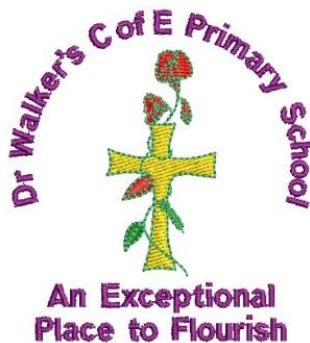


At Dr Walker's School we develop Respect and Responsibility.
Build Perseverance and Creativity.
Combine Christian values with Courage and Compassion for us to become successful British Citizens.



5th October 2018

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It was with a heavy heart we said goodbye to Mrs Liddicoat this week, she has worked for the school for eight years. Mrs Liddicoat was a valued member of staff, always enthusiastic and she worked tirelessly to improve school life for everyone. I know she would want me to thank you for your gifts and cards and she will be missed. We wish her luck in her adventures and we know she will be popping in soon for tea and cake!



Our PGL trip last week was a fantastic success and it was wonderful to see so many children overcome fear, take risks and embrace challenge. The setting was perfect and all of us enjoyed the coastal walk taking in the sea air. Thank you to Mr Joy and Mrs Walker for their commitment to the success of the residential trip this year.



Cross country club will start after half term and we are hoping to use the playing fields for extended practise. Could you help to marshal? You wouldn't need to attend every week but if you can offer any help on a Monday from 3:15 until 4.15pm there is a timetable in the office for helpers.

Open Days

We are delighted to be offering some Open Days this year for prospective parents. It is an opportunity for new parents to see the school in action, meet the staff and children and all sessions will have a speech from Head boy and Head girl. Leaflets have gone out in book bags this week - if you know a prospective parent who would find this of interest please pass on or display for us.

Parent Governor Nomination Form

Parent governor nominations forms were sent out by email to all parents on 20th September. Nominations need to be returned to the School Office by Monday 8th October.

Dr Walker's
C of E Primary School
Open Days

Come and have a look at the learning taking place, meet the children and staff and see the school in action. There will be an opportunity to meet the Head teacher and have any questions answered.

Wednesday 10th October
9.30-11.00am (Head teacher talk at 10.30am)

Tuesday 13th November
9.30-11.00am (Head teacher talk at 10.30am)

Thursday 29th November
1-2.30pm (Head teacher talk at 2.00pm)

Please contact the school office to book your place for the open day.
Telephone: 01277 899298

We would love to see you there!
5 minutes drive from Ongar
Dr Walker's School, Walkers Avenue
Dr Field, Nr Ongar, Essex CM9 0RG
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School Meals Debt Policy Reminder

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.

- 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 send a reminder text letter home with pupils every week for any amounts owing to keep you aware of your balance
- If arrears accumulate to more than 1 week (5 meals/£11.00) of owed payments a second text will be sent notifying parents that we payment needs to be made as soon as possible.
- If arrears accumulate to more than 2 weeks (10 meals/£22.00) of owed payments 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.



Attendance Ted will be in Caterpillars Class next week - 98.9% - 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.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 15th October - Parent Forum (selected parents only) 2.30pm
- Tuesday 16th October - 2-7pm Parents evening (time slot preference letters have gone home)
- Friday 19th October - MP for Brentwood and Ongar - Alex Burghart to visit school.
- Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October - Half term
- Tuesday 30th October - Flu immunisation morning
- Monday 5th November - School photos for individual photos and family groups
- Monday 5th November - Fireworks lunch for the children with sparkly jelly.
- Friday 9th November - Remembrance Day lunch and activities for parents and grandparents - more details to follow.
- Friday 9th November - Dress in WW2 Themed clothes!

Christmas Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 5th December - Whole school pantomime trip
- Friday 7th December - Christmas Bazaar - 3:20-4:45pm
- Tuesday 11th December - 9:30 Caterpillars and Ladybirds Nativity morning performance
- Thursday 13th December 2.00pm Caterpillars and Ladybirds Nativity afternoon performance
- Tuesday 18th December - Victorian Christmas Dinner (Dress up)
- Wednesday 19th December - Christmas concert for parents/carers/grandparents - 1.15pm followed by mince pies and refreshments.



Dear God

Guide us to reflect on all the special people in our lives who help us, advise us and care for us when we need them. Remind us to thank them and show them we appreciate them as much as we can.

Amen

House Points last week

Winners - Normans -
236

Saxons - 212

Romans - 214

Vikings - 187

