



NEWSLETTER

16.07.2021

Our school attendance target is 96%

We have 3 school days left for this academic school year!

Dear parents/carers,

Well done for getting to the end of a very challenging and difficult year. 2020/21 has given us much to think about, but also much to be thankful for.

We have all experienced so many challenges, frustrations, disappointments, restrictions, pressures and unknowns. And a lot of change!

I particularly reminisce about the warm welcome I received when I joined Dr Walker's Church of England Primary in January, amidst another lockdown and the many pressures that key workers experienced. I did not anticipate starting my headship here like that. The community has been absolutely amazing in coping with these unprecedented circumstances and pandemic and making me feel welcomed.

One of my memories are considering the adverse weather conditions and having Miss Tierney helping me to clear the school playground with a snow shovel when we had snow.

It was lovely to welcome all the pupils back on the 8th March, following lockdown. There was a tangible buzz to the learning atmosphere. I am so proud of our well-behaved and polite pupils. They have all shown real resilience this year and are a real asset to our school community.

I hope that you will be celebrating with your child(ren) the many successes they have achieved this year as you read through their annual report.

As a school we have managed well to keep everyone safe. We almost got to the end of the academic year, without any further disruptions and closers.

Like any other school, it is with great sadness that we do have to



say good bye to some staff members at the end of the academic year. I am certain that the community will miss them dearly as they have done so much for our pupils. There are so many wonderful memories to cherish. We wish Mrs Platman, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Debrah-Nkansah, Mr Joy, Mrs Lester and Mrs McEwen well as they journey on in their careers. Thank you for all the hard work you have been so committed to here at Dr Walker's. You have been truly valued and will be missed.

We are extremely excited to welcome Mr Horne and Mrs Dean to the teaching staff next year. Both are very accomplished and experienced Senior Teachers. Mrs Ayo will be joining us as a SENCO Assistant /HLTA. We are also very happy to have Miss Adams as the class teacher in year 1&2 next year. And we cannot forget Miss Tierney, who has the phonics and EYFS sorted. We have a strong team and will go from strength to strength.

We also have to bid farewell to our year six pupils. You have done yourself proud throughout your time at Dr Walker's. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

I pray that the summer holiday will treat you and your loved ones kindly and that we will be returning safely in September, embracing all the wonderful new things planned as we welcome new staff to the team.

My heartfelt thanks to an amazing and committed community.

Have a blessed summer holiday!



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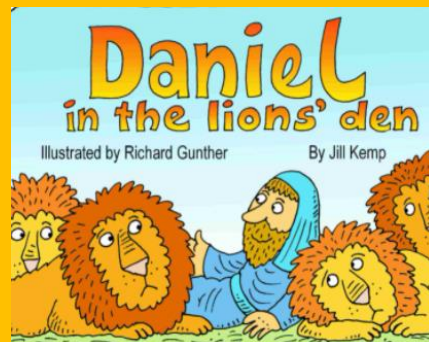
Due to a positive COVID case, years 3, 4 and 5 pupils are to self-isolate for 10 days and to return back to school on **Tuesday, 20th July.**

This week's



I wonder what you might do if you strongly believe in something, worth standing up for

Assembly focus this week: *Daniel in the Lion's den*



DANIEL in the lions' den

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By Jill Kemp

Illustrated by Richard Gunther



Daniel chapter 6

Daniel loved God with all his heart.
When the King made a rule
Daniel had to choose either to
obey the King, or to serve the one true God.



Daniel loved God with all his heart.
He prayed to God lots of times every day.
Daniel did what was good and right.
He worked for the king of Babylon.



The king saw that Daniel worked hard.
He always did what was good and right.
The King made Daniel the boss
But the other helpers wanted to be boss.



The king's other helpers got angry.
They tricked the king into making a rule.
Anyone who prayed to God
would be thrown in the lions' den!



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Daniel did what was good and right.
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Daniel had broken the king's rules.
The king was very sad.
He knew he had been tricked.
"His God will look after him," said the King.



Daniel was thrown into the lions' den.
He was not afraid. He just prayed to God.
The king could not sleep. He was so sad.
In the morning he looked in the lions' den.



The king saw that Daniel was safe!
God's angel had shut the lions' mouths.
The King made a new rule.
'Everyone must love God and pray only to him.'

