

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 EGG, NUT or SESAME PRODUCTS** due to serious allergies. Thank you.

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

Everyone looked absolutely fantastic in their World Book Day costumes and it was lovely to see so many of you at the Reading Tea - thank you for taking the time to come along.

The children were set the challenge of preparing a short speech about their character and then the top two speeches in each class were then selected to go through to the final which consisted of the children publically speaking in the assembly hall and therefore demonstrating one of our school values- courage. I was astounded by the confidence of these children and delighted by the additional dramatic ingredient that some of our pupils injected into their speech.

The children that went through to the final for best costume and speech were Presley, Toby, Elsie, Wil, Seth, Alex, Eden, Sam, Nicole, Charlotte H and Dylan C.

The winners were Presley, Toby and Dylan C. The two Badger's pupils could not be separated as they both delivered their speeches superbly and in character, much to the delight of the school; and Dylan impressed us all with his reading as for a child in Caterpillars, such confidence and ability is very impressive. Well done Cruella, Mr Wonka and Postman Pat!

Parents Evenings

Parent evenings will be held on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. Letters have been sent out offering appointments - please return your slips to your class teacher.

Comic Relief - Friday 24th March

Next Friday 24th March is Comic Relief day and pupils are invited to come to school on this day wearing something red! A donation of £1 is requested for all pupils participating.

Easter Church Service

The Easter Service will be held on Friday 31st March, 9:30 at St Nicholas Church - all welcome.

Well done to the Yr 3/4 Athletics Team:

I would like to say a massive well done to all the children who took part in the Athletics Competition held at Ongar Leisure Centre. The Year 3 and 4 pupils did Dr Walker's proud especially in the track events and our overall finishing place was 2nd, a fantastic achievement. Well done again. Mr Watts

Football Club

Mr Watts will now be running the football club. I would like to thank Mr Amman for volunteering for the school over the last two years and giving the children the opportunity to compete in football events. The school team have many happy memories of playing in competitions and this would have been denied them, if Mr Amman had not been so kind as to sacrifice his free time.

Medical Appointments

A significant number of children continue to be being collected from school between 2:30 and 3:15 for medical and dental appointments. Please try to make these appointments out of school hours as your child does miss learning time. If you are unable to do this you must bring evidence of the appointment to the School Office either before you go or the next morning following your appointment. **Early collections are recorded on your child's attendance record.**

Ongar Ladies Walk the Wall

On 22nd April, four parents of the school will be walking 70km of the Great Wall of China to raise money for The Epping Breast Unit. If you would like to help Louse Brown, Louise Webb, Emma Newcombe and Jo Ince raise money for this very worthy cause you can donate at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Natalie-Knife10

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.

Home Fire Safety Visit

Following our Year 1 & 2 Fire Safety talk last week, the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service is offering a Free Home Safety visit. To arrange a visit please call 0300 303 0088 or contact them at www.essex-fire.gov.uk.

School Ambassadors

It is so important that we enable children to develop the skills to become good moral citizens in life. We are very lucky here at Dr Walker's to have strong school values, wonderful children and very supportive families; so I know that you too share this same vision.

When we take our pupils out to inter school events, we want them to do their very best in what it is that they are competing in and also, to show absolute respect and good manners towards all around them; whatever the outcome of the competition.

If our children are able to do this successfully, then we know that they will be fantastic ambassadors for our school and they will certainly be representing Dr Walker's School at future sporting events. However, if a pupil is unable to uphold the school values, they will not be included in sporting events or clubs until they have learnt the acceptable behaviour.

Mrs Thomas - Headteacher

Core Values Champions

Devon Harris - Compassion & Respect	Jack Pailthorpe - Perseverance	Emma Sawkins - Respect
Sophie Heaney - Perseverance	Paul Ballard - Responsibility	Tyler Bush - Courage
Lydia Newell - Perseverance	Olivia Hart Cohen - Perseverance	Woody Dixon - Creativity
Edie Newell - Helpful	Harrison Dacosta - Perseverance	Kenny Smith - Responsibility
Poppi Spilling - Responsibility	Daisy Goodall - Perseverance	Rose Tattingham - Creativity
Corey Gatward - Responsibility	Laila Brown - Compassion	

Diary Dates

- Celebration Assemblies on Fridays at 2:30 - Proposed dates: Friday 24th March 2017 (Please be aware that these dates could change).
- Red Nose Day - Friday 24th March 2017.
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.
- Music Afternoon - Thursday 30th March at 1:30.
- Easter Church Service - Friday 31st March 2017 9:30 at St Nicholas' Church - all welcome.
- Easter Holiday - Monday 3rd April to Tuesday 18th April - return to school on Wednesday 19th April.
- Non-pupil day on 18th April 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.