



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

FUND-RAISING NEWS

Non-Uniform / Cake Sale day

Thank you for the cakes and fruit sent in for 19 October. We raised £158.20 for Little Havens Hospice.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

*Raffle tickets will be sent out in due course. The draw will be held on **Wednesday 12 December.***

We would greatly welcome any raffle prize donations.

Christmas Bazaar

*This year the Bazaar will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 30 November and all day Monday 3 December.** Further details will follow.*

*In the meantime, if anybody is able to help on the **Monday** please contact the school office or one of the fundraisers as soon as possible.*

Fund-Raising Meeting

*The next meeting will be held on **Friday 18 January** at 2.00 pm. All parents and carers are welcome.*

PARALYMPIC GAMES FESTIVAL

Six pupils were selected, because of their excellent attitude to learning, to take part in a Paralympic Games Festival. They took part in three Paralympic events: Boccia, Goal Ball and Seated Volleyball. They had a fabulous time competing against other local schools and came first in the Boccia tournament. This means that they have qualified for the County Finals on 10th January. Look out for news on how they get on. We wish them luck!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival took place on 12 October, With Mrs Vickery's class taking assembly. Many thanks to all the parents and carers for their Donations.



POPPIES

Poppies are on sale in school this week. We will be speaking with the children about the significance of Remembrance Day. We would request that any donation is in excess of 20p, as this will cover the production cost for a poppy.

A two minute's silence will be held in the school on Friday 9 November at 11 am.

COATS

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

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

The attendance for October was 97%. This was due to several parents / carers taking their children out of school for holidays. The Governors would like to remind parents / carers of the importance for good attendance.

CHILDREN IN NEED - NOVEMBER 2018

The School Council are arranging a special day on **Friday 16 November** to raise money for Children in Need. The Council has decided Robert Drake is going spotty for Children in Need, so children can wear spotty clothes to school. All pupils should wear school shoes or trainers. They should not wear: face paints, hair spray or full football kits (but they can wear football shirts). Pudsey ears or headbands may be worn.

There will be a collection tin in each class and we hope you will help us raise lots of money for Children in Need.

NEW INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2019

The Open Evening for the new intake has already taken place. However, there is still some limited availability to book a school tour. These are being held during the term for parents / carers of children due to start school in September 2019 - please contact the school office to book a place.

HOME / SCHOOL READING RECORDS

As noted in the recent letter home, and to comply with GDPR, the school is requesting that any messages that contain personal information, eg, medical information or details about sensitive family circumstances, be written on a separate piece of paper and sent in to school in a sealed envelope instead of in the Reading Record. In order that teachers receive the letter, please write a message in the Reading Record indicating that there is a letter for the teacher's attention.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

YEARS 5 & 6 PERFORMANCE - CINDERELLA ROCKER-FELLA

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

Further details have already been circulated.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES

As previously advised children in Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a carol concert at St Peter's Church on **Thursday 13 December** at 2 pm. Children in EYFS will be performing their Christmas show on **Tuesday 11 December** at 9.15 am and 2.30 pm.

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

Further details to be circulated closer to the time.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Years 2 & 1 took a trip to Mountfitchet Toy Museum and Castle this term. All the children had a great day and especially enjoyed learning about all the toys from years gone by.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY EYFS and KS1

EYFS parents, carers and family members were invited in on Friday 2 November to take part in a Road Safety Walk. On the same day Robert Drake held a Parent Involvement Day for KS1.

KS1 parents, carers and family members had great fun making moving puppets. The children did an excellent job, as did their adult helpers, and here are a few of the finished products.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner this year is on *Friday 14 December*. Details about price and menu will be sent out shortly.

As in previous years, the school will be supporting Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on the same day. Children should wear their usual school uniform but their school jumper may be replaced with a Christmas jumper. It would be advisable for the children to wear a plain white t-shirt or school shirt under their jumper as they may become hot in the school building.

We realise that this is an expensive time of year, therefore we do not expect you to buy a jumper for your child; children are more than welcome to come in a jumper they have decorated themselves !

Any donation, however small, will be gratefully received. Obviously it is not compulsory for children to take part, but we would encourage as many as possible to participate in order to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

FOOTBALL

The girls football team had a great result away against Kingston Primary School, winning their first match 3- 0, with Ava scoring two goals, and Georgia the third. The girls played superbly, and dominated the game from start to finish

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.