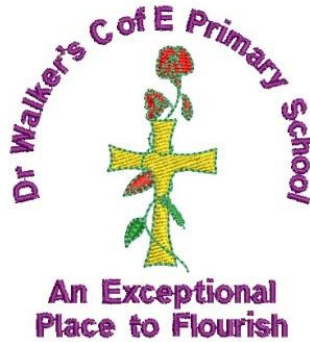


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Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.

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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**

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*As we enter the second half term, our teachers have been working exceptionally hard to welcome pupils back safely every day and assess the impact of lockdown on their learning and wellbeing. It has become increasingly clear that Covid-19 will be with us throughout the winter and, with it, the very real threat that many pupils could be out of school for extended periods of time. What will happen in the next few months is uncertain, but it is as important as ever, that we do everything we can to support each other and members of our community.*



*On a more positive note, teachers have been continually impressed by our pupils. Their resilience and hard work in class is fantastic. We are constantly reminded by parents how much their children are enjoying being back in school and can report that this is evident from seeing them in their classes. They are a credit to their families.*

### **Married!**

Huge congratulations to Mrs Debrah-Nkansah, formerly known as Miss Morley, our Year 6 class teacher, who after numerous rescheduled dates due to Covid, was able to enjoy her wedding day mid-October. We wish the Debrah-Nkansah family a lifetime of love and happiness.



### **Photo Day – CHANGE OF DATE**

We have had to change our individual/sibling photo day, previously booked for **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. The new photo day is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Half Term**

A reminder that school will be closed next week for the half-term break and will reopen on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

## **It's time to wrap up warm!**

You will be aware that we have windows open throughout the school on occasion to ensure ventilation throughout the rooms and school buildings. We do have the heating on in school, but it is starting to feel a little colder. We do encourage your child to wear extra layers underneath their uniform or PE kit and make sure they always have their coat with them.



## **Essex: local level alert (high)**

LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

**HIGH**

The increase in cases of coronavirus has now led to Essex being placed into the Tier 2 (high) category of restrictions. It is now more important than ever that everyone continues to follow public health advice. School will obviously remain open and we will be following the social distancing and hygiene rules that are in place.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/what-the-high-COVID-alert-level-means-for-you>

## **Parents Consultation**

This year due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to have our usual face-to-face meetings in your child's classroom. Instead we are going to be holding phone/virtual meetings with parents across the second half of this term. You will receive more information after the half term break.

## **Message for Year 6 parents**

A reminder to our Year 6 parents, you need to select your child's secondary school place by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please click on the following link to apply if you have not already done so.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

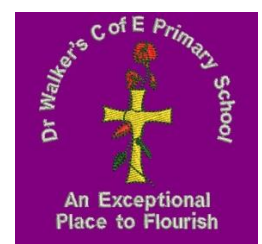
## **Covid communication**

If your personal circumstances change, due to symptoms or a positive test, please message the school office so that immediate action can be taken to ensure that we keep our community safe. Can we remind you again that if your child is displaying symptoms, please do not send them into school and do book a Covid19 test. This helps protect everyone and reduces the possible transmission. The office will let the class teacher know of your child's absence, who will then contact you about our remote learning curriculum.

*Have a wonderful half-term break – rest, relax and be safe.*

*Mr. Dale Bateman*

*Executive Headteacher*



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