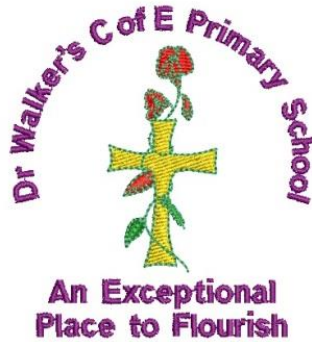


At Dr Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



10th January 2020

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Attendance Ted will be in Caterpillars, Ladybirds and Hedgehogs Classes next week - 96.9% - 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 95.8%

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2020

Welcome back to all our children and what a fantastic first week back it has been. This week we were joined by Mr Barnes, Mr Howard and Mr Watts from SCS (Sports Coach Specialists) for a special Collective Worship to present the Sports personality of the Autumn Term. This is an award from them and we were delighted at how highly they spoke about the children's attitudes and good behaviour in PE and sports clubs. Videos are on Twitter to view! A huge well done to Daisy and Archie for receiving Sports personality of the term from SCS.

Christmas Gift Amnesty: Have you got smellies and other gift items left over from Christmas? There will be a box in the reception for these items if you would like to donate! They will be used in future events in raffles or as prizes. Thank you in advance.

Karate Championships - 23.1.20 - We have been given an opportunity to enter a team for this event 1pm - 3.15pm in North Weald. If your child is above a red belt and you would like to enter in our team please contact Miss Willis by Friday 17th January, You would need to transport your child to the event. A Letter will follow if anyone is interested.

Safeguarding: Just to make you aware I received this email from the safeguarding lead in Essex regarding school nurse communication to parents and families. Please be aware and if you do receive any texts etc and would like support or advice please do not hesitate to contact myself, Mrs Lester or Mr Joy.

Dear Headteacher

I want to make you aware of an incident reported on Tuesday. A primary school received information from a parent that someone purporting to be a School Nurse contacted them by text to ask questions about their child. This was



reported to the Police and has been confirmed as a hoax. Virgin Care wish to ensure all schools are aware of this and to provide the following advice to schools to share with parents:

School Nurses do not send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

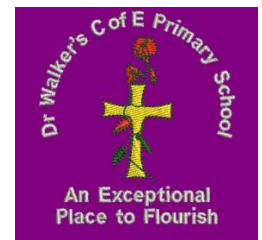
To check the validity of any request received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access: West Essex 0300 247 0122

School uniform: It is really important to us that we maintain a smart outlook to school and the uniform is an integral part of this. Please remind yourself of the uniform expectations attached. School ties are available to buy from the school office.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 24th January - Chinese New Year celebration - Special lunch menu!
- Monday 3rd February - Author Day - Julia Donaldson
- Thursday 13th February - Whole school science investigation day
- Friday 14th February - Love books Day - parents/families invited into school at 8.45am and 2pm (more details to follow)
- Monday 17th - 21st February - Half term
- Monday 24th February - INSET Non Pupil Day
- Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March - Book Week
- Friday 6th March - World Book day dress up! Dress as your favourite book character for the day!
- Monday 16th March - Wednesday 18th March - Book fair in school
- Friday 3rd April - End of Spring term
- Monday 6th April - Friday 16th April - Easter holidays
- Monday 20th April - INSET Non pupil day

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