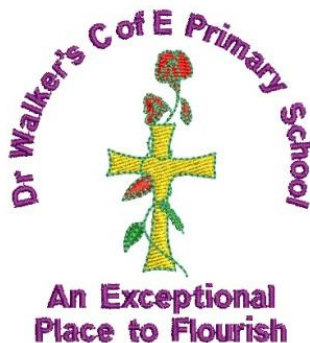


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.  
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.  
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



**8th March 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 95.4%**

**This week Whole School Attendance is 98% which is a fantastic achievement.**

**Cathedral days:** Reception, KS1 and KS2 all attended the Cathedral Days on Monday and Tuesday and what a success they were! The children had a chance to explore the cathedral, sing and take part in some 'big art'. The children were very positive about the experience and all left with a goody bag with a cross and candle for them to keep. One of our Governors, Jill Smylie also attended as she works at Chelmsford Diocese and it was great to spend time with her too.



**Parents Evening** was well attended and all parents were given information about their child's current progress and attainment. If you couldn't make it please contact the school office and your child's teacher can contact you by phone.

**Ash Wednesday:** It was lovely to see Rev Chris on Wednesday - she led Collective worship for us and spoke to the children about Ash Wednesday. We learnt about being sorry and how to move forward. Some children had the opportunity to receive an ash cross and a blessing.



**40 Acts of generosity: 40acts.org.uk Lent 2019**

**40 days, 40 reflections, 40 challenges to make a difference:** All the children have been given a matchbox and a challenge card - we have attached a copy for you to keep at home! Every time they complete an act they can put a grain of rice in their matchbox. Challenge 16 is donate an item to a foodbank. Our collection point is next to the school office and will be there for the duration of Lent.



**Book Week + 1** - What a great day of

dressing up and Potato book character competition to start the week. More photos on Twitter and in next week's newsletter. Well done to everyone who took part in the Potato book character competition - it was spudtastic! Well done to Mrs Spanton for winning the staff completion! Winners of the inter-house competition will be announced in celebration assembly and will be in next week's newsletter.





**NSPCC:** All the children have listened to the NSPCC assembly today where they were given information about Childline, speak out - stay safe and they all met Buddy - he says no to abuse. We all learnt the phone number and were reminded of who the trusted adults were in our lives we can talk to. Thank you NSPCC.



### • 'The Book People' Book Fair



We are having a Book Fair next week! A selection of books for all ages from 'The Book People' at very reasonable prices will be on sale in the ICT suite at the following times:

- Mon 11th - 3:00-3:30pm
- Tues 12th - 8:45-9:15 am & 3:00-3:30pm
- Weds 13th - 8:45-9:15 am & 3:00-3:30pm

A leaflet with details and a competition has been sent home with your child this week. Books can be taken immediately. If we run out of stock copies can be ordered for collection for the following week. Cash only please - card payment is not available. Please support us as the School gets commission and free books from the sales made - Thank you!

**Parking in the School Car Park:** We notice that even after last week's request for parents and carers not to use the car park to drop off or pick up, it is still being used and children are running across in front of staff cars who are arriving or leaving. We are concerned that a child may be hurt so once again we politely ask that parents and carers do not use the car park to drop off or pick up. Thank you.



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!

### **Dates for your Diary**

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day - non uniform and red nose wearing! £1 suggested donation
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair by The Book People - On Sale Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00-3:30 and Tuesday & Wednesday 8:45-9:15.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day lunch - Mums, Grandmas and family will be invited in for lunch (booking form to follow)
- 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

### 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.



Dear God

As we enter Lent, guide us to focus on what we can change in our lives and to take action where we can. Small acts of generosity and gratitude can make a big difference to ourselves and others.

Amen

