



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

FUND-RAISING NEWS

Non-Uniform / Cake Sale day

Thank you for the cakes and fruit sent in for 20th October. We raised £155.00 which was split between Little Havens Hospice and the fund for the school radio.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

*Raffle tickets will be sent out to all pupils soon. If you require more tickets then please ask at reception. The draw will be held on **Wednesday 13th December**.*

We would greatly welcome any raffle prize donations.

Christmas Bazaar

*This year the Bazaar will be held on **Monday 11th December**. Further details will follow.*

In the meantime, if anybody is able to help on the day please contact the school office or one of the fundraisers as soon as possible. Additionally, any donations of wrapping paper, bows, sellotape and tape dispensers etc. will be gratefully received! Please leave at the school office.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks to parents and carers of children in Mrs Vickery's class who came to our Harvest Assembly on **Friday 20th October**, and to all those who donated food items for our harvest display, which was donated to Yellow Door, a youth project-group based in Canvey Island, which funds ventures in the Castle Point area.



POPPIES

Poppies are on sale in school this week. We have spoken with the children about the significance of Remembrance Day. We would request that any donation is in excess of 20p, as this will cover the production cost for a poppy.

COATS

As the weather is changeable at present please ensure that your child brings their coat to school every day. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please note that the Attendance Policy, which includes the Code of Conduct, is currently being updated and will be circulated to all parents and carers in due course.

Fund-Raising Meeting

*The next meeting will be held on **Friday 3rd November** at 2.00 pm. All parents and carers are welcome.*

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

The attendance for October was 97.4%.

NETBALL

The girls played an away match at Hadleigh Juniors on **Wednesday 11th October**, which they lost 7-0. They also played a hard-fought away match at Kingston on **Thursday 19th October**, which they lost 6-1.

The mixed netball team played an away match against Thundersley Primary on **Thursday 12th October**. They played extremely well, winning 11-2.

The mixed netball team has a home match against Holy Family on **Monday 6th November** and an away match at South Benfleet School on **Thursday 9th November**.

SITTING VOLLEYBALL—FINALS

Six children were chosen, because of their positive attitude in class, to represent the school at a Paralympic Festival on **17th October**. The children learned, along with other schools, to play Boccia, Seated Volleyball and New Age Curling. They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and as a result of their careful listening and team efforts have qualified for the regional finals of the Seated Volleyball. This will be held on **Wednesday 14th March 2018** at Garons Park in Southend.

We wish them good luck!

CHILDREN IN NEED - NOVEMBER 2017

The School Council are arranging a special day on **Friday 17th November** to raise money for Children in Need.

This year's theme is SPOTACULAR!! Pupils can wear colourful or spotty clothes to school and we would like them to make a donation. All pupils should wear school shoes or trainers. They should not wear: face paints, hair spray or full football kits (but they can wear football shirts). Pudsey ears or headbands may be worn.

We will also be collecting any old pound coins and there will be a collection tin available in the office.

We hope that you will help us to raise lots of money for Children in Need.

NEW INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2018 - OPEN EVENING

We will be holding an Open Evening on **Thursday 2nd November** between 4.00pm and 5.30pm for children due to start school in September 2018. If you know anybody with a child due to start school next September please can you inform them of this date. Further details can be obtained from the school.

School tours will be held during the term for parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2018. Please contact the school office to book a place.

YEARS 5 & 6 PERFORMANCE - ALICE IN WONDERLAND

This year the Year 5 and 6 performances will take place on **Thursday 16th November**. There will be a morning and an afternoon performance. Tickets will be limited to 3 per pupil and are available to purchase on ParentPay.

Further details have been circulated.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The following educational visit will take place this term:

Wednesday 13th December Y5/6 visit to Cardfields

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a carol concert at St Peter's Church on **Thursday 14th December** at 2.00 pm. Children in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) will be performing their Christmas show on **Tuesday 12th December**.

Years 1 and 2 (KS1) will be taking part in their Christmas performances on **Wednesday 6th December** and **Friday 8th December**, both at **9.15 am**.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner this year is on **Friday 15th December**. Details about price and menu will be sent out shortly.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The school will be supporting the Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 15th December**.

Children should wear their usual school uniform but their school jumper may be replaced with a Christmas jumper. It would be advisable for the children to wear a plain white t-shirt or school shirt under their jumper as they may become hot in the school building.

We realise that this is an expensive time of year therefore we do not expect you to buy a jumper for your child; children are more than welcome to come in a jumper they have decorated themselves!

Any donation, however small, will be gratefully received. Obviously it is not compulsory for children to take part but we would encourage as many as possible to participate in order to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

JET WHEEL TYRE - MONEY FOR SCHOOL

Jet Wheel Tyre, the wheel brake and exhaust specialists based in Thundersley, Pitsea and Rayleigh, kindly donate to the school 5% of the total amount spent on their services by any staff members or parents of children at the school. If you visit one of their branches, please mention the school so that we can help bolster the annual amount paid back to us.

Thank you.

VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a General Kitchen Assistant at Robert Drake. The job would include serving food, cleaning and other general kitchen duties.

The hours are 11.00 am to 2.00 pm, which is 15 hours per week (term time only) at a rate of £7.50 per hour.

If you are interested in applying or would like any further details please contact:

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