

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School Newsletter
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Please make sure any snacks or packed lunches DO NOT INCLUDE ANY NUTS due to serious allergies. Thank you.

Dear Parents,

The final week of this academic year is upon us and I cannot quite believe that my time as the Interim Head Teacher at Dr Walker's is coming to a close. I have grown to care deeply about this school and all who are in it and I have enjoyed immensely every moment that I have spent under its roof. This is a special place and I will never forget the talented, confident pupils that fill its classrooms and the way in which they strive to fulfil the school's core values. They are all superstars!

I would like to thank the staff and Governors who have been absolutely superb, showing resilience and determination with the challenge of Ofsted, moderations and the numerous recent changes that have taken place. I wish Mrs Hutson, Mrs Harvey, Mr Mistry and Mrs Lilley much luck for their future and I know that they will be dearly missed by all at the school.

Finally, I would like to thank you the parent community for the warm welcome that you bestowed upon me and the fantastic support that you have offered me day to day. This school is very lucky to have such a strong network and I hope that my new school have such supportive parents as you. Good luck Dr Walker's; goodbye and God bless!

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Rose who is pregnant with her second child that is due to be born at the end of November. The school have several plans for the maternity cover and when these are finalised, they will be announced in September. Until then, I would like to express my best wishes and celebrations to our Deputy Head as she extends her family and you will have plenty of time to share your best wishes too as Mrs Rose is not expecting to leave us until the end of October.

Olivia!

If you did not see the performance of Olivia, then you missed a treat; what a performance! Well done to the cast of talented children for learning all of their lines, delivering them with superb characterisation and singing so beautifully. I was so proud of them all and well done to Mrs Rose, Mrs Hutson, Mrs Spanton, Mrs Lilley and Miss Scott for the huge effort that they ploughed into putting the whole thing together.

Bees on Tour

Last week, I had the pleasure of accompanying Bees Class to Paradise Wildlife Park which Mr Joy organised and led. Despite a bit of drizzly rain, we had so much fun and the children were a delight to be with which is just as well as we wouldn't want them to be mistaken for monkeys and kept behind! I would like to thank Mrs Pailthorpe and Mrs Harris for helping us and well done to Mr Joy for running such a super trip.

Awards Assembly

On Thursday we are hosting the KS1 Awards Ceremony at 9:15 and the KS2 Awards Ceremony at 10:30.

Jewellery in PE

Essex County Council has asked for a reminder to be sent to parents on the jewellery policy in PE.

All Jewellery must be removed for PE - Taping is not allowed. This means if pupils cannot take out earrings they will have to sit out of PE until they can remove their earrings. Please bear this in mind if you are planning to have your child's ears pierced during the summer holidays.

Football Volunteers:

We are looking for a parent volunteer to run the Year 5 and 6 Football Club from September. If you can help out, please can you speak to the School Office. Thank you.

Holidays during term time

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.

Mrs Thomas

Diary Dates

- End of Year Awards Ceremony - KS1 9:15, KS2 10:30 - Thursday 20th July
- Yr 6 Leaver's Assembly - YEAR 6 PARENTS ONLY - Friday 21st July - 9:15
- School finished at the usual time of 3:15 on the last day of term
- **Pupils return to school on WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Share your views through Parent View

If you are unable to come to the parent forums you can of course discuss matters with your child's class teacher, Deputy Head or Headteacher or alternatively you can share your views through Parent View. Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year *and* at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View. Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about aspects of school life. Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved. If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at the School Office.