available from the school office.

Book Week 2019: We have organised a bumper week +1 of events for this year's book week - **more details are attached!** Events include an inter-house potato decorated as your favourite book character competition, an author visit and the launch of our outside library.

Cathedral visits: We are all excited about our visit to Chelmsford Cathedral after Half term; both key stages and EYFS will be going.

Once again it has been a fantastic half term with lots of hard work from the children and staff - I wish you all a happy half term and look forward to seeing you all in a week.

Miss Willis

Parents/carers progress meetings: There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning progress at this point in the year. This will take place on Thursday 7th March and there will be 10 minute slots available from 1.30 until 7.00pm. A letter was sent home recently for you to book your slot.

Dates for your Diary

- Children back to school after half term - Tuesday 26th February
- Thursday 7th March - 1.30-7pm Parents Progress meetings
- Friday 29th March - Mother's Day lunch - Mums, Grandmas and family will be invited in for lunch
- Thursday 4th April - Easter bonnet competition and Easter celebration day. Parents and carers are invited in during the afternoon - more details to follow.
- Tuesday 21st May - Multi cultural Day - more details to follow

Dear God, we are blessed to have learning in our lives; we are blessed to gain wisdom, knowledge and skills at school. We welcome a rest and time to reflect on all we have learnt and to enjoy time with our families and friends. Guide us to come back to school refreshed and ready to learn again. Amen

