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

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

22nd June 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week, KS1 were the winner of District Sports Small schools coming first in Track and Field events. Well done to Mr Joy for excellent organisation and all the team and parents for supporting our children.



**Summer Fair - TOMBOLA Donations needed!** Any tombola item welcomed as a donation for our upcoming Summer fair, wine, chocolate, smellies or anything lovely will be gratefully received. Please deliver to the school office.

#### **Father's Day Lunch**

It was so much fun to have our Dads and other adults in for Father's Day lunch, the children loved showing them their portraits and we all enjoyed the Limbo competition as part of our 30/30 Essex challenge. Thank you to everyone involved.



#### **PGL - September 2018**

All of the children have now signed up for our exciting residential which will provide learners with opportunities to take risks, try new activities and team build with their new class. Mrs Lester and myself will

be visiting the site on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to check out the brand new facilities. A short meeting will take place in September to give parents and carers more information about the trip.

### **New Uniform**

On Tuesday, we showed parents and carers our new uniform for September 2018, thank you for your positive feedback and I have collated your questions and the answers are below. Please contact us for a question form if you have any more queries or questions.

#### **Will all children wear a tie?**

Yes, all children will wear a shirt and tie. The tie will be a clip on and we will review this in one year to see if we feel a 'normal' tie would be better. We have taken advice and a clip on tie has been recommended to us at this stage.

#### **Where can uniform be sourced from?**

All children are asked to wear a logo jumper, school tie and for girls the kilt - these items can be purchased from school trends - the online supplier we have used previously. Shirts, grey trousers and grey shorts can be purchased from supermarkets and other retailers. For girls the purple check summer dress is available online at school trends and can be sourced from other retailers.

#### **What bags are available?**

We have made the decision to remove the school rucksack as an option as they are very bulky and cause many problems in our cloakrooms. At school trends there is a KS2 school bag and a book bag available with the school logo on. School caps and hats are not available at the moment; this will be reviewed next year.

#### **What is the PE kit?**

Polo shirts with the school logo on (available on school trends) and black shorts or skirts.

#### **Can they wear long and short sleeved shirts?**

Yes, either is fine, embroidered or frilly accessories on shirts will not be part of the new uniform policy.

#### **Is there a cardigan for girls?**

No, we have made the decision to not offer a cardigan. We have given this a lot of thought and jumpers look smarter. The school jumpers are for boys and girls with the school logo on. Other purple plain items will not be part of the new uniform policy.

#### **Can the girls wear grey skirts?**

In the interim girls can wear grey skirts as they grow out of their current uniform, from September 2020 the kilt will be compulsory. Girls are welcome to wear grey trousers or shorts as an alternative.

#### **Can boys wear trousers or shorts?**

Boys can choose between grey trousers or shorts.

#### **Is there a school coat?**

Yes, there is a school coat available at school trends - this is optional. The uniform policy will state that other coats should be black or dark in colour.

#### **Do I need to buy it for September 2018?**

No - all families have 2 years to roll over to the new uniform, thus spacing out financial implications and giving time for the children to grow out of the old uniform. The new uniform will be compulsory for all by September 2020.

#### **Can the children wear hair bows?**

Yes but they must be of a small size and purple or black.

#### **What colour shoes will the children need?**

Black shoes or plain black leather look trainers.

#### **What colour socks can the children wear?**

Girls should wear white socks. Boys should wear black socks.

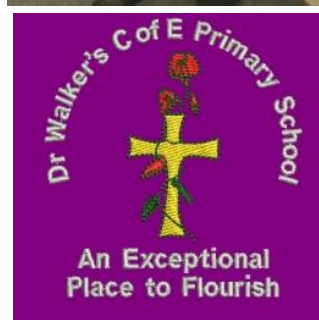
#### **Can the children wear tights?**

Yes - Grey only.

The full uniform policy will be available in the next couple of weeks and available on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel your question has not been answered here.

### **Mrs Thurley**

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to Mrs Thurley's memorial. We have researched and found a beautiful rose which pays tribute to Mrs Thurley's first name. I spoke to the school parliament about this



choice and all the MPs felt this was a fitting tribute. We will be ordering them in due course and a short service and planting will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm. We are ordering a plaque and hope to have it on that day too, if it is not delivered in time - it will be in situ for when the children return in September. Again thank you to everyone in the school community for their contributions to this memorial.

### **Parent Governors**

In September we will be writing to all parents asking for nominees to fill a parent governor vacancy. Details about the role and election process will be included and any parent can apply. Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. Please take time over the summer holidays to consider if you would like to stand for election as a parent governor - it is an exciting opportunity for parents to have real impact on the success and future of the school.

**Mrs Larkin**



### **Attendance Ted will be in Ladybirds Class next week - 100% - 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.

### **Happy Helpers**

We are always grateful to the Happy Helpers group who come into school to help us with events. All family members of our children are welcome to help and you can help at one event or all of them, any help is welcomed. The Happy Helpers are not a PTA so the ideas for the events come from the school and then Cheryl Fry who is our Happy Helper coordinator communicates the information to all. Cheryl then organises who can help and what they can help with. We are so grateful for offers of help and in the first instance contact Cheryl who will give you details of events coming up!

### **Dates for your diary**

- Celebration Assembly - every Friday at 2.45pm (unless notified otherwise)
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - 12-4pm Dr Walker's Summer Fair - held on Fyfield Playing Field
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day 1.30pm
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Bikeability Day 2
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm KS2 Show performance
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 3pm - Short service for Mrs Turley - planting of roses.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 7.00pm KS2 Show performance
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm (Sports Day back up day in case of rain!)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - School Prom 6pm - 8pm (invitation only - see letter)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 11.00 Year 6 Leavers assembly (Year 6 parents only)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 12.00 Whole school picnic (all parents welcome)