

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.



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12th July 2019

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Attendance Ted will be in Ladybirds Class next week - 96.1% - 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%

Marathon Finale: On Friday 19th July we look forward to finishing our Marathon! The children are working hard to complete their laps to achieve their goal. Well done children! Parents and families are invited from 2pm to watch the final laps and see the presentation of medals. Please bring chairs and blankets if you wish. Refreshments will be served from 2.45pm.

Ofsted: We have had our official report published. We are a 'Good school'. The full report is on our website and all families have received it by email. Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day: What a great afternoon and lots of happy faces. Thank you again to Mrs Dawson for fantastic organisation. A big thank you to Ms Deller for the lollies - they were much appreciated and well done to the team for such a successful afternoon of sports.



KS2 Summer Show: Tickets have been sent home this week, please return any tickets you don't require and we can reallocate. We are really looking forward to both performances and we encourage all the children to attend the evening show as it is a team effort! There will be a raffle at both shows and we look forward to seeing parents and families at this event. Could we ask that pushchairs be left outside if possible and very small children are kept on laps and if needed taken out of the hall.

Prom News: The Prom is on Wednesday 17th and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone in their smart outfits and with their dancing shoes on! Please arrive at 5.45pm for photo opportunities in the car park. We would ask that no one parks in the car park - the gates will be shut for safety. The prom starts at 6.00pm and will end at 7.45pm. At the end of the prom the main pupil entrance gates will be opened and parents will be asked to come round to the hall to collect their children and then go out through the main office entrance - this is to ensure everyone is safe.

We need you! - Friday Tuck Shop: This Friday (19th) will be the last Friday tuck shop after school for the year. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have helped this year and historically for the support with running this every week. 10% of all the profits go to CHESS homeless and it is a great treat stop for the children on a Friday! Could you be our next group of parents to help run it? If you are interested in helping to run the tuck shop please see Miss Willis ASAP.

Whole school family Picnic: On the last day of term, parents and families are invited for a Whole school picnic from 12.00pm on the field. Pupils will need to order a dinner or bring a packed lunch. The dinner option will be a picnic style lunch, ham or cheese baguette, crisps, fruit, drink and a piece of cake!

Families are welcome to bring extra nibbles and drinks to enjoy with the children and their friends. Children can then go home from 1.15pm to enjoy their Summer holidays.

End of year reports - Your child's report will come home on Thursday 18th July. We hope you enjoy reading about the progress your child has made. Enclosed will be a parent survey and feedback form. Please complete these and return them in the envelope provided as it is really important we hear your views to improve the school further. We also love to hear positive feedback!

Summer Fair: This year was a fantastic success and it was wonderful to see so many families attend. It was a super day, a huge well done to Cheryl Fry for fantastic organisation and the Happy Helpers team were outstanding once again! We could not do it without the support of our wonderful parents and families. Overall just over £1000 was raised; this will go towards our investment into new interactive whiteboards for the whole school. Thank you for your continued support!

Big SUMMER Read - Essex Libraries - The library service came in this week to tell the children about this year's Summer reading challenge over the holidays! I hope you will encourage your child to take part as much as possible as reading is such an important thing to do. We will be reinventing our reading for pleasure programme at school in September. All children who receive a certificate for completing the BSR will be awarded 25 house points in September!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Tuesday 16th - Meet the teacher morning: When the children come in on Tuesday they will go to their new classroom for September and meet with their teacher. They will be told about this on Monday afternoon as well. We are welcoming Mr Evans in on Tuesday to meet the children and to get to know the team and our families.

Thursday 18th July- Fab Science Day: The children will enjoy a Science filled day with lots of activities linked to their science learning this term. A letter has been sent home with more details.

Whole School Science Day: The children all enjoyed inventing a marble run; they had to design how to make the marble run for a minute and it was great to see how the science investigation skills progressed through the year groups. Some of the marble runs are on display in the main corridor. Well done to Mr Joy for once again inspiring our scientific minds!



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 15th July at 2pm - KS2 Summer Show performance
- Tuesday 16th July at 6pm - KS2 Summer Show performance
- Wednesday 17th July - School Prom 5.45pm arrival in school car park for photos. Prom 6-7.45pm. Parents and carers to pick up at 7.45pm.
- Thursday 18th July - School reports will be sent home with reply slip and parent questionnaire
- Thursday 18th July - Whole School Fab Science Day - letter sent home.
- Friday 19th July - Final celebration assembly of the year at 9.15am (no celebration in afternoon)
- Friday 19th July - 2pm Marathon Finale - Parents and families welcome to join us at the finish line
- Monday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers service at Church - 2pm (all pupils to be collected from church at 3.10pm) Parents and families welcome to join the service.
- Wednesday 24th July - 11.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Year 6 parents/carers only)
- Wednesday 24th July - 12.00pm Whole school Family picnic (everyone welcome) Children are able to leave at 1.15pm.

