

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.



An Exceptional Place to Flourish

1st February 2019

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Attendance Ted will be in Badgers Class next week - 94.1% - 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. 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 95.4%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

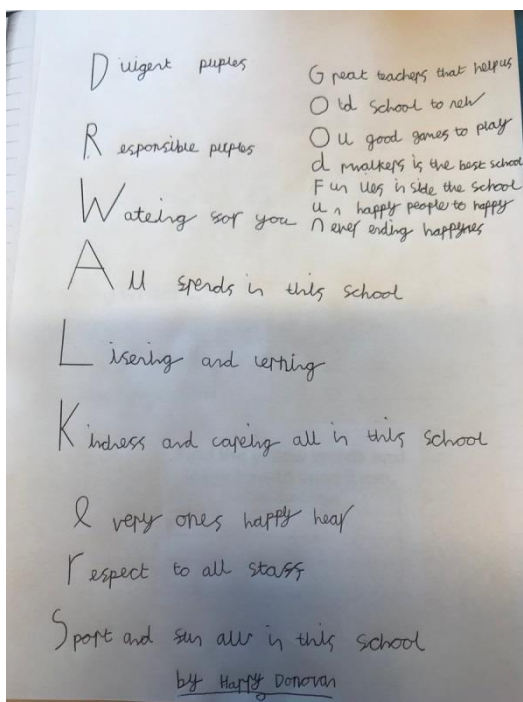
No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action!	

Research shows there is a **direct link with a child's success in learning and their attendance at school**. We try to send letters to parents and carers ASAP to alert you when your child's absence is falling behind. You will receive a letter if your child's attendance falls below 95%. Although it is difficult at this time of year with bugs around it is important to send your child to school as much as you can. The traffic light system below should help with identifying when you should send them. All unauthorised absences of 5 or more days will receive a letter and potentially a referral to the local authority to fine parents. Please see our attendance policy on the website or hard copy from the office for more information on this. Attached to the newsletter this week is some useful medical information.

Parents/carers progress meetings: There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning progress at this point in the year. This will take place on Thursday 7th March and there will be 10 minute slots available from 1.30 until 7.00pm. A letter will come home in the next couple of weeks for you to book your slot.

Saturday 16th March - Hall and classroom painting.

We really need hands on help to paint our hall and one classroom; the school will provide the paint! Do you have a couple of hours that day you could spare to help paint the walls? Do you have some rollers sitting around doing nothing? We really want to continue to work to make our school a special and bright place for the children. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate children on this day for Health and safety reasons. In the first instance could you let the office know you are available (even if it is just for an hour - every little helps) and Miss Willis will contact you. Thank you



School Poem: I received this today and I was delighted to read the way in which Harry had described our school. Thank you for writing it in best and all the effort you have put into this wonderful piece of work. Well done Harry D in Hedgehogs.

Phonics Workshop: Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the phonics workshop on Wednesday. If you would like handouts please see your class teacher.

Collective Worship: This week we have focused on mistakes and how we learn from them. In addition on Wednesday we looked at the rock, pebbles and sand story to understand how we need to focus on the big things rather than worry about the little things. We have reflected on what is important in our lives and how we can make sure we focus on these things and not let the little things take over.

It has been wonderful to have Jane Quinton, Curate here this week, we have loved having her in school. We met with children on Thursday and asked them this question. What do you think the school and staff want

for you? Greatness, success and happiness was just a few of the answers.



Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 5th February - Chinese New Year Lunch (special menu)
- Thursday 7th March - 1.30-7pm Parents Progress meetings
- Thursday 14th February - Valentines Lunch (Special menu with a heart theme)
- Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February - Half term

Dear God

Help us to remember mistakes, help us learn; we can use them to help us reflect on choices or how to approach things differently next time. Guide us to see mistakes as a positive learning experience rather than something we should try to hide.

Amen