A school principal in Singapore, sent this letter to the parents before the exams.

Dear Parents

The exams of your children are to start soon. I know you are all really anxious for your child to do well.

But, please do remember, amongst the students who will be sitting for the exams there is an artist, who doesn't need to understand Math... There is an entrepreneur, who doesn't care about History or English literature... There is a musician, whose Chemistry marks won't matter... There's an athlete... whose physical fitness is more important than Physics... If your child does get top marks, that's great! But if he or she doesn't... please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity from them. Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life. Tell them, no matter what they score... you love them and will not judge them.

Please do this, and when you do...watch your children conquer the world. One exam or a low mark won't take away...their dreams and talent. And please, do not think that doctors and engineers... are the only happy people in the world.

With warm Regards

News around the school this week

Years 1 and 2 did tie dye for design and Technology. How colourful dis their T-shirts come out!



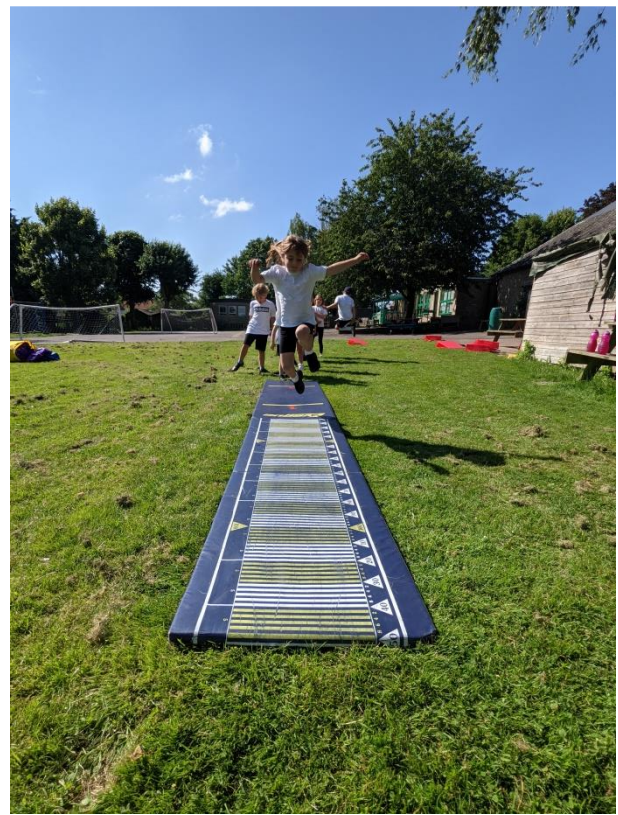
We will allow TWO adults in to attend the following events:

- **Monday, 19th July - 14:30 - Reception class picnic.**
- **Tuesday, 20 July - 13:30 – Year 6 to have Collective Worship at St Nicholas Church**
- **Wednesday, 21 July - 13:15 – Year 6 awards / leavers ceremony.**

Kindly confirm attendance, by contacting the school office prior to the event.

