



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

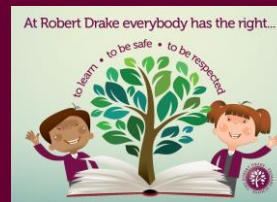
13 November 2023



School values:



School Rules:



School Council Trip to Basildon Council Chambers

Several members of the School Council were chosen to represent the school on a recent visit to Basildon Council Chambers. They enjoyed some good debates whilst there, and we are very proud of how they all behaved. The Council members are looking forward to meeting with the catering team to discuss the new menu for the Spring term on 14 November.



Fancy Dress Disco The children had a fantastic time at the Fancy Dress Disco. Thank you to the Friends of Robert Drake for organising this amazing event!



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Designated Safeguarding Leads:
Mrs Jackson – Mrs Coe
Deputy Safeguarding Leads:
Mr Smith - Mr Chaplin
Safeguarding Governor:
Mrs Foster

House colours:

Dragon	Green
Griffin	Yellow
Pegasus	Blue
Phoenix	Red



Total words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date:
7,185,132!

Reading
The expectation is that children should read at least four times a week.

PE Days

CLASS	DAYS
EYFS	Wed and Thu
ER	Thu and Fri
NB	Mon and Fri
SG	Mon and Fri
ML	Tue and Thu
CMDH	Tue and Fri
DC	Tue and Fri
KS	Mon and Wed
DN	Tue and Fri
NP	Tue and Fri

All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons by the pupils themselves or at home before coming to school

Menu
Details for this week's menu can be found at: <https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/school-dinner-menu>

Diary Dates – we will list most diary dates. Please do check the calendar on the website with all dates too. All dates are subject to change.

- 17 November: Children in Need
- 27 and 28 November: Christmas Bazaar
- 30 November: Cinderella Pantomime at Towngate Theatre (Y1 – 6)
- 6 and 7 December, 9 am: KS1 Christmas Performance to parents and carers
- 4 December, 9 am: Tea and Talk with the Headteachers
- 8 December, 2 pm: Y 3/4 Carol Concert, St Peter's Church
- 8 December, 3.30 – 6.30 pm: Winter Wonderland
- 13 December: Y 5/6 trip to Cardfields
- 15 December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- 20 December: Talent Show
- 18 January: Y 5/6 Flight Simulator
- 24 January: Y 3 Dance Festival
- 26 January, 9 am: Tea and Talk with the Headteachers
- 5 February: Class photographs
- 28 February: Cross Country Competition
- 7 March: World Book Day
- 8 March: Y 1/2 Parent Involvement Morning
- 12 March, 9 am: Tea and Talk with the Headteachers
- 17 March: Comic Relief
- 19 March: Y 5/6 Parent Involvement Morning
- 20 March: KS1 trip to Braintree Museum
- 27 March: Easter discos
- March: EYFS walk to St Peter's Church (TBC)
- 10 May: EYFS trip to Barleylands
- 13 May: SAT's week
- 23 May: KS1 trip to Sealife Adventure
- 17 – 21 June: Y6 residential trip to Stubbers
- 21 June: Y 3/4 Parent Involvement morning
- 24 – 28 June: Book Fair
- 27 June: Sports Day
- 2 July: Railway Children production to school
- 6 July: Summer Fun Day
- 11 July: Reports and Open Evening
- 15 July: Leavers' Disco
- 23 July, 9 am: Leavers' Assembly

Tea and Talk Sessions

All are welcome to the 'Tea and Talk' sessions with the Headteachers Mrs Coe and Mrs Jackson. The next session is Monday 4 December, 9 am.

Attendance

National expectation for regular attendance is that children must be in school every day. Every second counts and we must work together to improve attendance and punctuality.

Class	Week 8	Week 9
Miss Baldwin	97.6	98.1
Miss Simpkin	91.3	94.3
Miss Ramsey	95.3	93.3
Miss Bradfield	95.3	96.0
Miss Glover	97.9	96.9
Miss Leckerman	98.7	97.3
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	95.5	96.2
Mr Chaplin	98.7	97.4
Mr Smith	95.0	100
Mr Newton	98.7	94.7
Mrs Parrag	95.7	97.0



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mr Smith's class in year 5 for attaining the best attendance in the school! Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week with Mr Smith's Class.

Well done to those classes, and all pupils that are in school every day!

