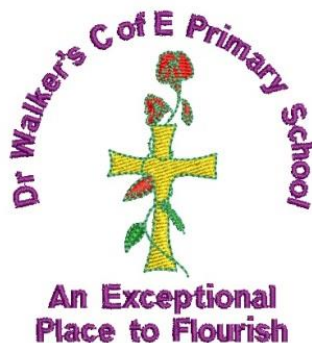


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Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.

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



12th June 2020

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Twitter is also available on our website

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

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It is with great pleasure I am restarting the weekly newsletter. It has been a challenging time for all us but as



always we have worked together to ensure it has been as positive as possible. The emails and messages I have received from parents and families have been wonderful. Some of the children have returned to school this week and they have been happy in their groups with their teachers. It has been lovely to have some children in school - it was too quiet without them! I am so thankful of the wonderful support our families have given the school and all the staff and a huge thank you to you all. #togetherwecan. The children have enjoyed socially distanced golf lessons this week and there has been a real focus on bubbles (the real ones) They have learnt about rainforests and we are now starting to see some amazing displays popping up in school! They have all signed the

Children's charter and understand what we need to do to stay safe. The children have adapted well and as always our wonderful staff have made this work so well because they are so positive and always put the children first. I have felt so proud this week of our amazing Dr Walker team! **At home:** Have a look at our Twitter page @drwalker_s to see lots of wonderful home learning. I have heard from Archie and Laila this week (via their mum's email!) and they have sent a picture of their wonderful learning. Laila has made amazing progress in all areas and her handwriting! WOW! Archie is working hard on his timetables and doing a little every day (which really does make a difference) Well done to them both and well done to all our home learners! Don't forget to

check out our website - PARENTS - CLASSES to see links and activities you can use at home. Teacher's emails are there too if parents and carers need any help or advice.





Year 6 transition: For those families with a child in Year 6, we are working hard on transition with the children to ensure they are as well prepared as they can be for Secondary school in September. I know some children have had contact with their secondary school and have already had some transition information. Most secondary schools have made contact with us and we are working with them to ensure all information is passed up. We are also working with them to organise some dates to visit schools etc. These visits will be under the secondary schools risk assessments etc. Even with the current circumstances we are working hard to ensure the change to secondary school will be as smooth as possible. If you or your child in Year 6 is worried about any aspect of transition please contact Miss Morley or Mrs Lester in the first instance who will be happy to help.

End of Year report: All children will receive an end of year report on Monday 20th July. This will be emailed to parents and carers. The Department for Education have issued guidance on report format which does not include assessment data for end of year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. You will have received your child's progress reports half termly up until March 2020 which included on track data for your child. The end of year reports will focus on achievements in and out of school and will not include attendance data.

11+ Exams: I have attached to this email some information regarding the 11+ exams for current Year 5 who may be interested in applying for Grammar school in September 2021.

Free School Meals

Is your child in Year 2 and starting Year 3 in September 2020?

Do you receive one of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If so, please apply between 25 July and 10 August to ensure that your application can be considered before the start of term

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SILLY SQUAD

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

sillysquad.org.uk



The national Summer Reading Challenge is also moving online this year. The length of time the scheme runs for has also been extended and it launches today.

Children can take part by going to <http://www.sillysquad.org.uk/> and signing up. The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

Although children must have an account to take part in the actual Challenge, lots of other content will be available on the Silly Squad website website and their [Facebook page](#) for everyone to explore.

Children will set their own reading goals over the summer and can then take part using their own reading materials, e-books, e-audio and e-comics from the Essex Libraries online library service or (once libraries have reopened) using books borrowed from our libraries.

Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.

Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged. They also receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!

We hope as many of Dr Walker's children as possible will sign up and we will be celebrating those children in September!!

