

At Dr. Walker's School we develop **Respect** and **Responsibility**.
Build **Perseverance** and **Creativity**.
Combine Christian values with **Courage** and **Compassion** for us to become successful British Citizens.



Our stars of the week awards



10.11.17

Caterpillars	Sienna Mulhare	For perseverance and improvements in her reading and writing skills.
Bees	Jessica Alder	For taking responsibility for learning and being able to explain about our core values to a visitor..
Ladybirds	Ayla-May Newcomb	For showing perseverance and taking responsibility for improving her times tables.
Hedgehogs	Michael O'Connor	For always challenging himself and taking great care and responsibility over his work.
Badgers	Jamie Wyatt	For having lovely manners and always showing respect for others.
Highest class attendance		Bees
Golden Broom For tidiest classroom		Hedgehogs

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to the fact that we do have children in the school who suffer with serious nut allergies, please can parents ensure that if they are sending their child in with a packed lunch, they check that it **does not contain any form of nuts or nut spreads such as Nutella** - **PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.**

Holiday Requests

This is a quick reminder that schools are **not able to authorise** holidays during term time.

We are continuing to have a big drive on ensuring all children are attending school regularly and on time so that they do not miss out on their learning. At the moment we are at 95.4% for this term and our aim is to be above 96%. I do realise that we are coming into the heart of the winter period where many germs are abundant and children have the habit of picking things up *and* sharing them!! Nevertheless, unless they are really poorly or being sick, if you feel they are able to attend school it will help them be able to keep up and not miss out key learning which might not be revisited for some time, which could put them at a disadvantage.

Photos were sent home yesterday. Please ensure that any orders are given to the School Office by Wednesday 15th November.

SIAMS Church Inspection

I am delighted to report to you all that following a visit on Tuesday of this week from a Church Inspector to look at our school in relation to our Christian distinctiveness and how we promote our Christian values as well as teach RE, the school has been graded 'Good'.

During the day the Inspector spent time with teachers, children, parents, a governor and our Vicar, as well as looking round the school, spending time on the playground at lunchtime, visiting all classes and looking at work.

The report reflects that the school has been through a difficult time but also recognised that the school has made rapid improvement in a short space of time. '

Effective leadership and commitment from all staff has resulted in rapid improvement for Dr Walker's as a church school over a short period of time.'

'Strong links with the local church have been important in maintaining the school's Christian distinctiveness and in holding together school, church and community.'

As I stated earlier, I am delighted with this outcome and thank you everyone for your dedication and hard work.



Remembrance Week.

This week we have been specifically reflecting about Remembrance Day and what it means to families and how soldiers still wanted to take part in worship amid the onslaught of battle. I introduced to the children how soldiers are able to create a makeshift altar from drums - known as the drumhead ceremony. We ourselves held our Collective Worship using a set of drums borrowed from the Epping Cadets.



Let us not forget that many soldiers, airmen and sailors have put their lives on the line for us all and continue to do so to enable us to have the freedom we enjoy today. Many wish to pray to God during times of conflict which enables them to worship God, to ask for guidance and how to show compassion and to have courage to face whatever the future holds for them.

A Bible reading taken from **John 15:13** demonstrates this clearly:

'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for ones friends.'

Regards

Mrs Reid

Diary dates

- Friday 17th November - Non Uniform Day for Children in Need - £1 donation
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Bazaar - more information to follow.

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.