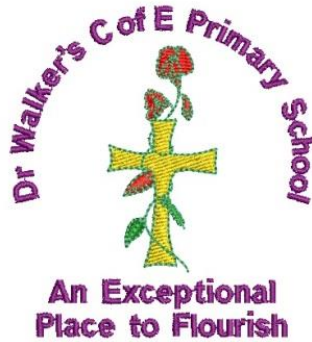


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



18th October 2019

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Attendance Ted will be in Badgers Class next week - 95% - 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 96.4%

Remembrance Afternoon Tea and dress up day: Monday 11th November : We are inviting parents, carers, grandparents and extended family into school to celebrate Remembrance Day from 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will be offered at 2.30pm. The children are asked to dress in WW1/2 costumes for the day. We hope you can make it - please see attached reply slip.



Home reading quest: We hope you have all received your letters regarding our home reading quest and you will receive the new records on Monday. We were delighted to hear that the library had lots of Dr Walker visitors and we have made contact with Ongar library and hope to establish some more links in the future.



 **KIDSCAPE**
Help With Bullying

 **ANDERSEN PRESS**

 **SOCKSHOP**

Elmer Friendship Day - Friday

8th November: This is national friendship day and the following week 11th-15th

November is anti-bullying week. On Friday 8th we are asking children to come into school in their brightest colours just like Elmer as we have a day focus on friendships and how to work together even when we are all different. The following week, each class will be taking part in mini activities all week to learn more about what bullying is and how to ensure we are a bully free zone.

Individual photos - Monday 21st October: Please arrive at school for 8.30am if you would like a photo taken with a pre-school sibling. Siblings within school will be taken throughout the morning. Full uniform should be worn for the photos.

Diwali day - please see information attached. On **Friday 25th October**, the whole day will be dedicated to learning more about the festival of lights. **There is a themed hot lunch for children to try - book on the day**, and lots of activities in class. Join us for celebration collective worship at 2.45pm where the children will present learning from the day. Could we ask that no achievements are sent in for this day but brought in the week after half term.

Collective Worship- Hedgehogs



A wonderful Collective Worship from Hedgehogs today on the value Respect. It was a great reminder of how little things like saying thank you, saying hello to someone and holding a door open can show respect. We all learnt a lot from Mr Happy! Well done Hedgehogs.

Curling: We are part of the West Essex Sports partnership and we have been given the opportunity to offer the children an extra sports session to learn curling this term. All the classes have had a go and will progressively learn new skills through the next 5 weeks.

Head teacher's tea party: I always enjoy seeing the children at my weekly tea party. The children are invited when their books are well presented and they have taken great pride in their work. It is getting trickier for teachers to choose and this is great to hear. Well done to everyone who attended this week.



Stay and Play

at Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School
Wednesday 4th December - 2-3pm.

We are inviting all parents, families and children to stay and play at the school.

If you are considering your school place for September 2020 we are inviting you to spend some time at the school and meet some of the staff. Children and parents will be able to have a look at the reception classroom and enjoy inside and outside! Meet the reception teacher and ask questions. Refreshments will be provided.

Please call the school office to book your place on 01277 899298.

Learning Conferences: You should have received your letter regarding Learning Conferences on Wednesday 23rd October. Please reply with your preferred slots asap. We appreciate this is a change to our usual system but we are hoping the new Learning Conferences will enable more information about progress to be communicated.

Class Collective Worships: 9.15am All welcome

| Date | Leading | Value theme |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Thursday 7th November | Badgers | Responsibility |
| Thursday 14th November | Caterpillars/Ladybirds | Perseverance |
| Thursday 28 th November | Hedgehogs | Courage |
| Thursday 12 th December | Badgers | Compassion |

Aldi Stickers: We are collecting the Aldi stickers! So please bring them into school so we can add them to our wall chart in the main entrance. Thank you.



Prospective Parents - Come and visit our school - OPEN MORNINGS 2019 - 9.30-11am



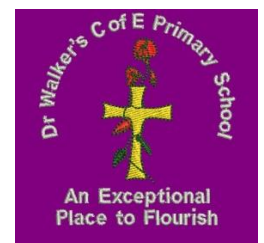
Tuesday 12th November 2019
Tuesday 10th December 2019

Open Mornings: Above is information about our open mornings for prospective parents and carers. Please pass onto anyone you know who will be looking for a school place in September 2020 and of course if you have siblings please book your place on an open morning. Leaflets will be coming home in book bags to share with friends and family.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 21st October - Individual School Photographs
- Wednesday 23rd October - Learning conferences (all day)
- Friday 25th October - Diwali day - Themed lunch and activities
- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half term
- Friday 8th November - Friendship Friday - Dress in your brightest clothes like Elmer
- Monday 11th November - Remembrance Day- Dress up WW1/2 invite to follow for afternoon tea for parents/carers/families from 1.30pm.
- Tuesday 12th November - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 13th November - Flu Immunisation (Nasal) - Letter to follow
- Thursday 5th December - Whole school to the Panto!
- Tuesday 10th December - 9.30-11am Open Morning
- Wednesday 18th December - End of term
- Thursday 19th December - INSET Non Pupil Day

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