



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

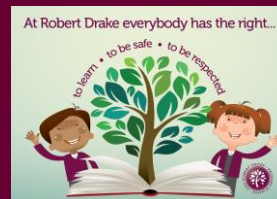
2 October 2023



School values:



School Rules:



Silver Schools Game Mark Award

We are delighted to advise that the school has been awarded the Silver Schools Game Mark Award. Well done !



Mr Chaplin's Class Assembly

Parents and carers enjoyed watching Mr Chaplin's class assembly last week; the theme was 'Stoneage'.

Diary Dates – we will list on the newsletter most diary dates. Please do check the calendar on the website as going forward that will be updated with all dates too. All dates are subject to change.

- 4 October, 2.30 pm: EYFS parent/carer workshop – phonics and tapestry
- 5 October: Y 3/4 trip to Thorndon Park
- 19 October, 4 – 5.15 pm: KS1 Fancy Dress Disco
- 19 October, 5.30 - 7 pm: KS2 Fancy Dress Disco
- 20 October: Break the Rules Day
- 8 November: Paralympics
- 8 November, 1.45 pm: EYFS Parent Involvement afternoon
- 15 and 16 November: Y 5/6 school production to parents and carers
- 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
- 8 December, 2 pm: Y 3/4 Carol Concert, St Peter's Church
- 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
- 5 February: Class photographs
- 28 February: Cross Country Competition
- 7 March: World Book Day
- 8 March: Y 1/2 Parent Involvement Morning
- 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



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House colours:

Dragon	Green
Griffin	Yellow
Pegasus	Blue
Phoenix	Red

Reading

The importance of reading for children should not be underestimated. The expectation is that children should read at least four times a week; please ensure you complete your child's reading record as rewards are given in class for regular reading.

PE Days

CLASS	DAYS
EYFS	Wed and Thu
ER	Thu and Fri
NB	Mon and Fri
WB	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

For health and safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed for PE lessons by the pupils themselves or at home before coming to school. If they cannot be removed, then the pupil will not be able to take part in the PE lesson.

Menu

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

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 3	Week 4
Miss Baldwin	99.0	96.2
Miss Simpkin	93.9	96.1
Miss Ramsey	99.4	94.5
Miss Bradfield	99.3	98.0
Miss Glover	98.6	97.2
Miss Leckerman	97.3	99.3
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	97.6	99.3
Mr Chaplin	99.0	95.2
Mr Smith	97.3	98.7
Mr Newton	95.9	94.1
Mrs Parrag	100.0	97.0



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mrs Parrag's class in week 3 for attaining 100% attendance. Amazing !

Geraldine will be spending this week jointly with Miss Leckerman's class and Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert's class.

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

Achievements

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



Year 1: Tommy, Rosie and Hudson

Year 2: Charlie, Erica, Teddy, Arthur and Eloise

Year 3: Adeline, Tyler, Jake B and Isla

Year 4: Ram, Anastasia and Ellis

Year 5: Grace and Harriet

Year 6: Lily, Harry, Dolly, Cooper, Owen and Ronnie-Rae

Also a special mention to Dusty and Dolly for their fundraising efforts for charity

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.



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

Mrs Malyan/Herbert: Friday 13 October

Miss Leckerman: Friday 20 October

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:

EYFS: 17 and 18 October

All years: 4 and 5 March

All years: 11 July – open evening



Term Dates:

Half term: 23 to 27 October

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

DONATIONS NEEDED
Can you help??

Happiness Hub

The school has a Happiness Hub that children can attend at lunchtimes. We are currently looking for donations of games or puzzles that can be used for indoor play. If you do have any spare, please just drop into the office. Thank you

Tea and Talk Sessions All are welcome to the 'Tea and Talk' sessions with the Headteachers Mrs Coe and Mrs Jackson. Sessions are as follows:

Monday 4 December, 9 am

Friday 26 January, 2.30 pm

Tuesday 12 March, 9 am

Thursday 9 May, 9 am

Monday 24 June, 2.30 pm

All dates are subject to change

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

Children's Events this Half Term for Primary Schools

Pop along to Essex Libraries for some half term time. Meet author Kate Read and enjoy a reading of her book, One Fox, followed by a fun counting and art activity. Or, enjoy an introduction to Black History Month, a reading of "Malik's Bridge", and a workshop where you'll design and build your own bridge. Events are for all children aged 3 to 10.

Pre Loved Uniform Shop

Each item is priced at £1.00; all payments to be made via ParentPay.



Purchases can be made as follows:

- 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

Friends of Robert Drake

The school has an active fundraising group. They are always looking for volunteers and hold regular meetings at the school; everyone is welcome.

They can be contacted through their Facebook page:



'Friends of Robert Drake School'

Please check out their site for full details of forthcoming fundraising events

Water Bottles



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'.

The water bottles should have a sports cap to avoid spills.

Uniform

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>



Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

A reminder that if hair can be tied up, then it should be.

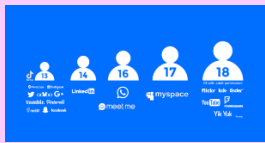
E-Safety

E-Safety information from the Robert Drake website:

<https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/e-safety>

NSPCC website with useful information on online safety:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



School Premises/Parking



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.

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.**



School Council

School Councillors are voted for by the children during the school year. Two per class.



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.

The next council meeting is due to take place Wednesday 1 November, when the councillors will be meeting with TCS and giving their views on the current menu and offering ideas for the spring menu.

Clubs



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.

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.

Nut Free School/Packed Lunches



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.

All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free.



Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

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.

If you think you may be eligible:

If your child is in Year 2 or below, please call the School Office and we will send you through a form to complete.

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>