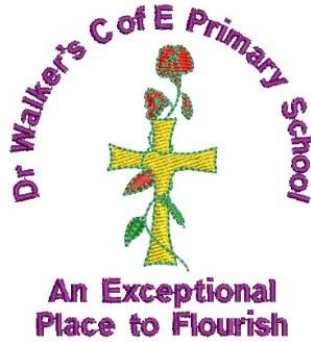


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Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



12th October 2018

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Twitter is also available on our website.

Twitter is updated daily with School news - Follow us for regular news!

Last week in celebration assembly many children delivered a speech for the vacancy of MP of extra opportunities and MP of environment. The speeches were all excellent and the children articulated their views and ideas in a very mature way. On Wednesday all the children in the school were asked to vote based on the speeches and posters they have seen in school. I am delighted to announce our new MP of Extra opportunities is Thomas in Badgers and MP of Environment is Max. All the candidates gave excellent speeches and we welcome the 2 elected MPs to the parliament of Dr Walker's.

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Rose she has given many hours of commitment to the school over the last 9 years and she will greatly missed. Mrs Rose now wants to spend more time with her young family. We wish her every success and we know she will be in to see us soon.

Christmas Card competition - MP Alex Burghart is running a Christmas card competition - he is asking children across Brentwood and Ongar to design him a Christmas card to send to all his contacts over the festive season. It would be lovely for a child from Dr Walker's to enter! His poster is attached. Good luck. For every child who enters they will receive 25 HPs.

This week 6 of our Year 5s attended Sports leaders training - they were excellent according to my sources and we look forward to them leading play in our playground this year!

Remembrance Day lunch - parents and carers are invited in for lunch on Friday 9th November and in the afternoon, grandparents are invited for an afternoon tea. Information will be sent home on Tuesday next week and orders will need to be placed by Monday 5th November.

Looking forward to another fantastic week.

Miss Willis

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 it for us.

Parent View

You will be asked your views at parents evening on Tuesday with a paper survey, however you can register and complete a quick survey on parent view at any time. When we receive our next visit from Ofsted you will also be asked your views, it is a fantastic way to collect

A purple flyer for Dr Walker's C of E Primary School Open Days. The text on the flyer includes: '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 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 12.30pm (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, Ifield, Nr Ongar, Essex CM3 9SD. www.drwalkersfield.jk.org', and 'You can follow us on Twitter @drwalker_s'. The flyer also features the school's logo and the tagline 'An Exceptional Place to Flourish'.

your feedback and you can complete this quick survey online at any time. It would be great for the school's development if parents and carers could spare a few minutes to go to parent view online and complete the survey. There is also a link on the school website.



Easyfundraising

Join Easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds. If you would like to donate to the school while doing your online shopping please register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Dr Walker's - it costs nothing to register and your donations don't cost you anything!

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 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 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 - 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.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 15th October - Parent Forum (selected parents only) 2.30pm
- Tuesday 16th October - 2-7pm Parents evening
- 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!



House Points last week

Winners - Normans 302

Saxons - 213

Romans - 207

Vikings - 230

A blue rectangular logo with a white crown at the top. Below the crown, the text 'WORK HARD AND EARN HOUSE POINTS' is written in white, bold, capital letters. At the bottom of the logo, there is a small white decorative flourish.

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