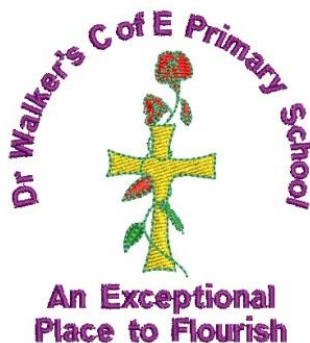


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



8th February 2019

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Attendance Ted will be in Badgers Class next week - 94.8% - 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 95.3%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are continually monitoring attendance and you may receive a letter if we are concerned. As a school we aim for a target of 97% attendance overall. We are working hard to achieve this weekly as we know that attendance at school is directly linked to children's outcome. You will receive a letter if your child's attendance falls below 95%, if it doesn't improve you may be asked into school for a meeting to discuss how we can support you to ensure your child attends within the recommended guidelines. It continues to be a big focus for the school in order to show the children the value we place on their learning. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Congratulations Mrs Walker and her husband are expecting a baby in July, we are so excited and pleased for them and I am sure you will join us in congratulating them. Parents and carers in Badgers class will be given more information regarding the class nearer the time. Congratulations!

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.



Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Tuesday 14th May - CSSE 11 + SIF registration opens (see attachment)
- Monday 1st July - CSSE 11 + registration closes (see attachment)
- Saturday 21st September - 11 + Main Test date (see attachment)