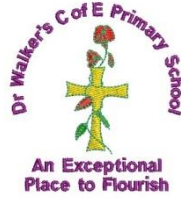


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



Friday 18th December 2020

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Today is the last day of the Autumn term! I cannot believe how quickly the time has flown and how much we have actually achieved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have done to make sure that your children are in school. We know this had not been easy at times and yet we have worked together as a team to make this happen.

Despite the impact that Covid is having on all of our lives we have seen our children engage in a powerful curriculum that has promoted positive emotional health, opportunities to catch up on lost learning and very importantly our children engaging in critical thinking skills right across the curriculum. All our teaching staff are doing an excellent job and we wish to thank them for the dedication and perseverance they show every day in the best interests of the children.



Contact Tracing – informing the School across the Christmas break

Please follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms or tests positive with COVID19 during the Christmas break.

School leaders will be monitoring the admin@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk email across the first 6 days of the Christmas break (19th to 24th December). The School's office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk email and phone line will not be monitored between 19th December and 3rd January.

Please notify the School via the above admin email, if your child starts to display symptoms in the first 2 days of the Christmas break. Do not wait until they have a test result. This early notice to School leaders will help if contact tracing could be required. The email will be monitored by School leaders at 9am and 4pm daily, across the 6-day window up to 24th December.

You only need to contact the school if symptoms began or a positive test result was received within 48 hours of being in school. After this time, use the NHS test and trace service. www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/

You should contact the school if your child will be absent, in time for the first day of the new term. The School office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk email will be monitored from Monday 4th January.

Free School Meal Christmas Vouchers

Today the School has sent URL hyperlinks to all of our FSM eligible families. Please read the instructions on that email. By clicking into the link, you will be able to access a one-time £30 voucher to spend at your preferred supermarket. This will be in the form of a barcode voucher. Essex have only been able to complete these vouchers today for our School, so if you are having issues with the download, do try to contact the School before 3.30pm today. Of course, as the admin email is being checked for the first 6 days of the Christmas period, if you require assistance after today, then a School leader will be in contact to assist – but only for voucher reasons or track and trace as mentioned above.

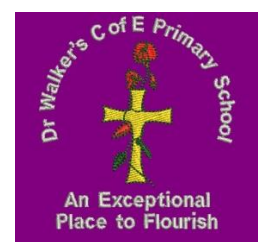
New Menus

A reminder when returning to School in January, our new lunch menus are now available for you and your child to look at. These can be viewed via our School website.

Finally, ...

My term at Dr Walker's comes to an end today, so may I take this opportunity to thank the children, staff, parents, Governors, and all other School stakeholders for being so supportive and positive towards my interim role. I know Dr Lawson and the entire staffing team will look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. As a school community that is continually striving to improve, I'm sure 2021 will be a great year for the Dr Walker's community.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Mr. Dale Bateman
Executive Headteacher



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