Sports Day

Reception and Years 1 & 2







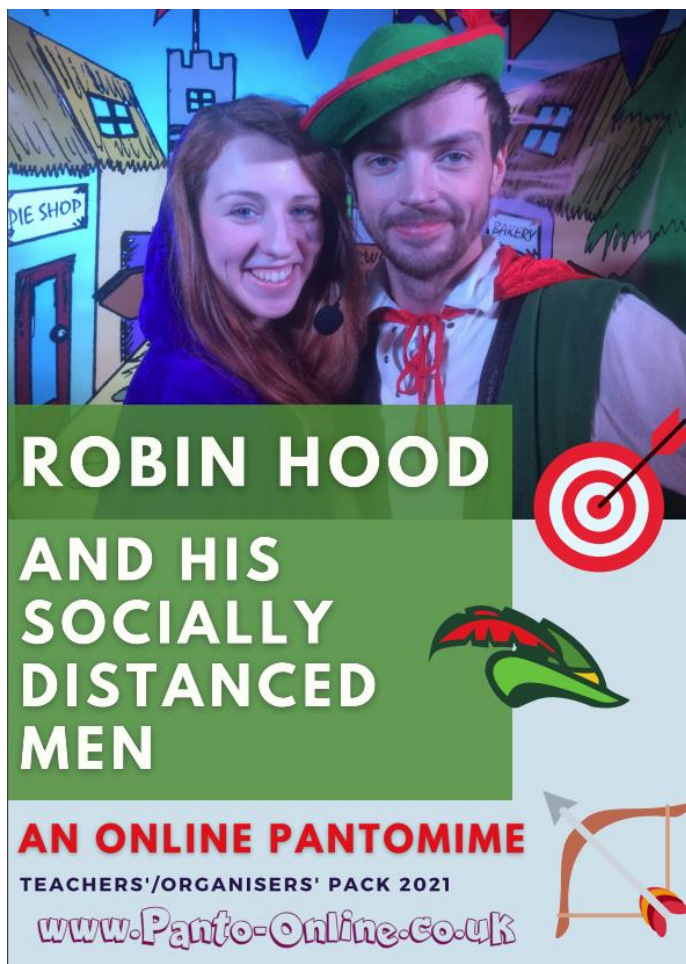
Year 6



Arrangements for year 6 leavers (please liaise with Mrs Debrah-Nkansah)

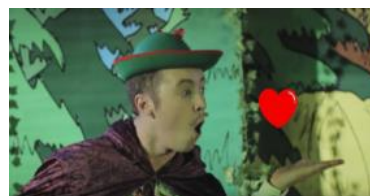
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school on the last day due to e-safety and safeguarding protocol.

Monday, 19 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14:30 - Reception class picnic. • TWO parents/carers per child. • Will be outdoors.
Tuesday, 20 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13:30 – Year 6 to have Collective Worship led by Rev. Brazier-Gibbs at St Nicholas Church, to celebrate their time at Dr Walker’s. • TWO parents/carers per child invited. • Maximum group of 60. • Whole school Pantomime in class bubbles – Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men.
Wednesday, 21 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils come to school wearing school uniform. • All classes to have a picnic outside on the playground (weather permitting) in their bubbles with their class teachers. • 13:15 – Year 6 awards / leavers ceremony. • TWO parents/carers per child. • Will be outdoors. • School closes at 14:00.



ROBIN HOOD
AND HIS
SOCIALLY
DISTANCED
MEN

AN ONLINE PANTOMIME
 TEACHERS'/ORGANISERS' PACK 2021
www.Panto-Online.co.uk



YEAR 2 PARENTS & CARERS

- Universal free school meals end for all pupils in current Year 2 at the end of this term.
- As from September you will be charged £2.20 per school meal.
- If you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office or apply using London Grid for Learning please do NOT apply through Essex County Council.

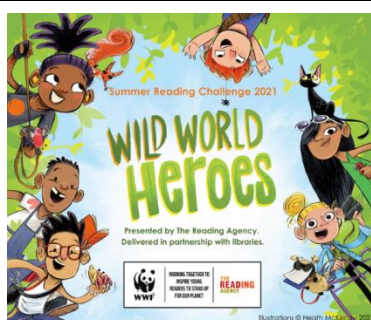
All KS2 Parents

- If you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office or apply using London Grid for Learning.
- Please do NOT apply through Essex County Council. Thank you!

Parking on Walker Avenue

There has been an increase of concerns of parking on Walker Avenue and the risk it is posing to our pupils with near misses and drives being blocked. As a supportive community I urge you to be considerate of our neighbours.

If this does not improve, Highway Patrol and the police will be requested to patrol the area.



Go Wild in Essex Libraries This Summer

Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021 launches in all Essex libraries on Saturday 10 July and runs until Tuesday 31 August 2021. Children of all ages can sign up; the challenge is to read six books and for every book read they'll collect a sticker. Children who complete the activity will also earn a medal and certificate. As well as being great fun, it can help to prevent a reading dip over the long summer break.

Eat Them to Defeat Them!

We are so proud of all the children who have tried out something new over the 6 weeks. We've had some children excited to try out everything on the tasting station no matter how weird or unusual, but we've also had those that find it harder to try new foods still doing their bit to eat them to defeat them."

