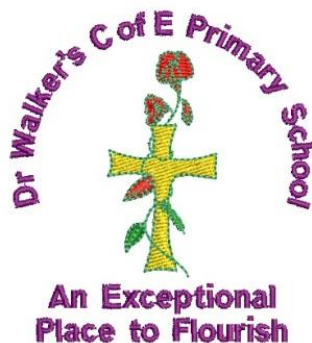


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Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.

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



29th November 2019

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Attendance Ted will be in Hedgehogs Class next week - 98.1% - 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. Holidays in September will automatically incur a fine - please see our attendance policy for more information. Children who attend 98% and above will receive a text for them and their parents or carers. This is to congratulate them for good learning behaviours that will stay with them for life.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 95.7%

Christmas Tree!

A BIG Thank You to Larkins Farm (no relation!) for their generous donation of our lovely Christmas tree. Leaflets about Larkins Farm trees and meeting Father Christmas were sent home a couple of weeks ago - if you cannot find your leaflet the website is <https://Larkinsfarm.co.uk> a local company based in Blackmore. A donation to the charity SEND will be made for each tree purchased.

Book Fair and Big Book Boost

We sold a total of £291 of books at our Book Fair and will be able to buy some books for the school with the commission earned so thank you to all who came to our fair.

The Book People have launched the **Big Book Boost** which means every time you spend £10 or over on The Book People website The Book People will make a donation to the school to purchase more books!

Children in Need

Our non-uniform day and cake sales raised £123.60 for Children in need - thank you for your generous donations and delicious cakes!

Nativity dates: Caterpillars and Ladybirds are beginning practise of the annual Nativity. There will be performances on Monday 9th December at 9.30am and Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm. More information about tickets will follow.

Happy Helpers



We have many events coming up in November and December including the Christmas Fair (see dates for your diary) Can you help?

Last year we raised money to install new Interactive whiteboards in all our classrooms and they are fantastic! This year we would like to fundraise to renovate some areas of our school.

We always welcome willing helpers to assist with all our events and could not do many of these events without our volunteers. It doesn't matter how many events you help at - all help is welcomed. Please contact Cheryl Fry or the school office (who will pass on your details) if you can offer a couple of hours to help at events.

Are you a local business or do you have a raffle prize you could donate? All donations very welcome - please hand them into the office.

Thursday 28th November: Woodland art day: What a wonderful afternoon organised by Miss Tierney, the children worked in their house groups to collect natural materials and create a piece of art together. They also decorated CDs which will be used for something exciting! It was great to see the children getting muddy and enjoying the environment.



Christmas Fair Donations and Non-Uniform Day!

More details from the Happy Helpers about the Christmas Fair on 12th December will follow nearer the time but in the meantime please start collecting items to donate for our stalls:

Christmas Jars - please festively decorate and fill a small jar (such as a jam jar) with small items (e.g. sweets, crayons, hair clips) for our stall. **Please bring your jars in on Friday 6th December.**

Bring some bottles day- This will be a **Non-Uniform day** on **Friday 29th November** in exchange for bottle donations! We would really appreciate any donations of bottles for our tombola stall - Wine, alcohol, soft drinks or bottled toiletries will all be gratefully received. **Please bring your bottles in on Friday 29th November**

Thank you in advance for all your help and generosity which will enable the Happy Helpers to make the Christmas Bazaar fun and enjoyable for everyone and to also raise funds for our school.

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Class Collective Worships: 9.15am All welcome

Thursday 12 th December	Badgers	Compassion
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Reindeer Day - Friday 6th December

We will be celebrating the reindeer on this day...especially Rudolf! Children are invited to dress as a reindeer. At 2pm we are inviting parents and families to join us for hot chocolate, a reindeer treasure hunt and to buy their reindeer poo and food ready for Christmas. If you can't make it to the event, please feel you can send your child with some money to take part in these events.

The reindeer treasure hunt will be 50p and the other items will be of a similar price. There will also be a chocolate raffle for all to enjoy! We hope to see you there. 2pm in the playground - so wrap up warm!

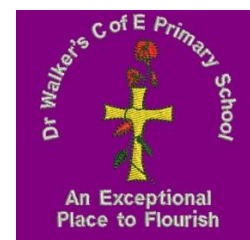
Inter-house competition - Create a Winter scene with a Reindeer on! in any medium and deliver to the hall on the morning of the 6th December for judging that day. Please include name and house on the entry.



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 2nd December - Author Day - David Walliams (no dress up - just for information) Inter-house competition details attached
- Wednesday 4th December - 2-3pm Stay and play for pre-school September 2020 school ready children - please contact office to book your place.
- Thursday 5th December - Whole school to the Panto!
- Friday 6th December - Christmas Jars to be delivered to school
- Friday 6th December - Reindeer day - Families welcomed at 2pm
- Monday 9th December - 9.30am - Nativity performance
- Tuesday 10th December - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 11th December - 2.00pm Nativity Performance
- Thursday 12th December - Christmas Fair - 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Monday 16th December - Christingle Carol Service at St Nicholas Church - children to be picked up from Church at 3.15pm. Service begins at 2.30pm all families welcome.
- Wednesday 18th December - Whole school Christmas lunch.
- Wednesday 18th December - Children can be picked up at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 18th December - End of term
- Thursday 19th December - INSET Non Pupil Day

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