



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Coffee Morning -

New Intake

*A coffee morning will be held at 9.00 am on **Monday 24th September** for the parents and carers of the children starting in Early Years in September 2018.*

Fundraising News

We would like to thank everybody for all of your magnificent support over the last year. The funds raised have enabled us to provide the following for the school:

- A Smartboard, soundbar and adjustable mounting for KS1 (£7,270)

- Refurbishment of the play bridge and ropes in KS2 playground

- Contribution towards the KS1 reading scheme which enabled £500 worth of books to be purchased

- Funded the Think-a-Lot workshop for all key stages.

Fund-Raising Meeting

*The next meeting will be held at 1.45 pm on **Friday 6th July 2018**. All parents and carers are welcome.*

STAFF CHANGES

We would like to welcome Miss Orner to the teaching staff. She will be taking a Year 6 class from September.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Thompson at the end of term as she will be leaving the school after 11 years. This means that from September, there will be no more recorder lessons or Timbrels Club.

Mr Rawlins, who has been teaching the choir for the last two years will also be leaving at the end of term as he is moving abroad. We are pleased to inform you that Ms Pendry will be joining the school in September to run the choir.

We would also like to let you know that Mrs Young is taking early retirement and will be leaving the school at the end of term after 13 years. She is moving to Cyprus with her family.

We would like to wish Mrs Young, Mrs Thompson and Mr Rawlins the very best for the future.

Miss C Redpath (Headteacher)

HEAD / DEPUTY HEAD BOY AND GIRL / SPORTS CAPTAINS

The children in years 1 to 5 voted for their choice of Head Boy and Head Girl and the following appointments have been made for the 2018/19 school year:

Head Boy: Charlie Deputy Head Boy: George

Head Girl: Mya Deputy Head Girl: Bow

The Sports Captains were appointed by staff as follows:

Sports Captains: Millie and Jake.

VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE BADGES

We have decided to recognise pupils who have very good attendance (in addition to those who achieve 100% attendance) at the end of the school year.

Children who have 99% attendance over the school year will receive a "Good Attendance" badge at the end of the summer term. This is to recognise that some children are unavoidably absent due to illness.

Please note that any absences taken for pupils to go on holiday for one or two days will not be taken into consideration as these are avoidable.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

Attendance for June 2018 was 96.1%. This is lower than usual due to the very high number of pupils taking holiday in term time.

DINNER MONEY

Please could we remind all parents and carers of pupils in years 3-6 that dinners must be paid for on-line via Parentpay before your child orders a school dinner. Please check your balance regularly. If you do not have money in your dinner account then please send your child into school with a packed lunch.

WATER BOTTLES, SUN HATS AND SUN CREAM

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.** When the weather is fine, 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.

STUBBERS 2018

We set off on our residential visit to Stubbers on Monday 11th June. The food was great all week but we especially enjoyed the Chinese meal on the first evening. The next morning we were split into groups to take part in the activities. We had so much fun. A particular favourite with everyone was the paddle boarding, especially as we all got very wet! We also really liked the tunnelling activity. It was pitch black inside the tunnel and we had to work together using communication skills to let our team know what was ahead. We also played Marco Polo, which was good. Abseiling was probably the most challenging activity but everybody in the team was really supportive and shouted encouragement.

In the evenings we were able to spend time in Club Stubbers, where we could play table tennis, an interactive dance game and mix with children from other schools. We had a brilliant week!

Amy and Jacob (Y6)



SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONS 2018

Congratulations to Jacob (Y6) and Daniel (Y5), who are this year's joint School Chess Champions.

PEN LICENCE

We look forward to awarding Pen Licences next year to the pupils who have neat handwriting and presentation in all of their written work.

READING

Congratulations to all of the children that have read four times every week this year and have appeared on our school reading tree. We are sure they will enjoy our special end of year celebratory reading picnic on the school field.

SECONDARY OPEN DAYS

For parents and carers of pupils currently in years 4 and 5, the following secondary school open day dates have been confirmed:

The King John School - Saturday 15th September 2018

Appleton School - Thursday 20th September 2018

The Deanes School - Tuesday 25th September 2018

OPEN EVENING—THURSDAY 5TH JULY

The Open Evening will be held on **Thursday 5th July** at 3.15 pm until 5.30 pm.

There is no need to make an appointment. It is an excellent opportunity for your child to show you their work.

DISTRICT SPORTS

District Sports will take place at The Deanes School on **Tuesday 10th July** at 9.00 am. Robert Drake is in the 'large schools' group this year. This event is weather permitting.

SWIMMING GALA

Selected children from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the annual swimming gala at Runnymede Swimming Pool on **Thursday 12th July**.

Unfortunately parents are not able to attend the gala as the capacity around and in the pool is restricted.

SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Choir Concert will be held on **Thursday 12th July** at 6.00 pm. Tickets are available at a cost of £2.50 each. The allocation is three tickets per child. Further details will be circulated soon.

EYFS PIRATE DAY

On **Thursday 12th July**, Early Years children will be taking part in a Pirate Day. The children can dress up as pirates for the day and at 12.30 pm parents/carers and younger siblings are invited to join us for the afternoon with a picnic.

KS1 MEXICAN DAY

On **Thursday 12th July**, Key Stage 1 children will be taking part in a Mexican Day. Further details will be circulated in due course.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will take place on **Friday 20th July** at 9.00 am.

All parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 are most welcome to attend.

NON-PUPIL DAYS 2018-2019

Non-pupil days for 2018-19 are:

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 4th January 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Friday 12th July 2019

The term dates for 2018-2019 are on the school website (www.robertdrake.co.uk).

THANK YOU

We would like to warmly thank Mrs June Willett for her very generous donation of £150, raised as a result of her successful plant sales. The money will be used to purchase equipment for EYFS.

SLIMMING WORLD

We are pleased to announce that Slimming World will be holding classes in the school hall on Monday evenings, 7.00-9.00 pm from 16th July. The classes will run all through the year.

NON-PUPIL DAY REMINDER AND TERM DATES

Please note that **Friday 13th July** is a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils.

The summer term will finish on **Friday 20th July at 3.15 pm.** The new term starts on **Tuesday 4th September.**

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.