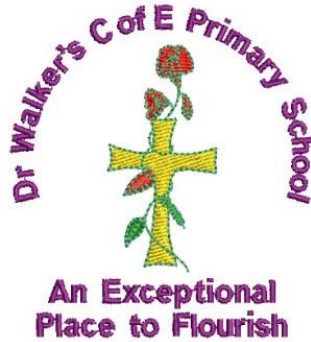


At Dr Walker's School we develop Respect and Responsibility.  
Build Perseverance and Creativity.  
Combine Christian values with Courage and Compassion for us to become successful British Citizens.



**1st March 2019**

Twitter - Follow us @drwalker\_s  
Twitter is also available on our website

Twitter is updated daily with School news - Follow us for regular news!



**Attendance Ted will be in Caterpillars Class next week - 98.6% - 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.

**Learning Heroes**

Lois, Diggy, Harley, Daisy, Laila and Mrs Foster were all nominated this half term. All their Hero pictures can be seen in the school. Staff and children nominated our heroes based on their learning behaviours - Learning Heroes know that we learn from mistakes, persevere and take responsibility for their own learning. What heroes! Nominations are now open for Heroes for this half term. Attached is a form for parents and carers to nominate any adults they think are Learning Heroes - we don't stop learning when we grow up! All nominations to be delivered to the office please. Once all nominations are received Heroes will be announced at the end of term.





**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.

**PARKING:** Could we ask that parents and carers do not use the car park to drop off or pick up. It is only used for disabled parents who already have an agreement with us and for our taxis. It is very important as children are in the car park going to their taxis or cars and we want to

keep them safe at all times. Please park elsewhere when dropping off or picking up. We have also received a complaint from a resident about inconsiderate parking - could we ask that you consider the residents of Walker Avenue when parking in the morning and afternoon.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Multi-skills event:** Hedgehogs took part in a multi-skills event at Ongar Academy on Tuesday and the team effort was fantastic! All the children were working together and spurring each other on. They came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 4 schools and were really proud! Well done Hedgehogs.



**Non-uniform and wear your nose on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> with a £1 suggested donation to comic relief, we will be having a red nose wordsearch challenge in school!**

**Momo :** There is a lot of information to suggest this is a hoax but it is another good opportunity to monitor closely your child's social media. More information here -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47393510>

If you are concerned about any e-safety issue and you think we can help please email our no reply e-safety address.

email. [esafety@fyfieldrwalkers.essex.sch.uk](mailto:esafety@fyfieldrwalkers.essex.sch.uk)

## Fundraising News

We have been so well supported with fundraising. We have purchased some fantastic items for our school. Sometimes it isn't always a big thing but it is items that make a big difference! We have purchased a new projector for the hall, updated software on our laptops and have just ordered some new outdoor equipment for the children to enjoy. We are also in discussions to update the school signage! None of this would be possible without your continued support at school events so Thank you! This year we hope to use our fundraising to buy new interactive whiteboards for our classrooms. This is a much bigger project and we see this taking 2 years, we will be aiming to raise enough to install new interactive boards in KS1 and reception classrooms.



### Dates for your Diary

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Reception and KS1 children to visit Cathedral in Chelmsford. Packed lunch required.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - KS2 children to visit the Cathedral in Chelmsford. Packed lunch required.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - 1.30-7pm Parents Progress meetings. Have you booked your time slot?
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Book character potatoes inter-house competition entries to be in school.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Dress up day! Most inventive costumes encouraged! If you don't want to then full school uniform needs to be worn.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - NSPCC Morning - Collective worship and Workshops for Year 5 and 6.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day - non uniform and red nose wearing! £1 suggested donation
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day lunch - Mums, Grandmas and family will be invited in for lunch
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter bonnet competition and Easter celebration day. Parents and carers are invited in during the afternoon - more details to follow.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Multi cultural Day - more details to follow



Dear God

Thank you for helping us to forgive and move on. Thank you for letting us learn from our mistakes. Amen

Written by Wil in Badgers.