Please note that all dates are subject to change



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

EYFS: 13 December / 14 December
Miss Glover: Friday 19 January
Miss Bradfield: Thursday 8 February
Miss Ramsey: Thursday 14 March
Year 5: 26 June
Year 6: 22 July

Dates for Parent Consultations:

All years: 4 and 5 March

All years: 11 July – open evening



Term Dates:

Christmas: 21 December to 3 January

Non pupil day: 16 February

Half term: 19 to 23 February

Easter: 29 March to 12 April

Half term: 27 May to 7 June

Non pupil day: 12 July

Summer: from 24 July

Achievements

Last week and this week we are proud to celebrate the following who received Achievement awards:



Miss Ramsey: Sadie
Miss Bradfield: Oliver
Miss Glover: George E
Miss Leckerman: Tyler B

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Eliza E
Mr Chaplin: Toby W
Mr Smith: Isla C
Mrs Parrag: Grace I

Mr Newton: Riley E

Sport News

Paralympics

Ten pupils from years 5 and 6 took the opportunity to represent Robert Drake at a Paralympics competition held at the Deanes School. The team participated in new age kurling and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children were delighted to win gold in the boccia. Consequently, we are through to the finals...more details to come.

Netball

Woodham Ley 11 - 4 Robert Drake


Well done to our mixed netball team! They worked really hard and showed great attitude while representing the school.

Well done all, but remember that all our pupils are stars!

If your child has any achievements outside of school, please do ask them to share them with us so that we can recognise them and their accomplishments.

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From 6 November 2023, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

<p>Nut Free School/Packed Lunches</p> <p>The Robert Drake Primary is NUT FREE. We have pupils with severe air borne nut allergies and to safeguard our children all visitors must refrain from eating nuts and nut based products for at least 6 hours before visiting the school.</p> <p>- All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free.</p> 	<p>Friends of Robert Drake</p> <p>The school has an active fundraising group. They are always looking for volunteers and hold regular meetings at the school; everyone is welcome.</p> <p>They can be contacted through their Facebook page:</p>  <p>'Friends of Robert Drake School' Please check out their site for full details of forthcoming fundraising events.</p>
<p>Water Bottles</p>  <p>It is important that all pupils bring in a water bottle each day filled with plain water; it can be filled up at water stations during the day. This helps the children to remain hydrated and helps them to focus on their learning - 'knowing more and remembering more'.</p> <p>The water bottles should have a sports cap to avoid spills.</p>	<p>Uniform</p>  <p>All pupils should adhere to the school's uniform policy. The policy can be found on the school's website at https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/school-uniform</p> <p>Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.</p> <p>A reminder that if hair can be tied up, then it should be.</p>
<p>E-Safety</p> <p>E-Safety information from the Robert Drake website: https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/e-safety</p> <p>NSPCC website with useful information on online safety: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</p> 	<p>School Premises/Parking</p>  <p>Please note that dogs should not be brought on to the school grounds at any time, unless they are assistance dogs for the blind; this includes whether on a lead or being carried.</p> <p>We would also request that all parents/carers respect the school's neighbours and only park legally and with consideration for others. For safety reasons, at no time of the day should cars pull into the school's driveway.</p> 
<p>School Council</p>  <p>School Councillors are voted for by the children during the school year. Two per class.</p> <p>The councillors meet regularly and discuss and decide upon events and changes they would like to put forward, ie, menu items, fundraising days, sport played in school, to give some examples.</p> <p>The next council meeting is due to take place Wednesday 14 November, when the councillors will be meeting with TCS and giving their views on the current menu and offering ideas for the spring menu.</p>	<p>Clubs</p>  <p>There are several clubs that take place at the school every week; full details are available on the school's website https://robertdrake.co.uk/clubs or from the office.</p> <p>Taking into account parents' views at the Tea and Talk sessions, the school has introduced new clubs and is trying to provide a broad spectrum of clubs available, and these include, among others, drama, football, karate, netball, computing, music, fencing, crafting, Bricks4Kidz, etc.</p>
<p>Pre Loved Uniform Shop</p>  <p>Each item is priced at £1.00; all payments to be made via ParentPay.</p> <p>Purchases can be made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pre loved uniform shop is open in the small hall at 3.15 pm on the last Friday of each month - Parents/carers can email into admin@robertdrake.essex.sch.uk with details of the items they require, ie, item required, size, gender, etc - Parents/carers can enquire at the school office. 	<p>Pupil Premium / Free School Meals</p> <p>You may register your child for Free School Meals if you receive a range of benefits with qualifying conditions such as Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance and Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, and Universal Credit.</p> <p>If you think you may be eligible:</p> <p>If your child is in Year 2 or below, please call the School Office and we will send you through a form to complete.</p> <p>If your child is in Years 3—6, Essex County Council has an online application form on their website: https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals</p>

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding if you child is too ill for school. Please find below a link to the NHS website which provides guidance on common childhood illnesses and advice. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

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