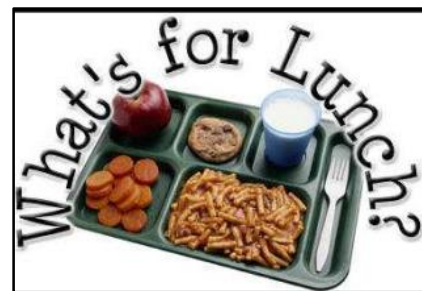
A big thank you to Mr Joy, who co-ordinated this initiative.



School menu

We have teamed up with one of neighbouring schools to share the same menu and will be trialling the following 3 week menu, starting in September.

Please be informed that we would like to work with the Local Authority to get the Healthy School's accreditation award. We will therefore start monitoring packed lunches for healthy meals. Please do not pack in chocolates, crisps, fizzy drinks, etc. Healthy options please.



WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Homemade bread	Beef Burger Homemade Herby diced potatoes Sweetcorn	BBQ chicken Rice	Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic Bread	Chicken Breast Chunks Baked Beans Chips
Ham baguette Salad bar	Cheese wrap Salad bar	Ham Wrap Salad bar	Cheese baguette Salad bar	Tuna baguette Salad bar
Flapjack	Pancakes with peaches	Ice Cream Tub	Jelly	Yoghurt Factory
Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Selection of Fresh Fruit

Bread, Milk, Water and Fruit Juice is available daily.

WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta	Sausages Herby Diced Potatoes Vegetables	Chicken curry Rice Naan Bread	Macaroni Cheese Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Chips
Cheese baguette Salad bar	Ham wrap Salad bar	Cheese Wrap Salad bar	Tuna Wrap Salad bar	Ham baguette Salad bar
Winter Berry Meringue	Artic Roll	Iced Sponge	Angel Delight	Oat Cookie & fruit wedge
Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit

Bread, Milk, Water and Fruit Juice is available daily.

WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Lasagne Garlic bread	Roast chicken dinner	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Garlic Bread	Sausages Baked Beans Chips
Ham baguette Salad bar	Cheese wrap Salad bar	Ham Wrap Salad bar	Tuna baguette Salad bar	Cheese baguette Salad bar
Fruit Flavoured Iced Lolly	Chocolate fairy cake	Jelly	Fruit Crumble	Fruit Platter
Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit

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Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 , Level 3 , and Learn to ride courses (17th, 18th, &19th of August) Holy Cross School Harlow

To book, please email below

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🌐 £10 booking fee

<https://essexcycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

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Essex ACTIVate



Active Essex is offering a range of ActivAte clubs over the summer!

These clubs are completely **free for young people** who are **eligible for benefits based free school meals**, as well as children from working families who are struggling financially and would benefit from this **additional support**. Clubs will feature fun physical and enrichment activities, as well as nutrition education. Plus, each child will receive a **tasty, nutritious lunch!**

Mental Wellbeing Hubs

Delivering **supported activities** over **shorter sessions**, in **smaller groups**. Activities will be **sensitive** to the children's needs, focusing on **gentle social transition** and **coping exercises** to help with the move back to community engagement.

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Local Activity Clubs

Our holiday clubs, run by **locally trusted organisations**, offer a wide range of activities for children across Essex. Ensuring they have a **fun, memorable and active Summer Holiday!** All clubs will be delivered within **COVID safety guidelines**.

SEND Activity Hubs

There will be **SEND Hubs** across Essex, delivering **specialist workshops**. These will provide **coaching** and **inclusive physical and enrichment activities** for SEND pupils, to ensure they get **the best** out of their summer!

If your child is eligible but does not require this face to face support, then we are pleased to also be offering fun activity packs and virtual resources!

Summer Activities 2021

Children
& young
people's
activities,
family
entertainment,
multi-sports
days
and much
more...



 Epping Forest
District Council
www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Advance booking required
Further information available at

eppingforestdc.bookinglive.com

For help with your booking call 01992 564226 (Mon - Fri 10am-4pm)



**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

Mini Movies is a brand new CITV show and we need movie-loving kids (aged 12 & under) to take part.

Your videos could get the Hollywood treatment with incredible visual effects added to them!

You can show off your skills at putting together a costume worthy of a blockbuster movie!

Get the chance to pitch your own movie idea!

Your animations could be shown on TV!

If you'd like the chance to star in the show, then get your parent or guardian to email us today at...

casting@thechancercollective.com



Have a well deserve summer break!



Best wishes,

***Dr L Lawson
Headteacher***