

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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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.

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Attendance Ted will be in Bees Class next week - 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.

Easter Celebration afternoon - Wednesday 28th March 2pm - 4pm

We hope to see you all at our celebration where there will be refreshments, a raffle and games to play - please bring change! We will be holding an Easter boggle family game from 2.30pm - a great chance to be competitive with the children. I hope you are all busy creating your Easter bonnets - children should bring them into school with their entry fee of £1.00 on the morning ready for the parade at 2.10pm where they will be judged! Good luck! All proceeds raised will go to Dr Walker's School.



School Clubs

All clubs finish this week except for Miss Morley's SATs Club. Clubs will restart week commencing Monday 23rd March. Netball club will continue until July.

For the Summer term Mr Watts will be running Football Club for years 1, 2 and 3 this term and Dodgeball for years 2, 3 and 4. These clubs cost £35.00 for 10 weeks. Please collect an application form from the office if you would like a place for your child.

Sumdog Update!

We have seen a brilliant number of children make the most of Sumdog since November and these children have made fantastic progress in their Maths work. Due to this success, we have now extended our subscription to cover Reading, Spelling and Writing. The children can access Maths, Reading and Spelling by clicking on the subject listed on their home screen and they will be able to access Writing at school. If you have misplaced the log in, please speak to the class teacher for another copy! Please support your children in making the most of this excellent resource at home!

Animal Day - Monday 19th March

What a great day for all the children, they all learnt about different types of animals and all held them. There were lots of brave children and the smiles were fantastic.



School Meals Debt Policy

Please see the website for the revised School Meal Debt Policy. The School asks for payment in advance for school meals although we fully understand that occasionally this can be overlooked by busy parents. We have, however, had to review our school lunch debt policy in the light of the large amounts owing.

As a reminder:

- School meals should be paid for in advance by the Friday of the previous week.
- The School does not operate a payment in arrears system.
- Our debt policy allows a maximum of 5 meals to be owed (currently £11.00)
- We will continue to send a reminder letter home with pupils every week for any amounts owing.
- If arrears accumulate to more than 1 week (5 meals) of owed payments a second letter will be sent notifying parents that we cannot continue to provide any further meals until the arrears are paid.

Please contact the School Office if you are having any difficulties making payments

Safeguarding



The NSPCC have launched their 'talk about pants' campaign - which helps children understand their rights. Look on their website for resources and information.

Last Friday Hedgehog class had a fantastic Home Safety talk with Roy from Essex Fire Safety Team. They learnt about the importance of Smoke alarms and the important signs to look for to prevent a fire from happening at home. Badgers also enjoyed their Internet Safety workshop. They are aware of dangers when accessing the internet (through games, messaging and social media, etc) but are now aware of how to stay safe online and what to do if anything happens. Both classes are already looking forward to Roy's return visit!

Change of Collection Arrangements

If you need to make changes to collection arrangements please telephone the School Office before 12:45 to allow a message to go to the teacher with the registers. If you have regular agreements with other parents to collect each other's children please put this in writing to the School Office - there will then be no need for you to telephone on the day if the person collecting is on your approved list.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will be held on Thursday 29th March at 2:45pm next week due to Good Friday.

Dates for your diary

- Celebration Assembly - every Friday at 2.45pm (unless notified otherwise)
- Wednesday 28th March - Easter Celebration Afternoon
- Thursday 29th March - Last day of term.
- Monday 16th April - NON-PUPIL DAY
- Tuesday 17th April - Pupils return to school after Easter break
- Thursday 5th July - Sports Day 1.30pm
- Tuesday 10th July - 1.30pm KS2 Show performance
- Wednesday 11th July - 7.00pm KS2 Show performance
- Tuesday 17th July - 1.30pm (Sports Day back up day in case of rain!)
- Friday 20th July - 11.00 Year 6 Leavers assembly (Year 6 parents only)
- Friday 20th July - 12.00 Whole school picnic (all parents welcome)

Dear Lord

Thank you for our friends and family, sorry for being naughty. Please help people who don't have enough money.

Amen

Written by Willow (Badgers)

