



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

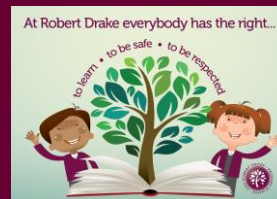
16 October 2023



School values:



School Rules:



Winter Wonderland - 8 December 2023 – 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Details on how your class can donate items will follow after half term. If you are interested in having a stall at this event, please contact The Friends of Robert Drake for more information.



Mrs Malyan & Mrs Herbert's Class Assembly

Parents and carers enjoyed watching year 3/4 class assembly last week; the theme was 'The Human Body'.

Diary Dates – we will list most diary dates. Please do check the calendar on the website with all dates too. All dates are subject to change.

- 19 October, 4 – 5.15 pm: EYFS and KS1 Fancy Dress Disco
- 19 October, 5.30 - 7 pm: KS2 Fancy Dress Disco
- 20 October: Break the Rules Day
- 20 October – Miss Leckerman – Year 3 – Class Assembly 9am
- 8 November: Paralympics
- 8 November, 1.45 pm: EYFS Parent Involvement afternoon
- 16 November: Y 5/6 school production to parents and carers 9am & 1:30pm
- 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
- 4 December: Tea and Talk with the Headteachers, 9am
- 8 December, 2 pm: Y 3/4 Carol Concert, St Peter's Church
- 8 December, 3.30 – 6.30 pm: Winter Wonderland
- 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
- 26 January: Tea and Talk with the Headteachers, 9am
- 5 February: Class photographs
- 28 February: Cross Country Competition
- 7 March: World Book Day
- 8 March: Y 1/2 Parent Involvement Morning
- 12 March: Tea and Talk with the Headteachers, 9am
- 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 Julv. 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 5	Week 6
Miss Baldwin	98.0	99.5
Miss Simpkin	95.4	93.5
Miss Ramsey	97.4	99.0
Miss Bradfield	97.2	96.3
Miss Glover	97.0	93.1
Miss Leckerman	95.0	99.3
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	94.7	99.3
Mr Chaplin	93.9	93.9
Mr Smith	97.5	98.0
Mr Newton	94.2	91.7
Mrs Parrag	97.3	98.0



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Miss Baldwins class in EYFS for maintaining the best attendance in the school for two weeks running! Amazing !

Geraldine will be spending this week with Miss Baldwins 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:



Miss Ramsey: Emie, Jessie K
Miss Bradfield: Haden, Gisela
Miss Glover: Harper H, Amelia
Miss Leckerman: Joshua, Cais

Miss Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Logan, Scarlett P
Mr Chaplin: Rosie, Luna
Mr Smith: Mila, George
Mrs Parrag: Millie E, Laila

Mr Newton: Rosie B, Beatrice

Also, a special mention to Ram, who was recently invited to Texas in the USA to take part in a concert playing the piano. What a fantastic achievement, and such an experience! Well done Ram

Football News

Girls Football - Jotmans 1-8 Robert Drake - Girls were absolutely awesome and showed great character; a credit to the school. They played exceptional football and worked hard for each other. What was pleasing at the end all girls went up to the Jotmans girls and said well played. Poppy, Lily, Scarlet & Lily all scored goals. The whole team was fantastic!

Boys Football - Jotmans 1-6 Robert Drake - Great team performance again. Mason scored 4 goals along with Fraiser & Cooper also scoring. Well done boys!

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.

Please note that all dates are subject to change



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

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



Harvest Festival Donations – Miss Leckerman's class will be holding the Harvest Festival assembly this Friday 20 October. This year we will be donating Harvest Festival donations to the Salvation Army who operate a food bank at their Hadleigh Temple. All donations please by Thursday 19 October 2023 – they are particularly looking for tinned food, instant packet food, jams, marmalade and size 4, 5 and 6 nappies

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

Walk to School Month for all Schools #MoveWithUs this October and take part in our [Walk to School Month](#) activities. From treasure hunts, to writing poems and wellie walks – we have created a pack of resources that you can access and use in your classrooms, or as homework. These exciting activities aim to encourage pupils and students to walk to school in October and enjoy the benefits of being outdoors. Let us know how you get on via @ActiveEssex

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>