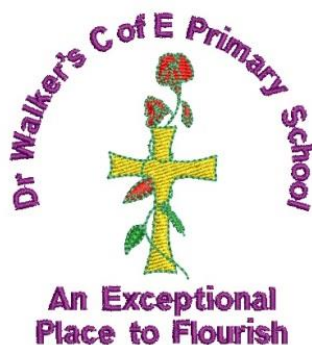


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Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.

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



26th June 2020

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What a lovely week it has been, the children have been enjoying the weather and taking part in lots of activities. Ladybirds are continuing their golf lessons; I think we might be seeing some professionals out of that group! In Caterpillars (Group 1) the children have been learning about stars and constellations, using marshmallows and spaghetti to create their own! Badgers (Year 6 and KW) have been investigating the work of Seurat and have created some truly outstanding art work. I have witnessed such fantastic attitudes from our children over the last few weeks and it fills me with pride. We are looking forward to welcoming back some more familiar faces soon!



We are looking forward to September when will welcome 18 new children to Caterpillars and I thank the families of Group 1 for their understanding regarding Friday mornings. This means we can welcome them properly and safely and ensure their transition in this, an unsettling time, is a positive one. As well as our open mornings, Miss Tierney, Miss Adams and myself will be dropping by to all our new starters and giving them a 'doorstep hello' from us! Miss Tierney has worked hard to produce a pack to give the children with lots of useful information for



them and their families about starting at our wonderful school. Our first welcome morning was today and it was a great success - we are all very excited about September.

Staffing for September:

The teaching staff structure for September 2020.

Caterpillars - Miss Tierney

Ladybirds - Mrs Dawson (Mon/Tues) Mrs Walker (Wed,Thurs,Fri)

Hedgehogs - Mr Joy

Badgers - Mrs Lester (Mon) Miss Morley (Tues - Fri)

There will be more details about how we will be helping transitioning the children to their new teachers coming soon and I know all the teachers are very excited about their classes in September.

You will all have received the letter welcoming Mr Dale Bateman as Interim Executive Headteacher from September and he is now beginning to work with Miss Willis to ensure an effective transition and handover.

Mrs Gladwin in the office has decided to move on from the school and pursue other interests and she will be leaving the school at the end of August. I am sure you will join with us to acknowledge what a fantastic contribution Mrs Gladwin has made to the school and wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Mr Evan's fixed term contract will end in August and I am sure you will join with us to wish him all the best in the future.

Reports 2020

In light of the COVID - 19 pandemic the DfE have confirmed that there is no requirement for schools to report on end of year academic achievement as this would be very difficult, we also will not be reporting SATS predicted, phonics predicted or EYFS predicted and comparing it to National averages. The reports will be emailed to all parents towards the end of July with information about achievements made in the three terms including home school learning achievements that we have been made aware of. The report will celebrate the achievements both academically and socially the children have made. The reports will not report attendance %.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SILLY SQUAD

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

sillysquad.org.uk



The national Summer Reading Challenge is also moving online this year. The length of time the scheme runs for has also been extended and it launches today.

Children can take part by going to <http://www.sillysquad.org.uk/> and signing up. The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

Although children must have an account to take part in the actual Challenge, lots of other content will be available on the Silly Squad website website and their [Facebook page](#) for everyone to explore.

Children will set their own reading goals over the summer and can then take part using their own reading materials, e-books, e-audio and e-comics from the Essex Libraries online library service or (once libraries have reopened) using books borrowed from our libraries.

Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.

Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged. They also receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!

We hope as many of Dr Walker's children as possible will sign up and we will be celebrating those children in September!!

