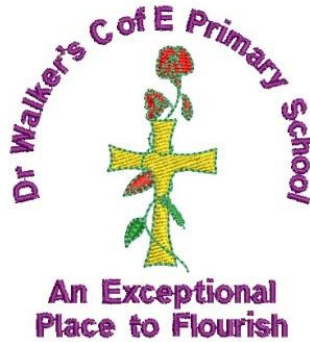


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.

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

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



**11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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**Attendance Ted will be in Badgers Class next week - 99.2% - Well Done!**

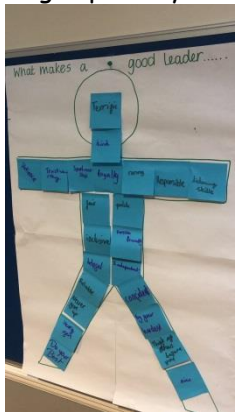
Please be aware that holidays taken during term time could incur a penalty to parents by the Education Welfare Service. Please see our website for the school's Attendance Policy and a copy of the letter informing parents of the possibility of incurring a penalty by taking holidays during term time. Holidays 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 96.9%**

**Diwali day** - please see information attached. On **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, the whole day will be dedicated to learning more about the festival of lights. There is a themed hot lunch for children to try - book on the day, and lots of activities in class. Join us for celebration collective worship at 2.45pm where the children will present learning from the day. Could we ask that no achievements are sent in for this day but brought in the week after half term.

**Breakfast bar stools:** Miss Morley has been hard at work creating STARBOOKS. It is a wonderful area outside Badgers and Hedgehogs class where children can choose books and spend time enjoying reading. We are looking for some breakfast bar stools to complete the area. Can you help? If you can, please contact Miss Morley via the school office. Thank you.

**Play leaders course:** Year 5 enjoyed their training course on how to be play leaders on Wednesday. They were a credit to the school when they visited Chipping Ongar primary and we look forward to some new games and their help to keep our playground a happy place to be.



**Collective Worship - Ladybirds/Caterpillars:** It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members at our first Class Collective worship. It was led by Caterpillars and Ladybirds and we all enjoyed special time together reflecting on the value of creativity. We are all looking forward to Hedgehogs' Class collective worship next week.



# Stay and Play at Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 2-3pm.

We are inviting all parents, families and children to stay and play at the school. If you are considering your school place for September 2020 we are inviting you to spend some time at the school and meet some of the staff. Children and parents will be able to have a look at the reception classroom and enjoy inside and outside! Meet the reception teacher and ask questions. Refreshments will be provided. Please call the school office to book your place on 01277 899298.

**Learning Conferences:** You should have received your letter regarding Learning Conferences on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please reply with your preferred slots asap. We appreciate this is a change to our usual system but we are hoping the new Learning Conferences will enable more information about progress to be communicated.

**Class Collective Worship:** We will be introducing Class Collective Worship this year. 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 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Hedgehogs	Respect
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Badgers	Responsibility
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Caterpillars/Ladybirds	Perseverance
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Hedgehogs	Courage
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Badgers	Compassion

**Hold the date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - we will be inviting parents, carers and extended family in to celebrate Remembrance Day from 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will be offered. The children are asked to dress in WW1/2 costumes for the day.



**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.



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



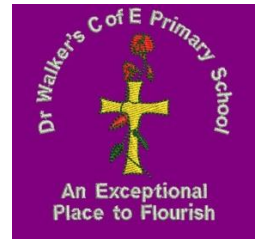
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**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

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Individual School Photographs
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Learning conferences (all day)
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Diwali day - Themed lunch and activities
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Half term
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day- Dress up WW1/2 invite to follow for afternoon tea for parents/carers/families from 1.30pm.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Immunisation (Nasal) - Letter to follow
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school to the Panto!
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - End of term
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - INSET Non Pupil Day

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