



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

**JULY 2018 - EXTRA
EDITION**

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 Meeting

*The next meeting will be held on **Friday 28th September** at 2.00 pm. All parents and carers are welcome.*

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

The overall attendance for 2017-18 was 97.1%.

46 children were awarded a gold attendance badge. Well done!

REFURBISHMENT OF WATER PIPES

During the summer holidays work will begin to replace the water distribution pipe-work throughout the school.

We will update you on the progress of the project when we return to school in September. We are hoping that there will be little or no disruption when the children return to school for the autumn term as any remaining work will continue in the evenings and at weekends.

SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to The Robert Drake Swimming Squad which came first in the swimming gala!

All pupils, including the reserves, trained very hard and performed to the best of their abilities at all times. Everybody worked well together as a team, supporting each other in a positive and fun environment. Well done to everyone involved!

“We would like to thank all of our helpers for preparing us for the swimming gala and well done to all of the other schools who took part. Well done to our team for winning first place—we hope everybody had a fun time.”

Lois (Year 6)

DISTRICT SPORTS

The athletics team took part in the District Sports on **Tuesday 10th July**. The children were impeccably behaved and showed superb sportsmanship throughout the event.

Several pupils won medals, as follows:

Y4 Sprint Final — Silver — James

Y5 Sprint Final — Gold — James

Y6 Sprint Final—Bronze—Joe

Y3 boys relay team—Gold

Y4 boys relay team—Silver

Y4 girls relay team—Gold

Y6 throwing event—Silver—Chloe

Well done to all of those pupils who have demonstrated commitment to training each Wednesday morning before school and to Mrs Macey, Mr Hunter and Mrs Vickery for all of their hard work in training and organising the athletics team.

MIXED NETBALL TEAM

Recently we heard the results of the mixed netball tournament. Robert Drake came in first place. We are very proud of one another as we have pushed ourselves and played to our peak. Mrs Pollock, Mrs Collins and Mrs Taylor have coached us brilliantly and pushed us to our limits. We hope that everyone continues to play netball because it's a really great sport and we've had a wonderful time playing in matches and at practice.

Chloe and Jacob (Year 6)

THE DEANES LITERACY COMPETITION

Congratulations to James (Year 4) who won a literacy award presented by The Deanes Sports Partnership. The aim was for pupils to research their favourite sports person and James wrote a very persuasive piece on why Lionel Messi is his favourite.

MR CHAPLIN'S VISIT TO GERMANY

I am delighted to say that I had a very successful trip to see our partner school, Laborschule Bielefeld, in Germany. I was able to watch a range of different lessons and feel I have learnt lots of things that can benefit the pupils here.

Darren Chaplin

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has come to our attention that some of the girls are wearing all-in-one playsuits rather than school dresses. We would like to remind parents and carers that this is not approved school uniform and they are not hygienic — the optional summer uniform for girls is a blue and white striped/checked dress (one piece only).

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

Please note that these dates are subject to change. The term dates for 2018-2019 are on the school website (www.robertdrake.co.uk).

DATES FOR DIARY

Provisional dates for the first half of autumn term 2018 are as follows:

Tuesday 4th—Friday 7th September — Friendship Week

Tuesday 12th September—KS1 Homework Meeting (2.45 pm)

Monday 10th September – Appleton meeting for all Year 6 parents and carers at Robert Drake

Tuesday 18th September and Thursday 20th September – Parent Consultations (Years 1 to 6)

Monday 24th September to Thursday 27th September - Travelling Book Fair

Friday 28th September – Individual School Photos

Friday 28th September—Fundraising Meeting at 2.00pm

Friday 12th October – Mrs Vickery’s class assembly (Harvest)

Tuesday 16th October and Thursday 18th October – EYFS Parent Consultations

Thursday 18th October—New Intake Open Evening (4.00—5.30pm)

Friday 19th October—Roots to Food Workshop

Friday 19th October—Non-Uniform Day/Cake Sale

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October—Half-Term

Please note that all dates are subject to change.

NON-PUPIL DAY REMINDER AND TERM DATES

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

Monday 3rd September is a training day.

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.