



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Fund-Raising Meeting

The next fundraising meeting will be on **Monday 17 June** at 2.00 pm. All are welcome.

Adventure Island Tickets

Tickets still available. Please buy in advance of the May half term holiday.

Summer Fayre

The 2019 '50th Anniversary' Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 18 May, 12.00 - 3.00 pm**. Details have been circulated.

Volunteers to help on the day will be greatly appreciated!

The winner of the front cover design for the Summer Fayre brochure is Lloyd (Y6).

Non-Uniform / Cake Sale Day

This will be held on **Friday 24 May**. Please be reminded that complete football kits cannot be worn and footwear must only be trainers or school shoes. Donations of fruit and cakes would be much appreciated.

ROBERT DRAKE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

All staff and children had a lovely time celebrating Robert Drake's 50th Anniversary. The new Art Display in the main corridor looks fantastic. Thanks again to **Alton Garden Centre** and **Little Angels Garden Design** for sponsoring and planting a special 50th Anniversary planting.



TEAM HOUSE POINTS

The current house points table for this term is as follows:

ROBERT DRAKE TEAM HOUSE POINTS

GRIFFIN	PEGASUS	PHOENIX	DRAGON
114	107	103	108

KING JOHN MASTERCLASS SESSIONS

Several pupils recent undertook some Masterclass sessions at King John, where they undertook subjects on journalism, global piracy, Shakespearean theatre, language and structural engineering. They all had a great time and were awarded with certificates.



DELIVERY OF ITEMS FOR PUPILS TO THE OFFICE

Please could all parents and carers remember to send in with your child everything that he/she needs for the school day. This includes packed lunches, water bottles, sun hats, coats and clothing for PE / clubs or swimming. This will reduce the number of interruptions that have to be made to the children in class, as they have to come to the office to collect their belongings. On the rare occasion that a delivery has to be made during the day, please ensure that the item is **clearly labelled**.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

*Attendance for April 2019
was 97.5%.*

WATER BOTTLES, SUN HATS, SUN CREAM AND SUN- GLASSES

Hopefully we will get some fine weather this term. Please could all parents and carers ensure that their child brings a water bottle (with drinking cap) and a sun hat to school each day. **These should be clearly named.** Parents and carers should also apply sun cream to their children before school each day, as an additional precaution, in order to protect them from the sun.

Please note that children are only permitted to wear sunglasses at school if medical evidence can be provided to support the need for the glasses (e.g. a letter from the doctor / optician) or if they suffer from hayfever.

KS2 SATS TESTS

A reminder that the Key Stage 2 SAT's tests will be taking place from **Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2019.**

CENSUS DAY THEMED LUNCH

We are holding a Funfair lunch on **Thursday 16 May.** The cost will be £2.20, as usual, for pupils in Key Stage 2. The menu for the day is hot dog or veggie hotdog, with chips, sweetcorn and baked beans with choc ice for dessert. Could you please encourage your child to have a school meal on this day, even if they just want a jacket potato or grab bag, as this really helps with funding for the school.

SPORTS DAY

We are planning to hold the Infant and Junior Sports Day on **Thursday 20 June.** Infant Sports will begin at 9.30 am and Junior Sports at 1.30 pm. Please note that both events are weather permitting. More details will follow in a separate letter..

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The following class assemblies is due to take place this term:

All Year 5 pupils - **Tuesday 18 June** at 9.00 am

Miss Bradfield's class - **Friday 28 June** at 9.00 am

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - **Wednesday 24 July** at 9.00 am

All parents and carers of pupils in these classes are most welcome to attend. Tea and coffee will be available afterwards.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The following educational visits will be taking place this term:

Wednesday 1 May Y5 trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre

Tuesday 21 May EYFS trip to Barleylands Farm

Monday 10 — Friday 14 June Y6 trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre

Friday 21 June

Y 3/4 trip to Weald Park

Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26 June Y6 Transition Days at King John and Appleton

Wednesday 26 June

Year 1/2 trip to Fingringhoe Wick

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball: On Tuesday 23 April the Robert Drake mixed netball team got invited to a netball tournament at Basildon Sporting Village. When we got there we were all really nervous, but in the end we had nothing to worry about because we had lots of fun. Overall, we played five matches and worked as a team and tried our best. Mya and Millie (Year 6).



Football: Both the boys team and the girls team were Runners Up in their respective leagues, the boys just losing out on goal difference. Well done to both teams! Mr Hunter was very proud of all the performances.

District Sports this year is due to take place on **Tuesday 9 July**. Further details will follow closer to the event.

SLIMMING WORLD

Slimming World hire out Robert Drake on a Monday evening for their Slimming World sessions. There are currently two sessions, at 5.30 pm and at 7.30 pm. If you would like any further information, then please call Zoe, the Slimming World consultant, on 07919 173186.

If any parents / carers are interested in hiring the school hall, or know of any local clubs that would be interested, then please contact the school office.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes for the half term holiday on **Friday 24 May** at 3.15 pm, and will reopen on **Monday 10 June** at 8.40 am.

Friday 11 July is also a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils.

Please note that all dates are subject to change

The Governing Body of The Robert Drake Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.