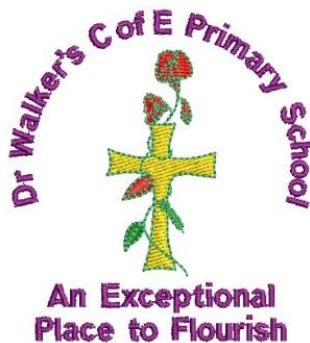


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Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**,
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



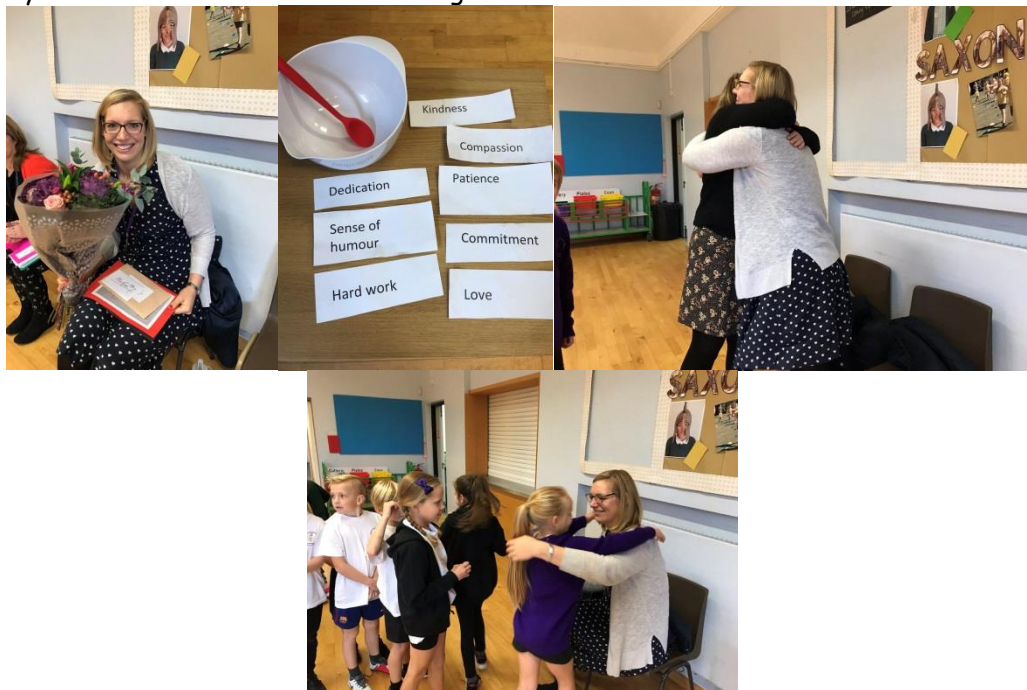
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This week it was great to see so many parents and carers on Tuesday meeting with their child's teacher. We have had lots of responses to our parent survey and we thank you for this, as we welcome your feedback to help us improve. **100% of parents and carers agreed or strongly agreed their child was happy at school, with 71% strongly agreeing with this statement.** This is good news and full details of the survey results will be published after half term - there is always more work to do to improve and we value your feedback; you can complete a parent view survey online at any time and details are on the newsletter.

Mrs Rose We all reluctantly said goodbye to Mrs Rose on Wednesday, she has given 9 years of commitment and hard work to Dr Walker's and I know she will be missed. I know she will enjoy spending lots of time with her young family and we will look forward to seeing her soon.



Remembrance Day lunch and Grandparents Afternoon tea - look out for your email to book places for yourself and your extended family. Please note these are 2 separate occasions during the day! We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Happy Helpers Coffee Morning - On Thursday 8th November at 9.15am in the school hall. Open to happy helpers old and new! This is an opportunity to find out more about our upcoming events and how you might be able to lend a happy hand! New parents, carers and extended family always welcome. There is no expectation to help at every event and we welcome help in any form no matter how small. Cheryl Fry is our coordinator and

will be at the coffee morning where you can give her your details to find out more about events. We would love to see you there.

Children in Need - Friday 16th November - We would like to ask children and adults to come to school dressed in spots for the day - anything spotty welcomed! A donation to Children in Need of £1.00 would be great. On the day we will also be holding a Bring and Buy sale in the hall from 2.45pm (no celebration assembly) All children are invited to bring one item from home they no longer want, a toy, book, cuddly toy or another item to place in the sale. We will then arrange them ready for sale at 2.45pm where the children and parents are invited to come along - all items will be £1. A great opportunity to recycle some old toys and find a new one! We would advise small items, no electricals and one or two items per child maximum! All monies raised will go to Children in Need.

I hope you all have a restful and happy half term

Miss Willis

Secondary School Applications for September 2019 - Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2019) is 31st October 2018. We have been asked by Essex County Council to remind parents of Year 6 children who have yet to submit an application, that they must do so by 31st October 2018. Applications can be made via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Menu Change

The new Autumn/Winter school lunch menu starts after half term. This was sent to all parents by email this week and will soon be up on the website.

Parent Governor Ballot

Ballot forms and information have been sent home in envelopes with your children this week. Please follow the instructions and return your ballot papers in the correct envelopes by 5pm on Monday 5th November.

Christmas Card competition - MP Alex Burghart is running a Christmas card competition - he is asking children across Brentwood and Ongar to design him a Christmas card to send to all his contacts over the festive season. It would be lovely for a child from Dr Walker's to enter! His poster is attached. Good luck. For every child who enters they will receive 25 HPs.



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Attendance Ted will be in Ladybirds Class next week - 97% - 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.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 29th October - Children return to school
- Tuesday 30th October - Flu immunisation morning
- Monday 5th November - School photos for individual photos and family groups
- Monday 5th November - Fireworks lunch for the children, with sparkly jelly.
- Monday 5th November - Parent Governor voting forms to be returned by 5pm
- Friday 9th November - Remembrance Day lunch and activities for parents and grandparents - email invitations went out on Thursday 18th October.
- Friday 9th November - Dress in WW2 Themed clothes!
- Friday 16th November - Children in Need Day - Dress in spots for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Bring and Buy sale - 2.45pm (no celebration assembly)
- Thursday 22nd November - Inter-house Bake off - more details to follow



Dear God, thank you for giving us sunny autumn days with our friends and family. Spending time looking at our wonderful world gives us opportunity to enjoy the natural things around us. Help us to create wonderful half term memories with the people we love. Amen

Dr Walker's
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Open Days

Come and have a look at the learning taking place, meet the children and staff and see the school in action. There will be an opportunity to meet the Head teacher and have any questions answered.

Wednesday 10th October
9.30-11.00am (Head teacher talk at 10.30am)

Tuesday 13th November
9.30-11.00am (Head teacher talk at 10.30am)

Thursday 29th November
1-3.30pm (Head teacher talk at 2.30pm)

Please contact the school office to book your place for the open day.
Telephone: 01277 899298

We would love to see you there!
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