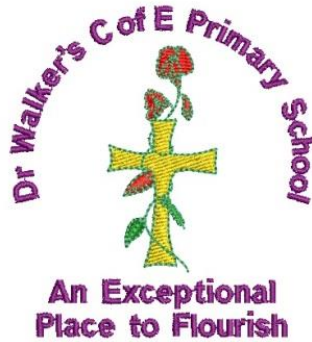


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.

Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.

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



27th September 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 Ladybirds Class next week - 97.7% - 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 96.4%

Secondary School Admission Applications

A reminder from Essex County Council to advise parents of children in Year 6 that they need to log onto the website and make an application by the closing date of 31st October 2019.

Friday 20th September - Roald Dahl Day: Inter-house winners: A huge well done to our winners who gained ribbons for their house in the house cup! It was an amazing effort by all the children.



School Parliament Elections: It was wonderful to see all the children voting for their MPs last week and we were very pleased to announce the successful candidates in celebration assembly. We look forward to our first meeting and hearing their ideas.



School Uniform: We are aware there has been an issue with skirts at School trends. We have spoken to the supplier and they are having problems sourcing the material. They hope to resolve this as soon as possible. In the meantime, grey skirts are fine as an alternative if you have not been able to order a school skirt. We will keep you updated on this situation.

Learning Conferences: You will be receiving your letter shortly regarding Learning conferences on Wednesday 23rd October. Please reply with your preferred slots asap.

Aldi Stickers: We are collecting the Aldi stickers! So please bring them into school so we can add them to our wall chart in the main entrance. Thank you.



Class Collective Worship: We will be introducing Class Collective Worship this year. Caterpillars and Ladybirds will join forces to present their Class Collective worship. Each one will be based on one of our school values and the content will be devised by the children and led by them in different formats. **We welcome parents and families to join us and watch these.** The dates are below and each one should last approximately 25 minutes. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. They will all start at 9.15am.

Date	Leading	Value theme
Thursday 10 th October	Caterpillars/Ladybirds	Creativity
Thursday 17 th October	Hedgehogs	Respect
Thursday 7 th November	Badgers	Responsibility
Thursday 14 th November	Caterpillars/Ladybirds	Perseverance

Thursday 28 th November	Hedgehogs	Courage
Thursday 12 th December	Badgers	Compassion

CHES: We are lucky to be joined by Agnes from CHES who will be delivering Collective Worship to our children each week for 6 weeks. She will giving the children more information about how CHES helps people who may be homeless and what we can all do to make our community better.

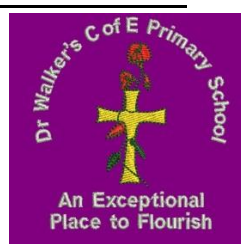


Essex Teaching Awards 2019: Essex teaching awards are now open for nominations. The link takes you to the information page and there are many categories to choose from. We would encourage you to take a look if you think an individual at the school or the school as a whole deserves a nomination. <https://www.essex.gov.uk/essex-teaching-awards>

Parking: In order to keep our children safe we must bring to your attention some issues we are observing with parking. The school car park is not for collecting children unless you have a pre-agreed arrangement due to access issues with the school. Please do not use the car park unless you have this arrangement. Children who are going to taxis are walking across the car park and are then left vulnerable if there is additional traffic. Also could we ask that parents and carers park in a responsible way along Walker's Avenue and take into consideration the safety issues of not doing so. There are many options for parking for the school, Fyfield village hall car park and the church road with access to the footpath to the main entrance. We will be monitoring this situation closely to ensure the safety of the children during pick up.



Dr Walker's CofE Primary School



'a culture that is focused on pupils' well-being as well as their academic achievement'
Ofsted June 2019

Prospective Parents - Come and visit our school - OPEN MORNINGS 2019 - 9.30-11am

Wednesday 25th September 2019

Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Tuesday 12th November 2019

Tuesday 10th December 2019



Open Mornings: Above is information about our Open mornings for prospective parents and carers. Please pass onto anyone you know who will be looking for a school place in September 2020 and of course if you have siblings please book your place on an open morning. Leaflets will be coming home in book bags to share with friends and family.

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 2nd October - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Thursday 10th October - First Class Collective worship - Caterpillars and Ladybirds. Parents/families welcome from 9.15am
- Monday 21st October - Individual School Photographs
- Wednesday 23rd October - Learning conferences (all day)
- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half term
- Tuesday 12th November - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 13th November - Flu Immunisation (Nasal) - Letter to follow
- Thursday 5th December - Whole school to the Panto!
- Tuesday 10th December - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 18th December - End of term
- Thursday 19th December - INSET Non Pupil Day

