



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

FUND-RAISING NEWS

Non-Uniform / Cake Sale day

This will be held on Friday 19th October 2018. Further details will follow.

Junior (KS2) Neon Disco and Infant (KS1 and EYFS) Movie Afternoon

Thursday 8th November—details to follow.

Christmas Bazaar

Friday 30th November and Monday 3rd December.

Details to follow.

Christmas Grand Draw

Wednesday 12th December

If you or your company would be interested in donating one of the main raffle prizes then please contact the school office or a member of the Fundraising team.

Fund-Raising Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 2nd November at 2.00 pm. All parents and carers are welcome.

STAFF CHANGES

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Snow at half term as she will be leaving the school after 23 years. She is taking early retirement and is moving to Spain. We would like to wish Mrs Snow the very best for the future.

We would like to welcome Mrs Norbury and Mrs Collins to the office staff team.

Miss C Redpath (Headteacher)

BABY NEWS - CONGRATULATIONS TO MR & MRS SMITH

We would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Smith on the safe arrival of their baby son, born on Monday 17th September weighing a healthy 6lb 4oz.

FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENTS

We would like to give very grateful thanks to our fantastic Fundraising Group who have once again worked tirelessly over the last year. The school is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of parents and carers to help organise the many different activities that take place throughout the year. They raise essential funds to put towards resources for our pupils, which helps to maintain the schools standards of excellence. Please see below details of how the money raised has enhanced learning for our pupils:

Workshop — Sir Think A Lot	£513
KS2 play tunnel replacement	£1000
KS1 book match initiative	£250
Y6 leavers disco	£175
EYFS class books and equipment	£305
Y6 class furniture	£2,500
TOTAL:	£4,743

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, hats, coats and clothing for PE/clubs. 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**.

Thank you.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

The attendance for September was 98.1%.

HOME LEARNING—REMINDER

We would like to remind parents and carers that all pupils must complete their home learning in pencil, unless they have a pen licence. If they do have a pen licence, the work must be completed in blue or black pen only.

Thank you.

CENSUS DAY THEMED LUNCH

We are holding a special themed lunch on School Census Day, **Thursday 4th October**. We would like to encourage all pupils to try a school lunch on this day. The menu has been circulated.

The cost will be £2.10, as usual, for pupils in Key Stage 2.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2019

All places for secondary schools are allocated by the Local Authority. It is imperative that all parents and carers of children in Year 6 submit their applications by **31st October 2018**.

If your application is not made by this date you will be considered a 'late applicant' and your child will be put to the bottom of all lists and allocated a space at the nearest available school, which is usually out of the area.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. The link to the booklet is below.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf

If you submit your application on-line please make sure it is acknowledged.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everybody who bought books from the Book Fair. As a result of your purchases we are able to spend **£481.20** on books for our school, which is fantastic.

EYFS PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

On **Tuesday 16th October** and **Thursday 18th October**, during the afternoon, there will be an opportunity for parents and carers of pupils in EYFS to have an initial meeting with your child's class teacher. Further details have been circulated.

ROOTS TO FOOD DAY—FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

All pupils will be participating in our Roots to Food Cookery Workshop on **Friday 19th October**. Pupils will also be considering healthy options for packed lunches and school meals as well as healthy activities.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Mr Chaplin's class - **Wednesday 3rd October** at 9.00 am.

Mrs Vickery's class - **Friday 12th October (Harvest Festival)** 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.

NETBALL

The girls netball team played a friendly match away at Thundersley Primary School on Thursday 27th September. The team played really well together and won the match 9 - 4.

NHS ADVICE

We have been asked to remind all parents and carers that children who have been sick or have upset stomachs must be kept off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you.

COATS

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

CHILDREN IN NEED - NOVEMBER 2018

The School Council has decided to support Children in Need on **Friday 16th November**.

Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The following educational visit will take place this term:

Wednesday 3rd October Y2/1 visit to Mountfitchet Toy Museum & Castle

NEW INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2019 - OPEN EVENING

We will be holding an Open Evening on **Thursday 18th October between 4.00pm and 5.30pm** for children due to start school in September 2019. 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.

A number of school tours will be held during October and November for parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2019. Please contact the school office to book a place.

YEARS 5 & 6 PERFORMANCE - CINDERELLA AND ROCKERFELLA

This year the Year 5 and 6 performances will take place on **Thursday 15th November**. There will be a morning and an afternoon performance. Tickets will be limited to 3 per pupil and will be available to purchase on ParentPay nearer the time.

Further details will be sent out in a separate letter.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a carol concert at St Peter's Church on **Thursday 13th December** at 2.00 pm. Children in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) will be performing their Christmas show on **Tuesday 12th December** at **9.15 am** and **2.30pm**.

Years 1 and 2 (KS1) will be taking part in their Christmas performances on **Wednesday 5th December** and **Thursday 6th December, both at 9.15 am**.

Further details will be circulated about the above performances nearer the time.

SCHOOL GAMES SILVER MARK AWARD – 2017/2018

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

Launched in 2012, the School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



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.