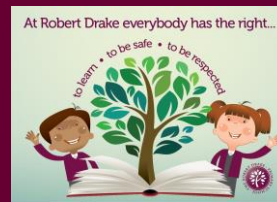




School values:



School Rules:



The Robert Drake Attendance Superhero's!

Was it a bird ??

Was it a plane ??

No, it was the wonderful Robert Drake Attendance Superhero's greeting the children before school to encourage good attendance !



Miss Leckerman's Class Assembly

Parents and carers enjoyed watching year 3 class assembly before half term; the theme was 'The Harvest Festival'.

Break the Rules Day! The amount raised was £317.50! Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates. Please check the website calendar too. All dates subject to change.

- 7 November: School Council visit to Basildon Council and Mayor's Office
- 8 November: Paralympics
- 8 November, 1.45 pm: EYFS Parent Involvement afternoon
- 16 November: 9 am and 1.30 pm 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
- 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 July, 9 am: Leavers' Assembly



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Mrs Jackson – Mrs Coe

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Smith - Mr Chaplin

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs Foster

House colours

Dragon	Green
Griffin	Yellow
Pegasus	Blue
Phoenix	Red



Total of words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date:

7,185,132!

Reading - The expectation is that children should read at least four times a week.

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

All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons by the pupils themselves or at home before coming to school

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 7	Week 8
Miss Baldwin	94.3	97.6
Miss Simpkin	87.0	91.3
Miss Ramsey	96.0	95.3
Miss Bradfield	92.7	95.3
Miss Glover	99.3	97.9
Miss Leckerman	96.0	98.7
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	95.9	95.5
Mr Chaplin	89.0	98.7
Mr Smith	91.7	95.0
Mr Newton	96.0	95.7
Mrs Parrag	97.3	98.7



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mrs Glover's class in year 2 for attaining the best attendance in the school for week 7! Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week jointly with Mr Newton's, Mr Chaplin's & Miss Leckerman's class.

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

Please note that all dates are subject to change



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

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:

All years: 4 and 5 March

All years: 11 July – open evening



Term Dates:

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

Achievements

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



Miss Ramsey: Milana
Miss Bradfield: Layton & Erica
Miss Glover: Bethany
Miss Leckerman: Caelan

Miss Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Stanley
Mr Chaplin: Bobby
Mr Smith: Sofia
Mrs Parrag: Nathan, Olivia & Charlie R

Mr Newton: Mason S

Football News

Boys Football - Kingston 1-3 Robert Drake - Great team performance again. Abiola, Toby and Klaydon all scored goals. Well done Robert Drake!



Also, a special mention to Jake B who has spent the last few weeks drawing and selling Halloween pictures and he has raised £50.70 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. He really enjoyed it and is pleased he has raised this money to help the hospital. Well done Jake!

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.

<p>Pre Loved Uniform Shop</p> <p>Each item is priced at £1.00; all payments to be made via ParentPay.</p>  <p>Purchases can be made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	<p>Friends of Robert Drake</p> <p>The school has an active fundraising group. They are always looking for volunteers and hold regular meetings at the school; everyone is welcome.</p> <p>They can be contacted through their Facebook page:</p>  <p>'Friends of Robert Drake School' Please check out their site for full details of forthcoming fundraising events.</p>
<p>Water Bottles</p>  <p>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'.</p> <p>The water bottles should have a sports cap to avoid spills.</p>	<p>Uniform</p>  <p>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</p> <p>Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.</p> <p>A reminder that if hair can be tied up, then it should be.</p>
<p>Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers</p> <p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk</p> <p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/</p> <p>Parenting tips and support for dealing with difficult situations.</p>	<p>School Premises/Parking</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> 
<p>School Council</p>  <p>School Councillors are voted for by the children during the school year. Two per class.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The last council meeting took place Wednesday 1 November. Details to follow.</p>	<p>Clubs</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Nut Free School/Packed Lunches</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free.</p> 	<p>Pupil Premium / Free School Meals</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you think you may be eligible:</p> <p>If your child is in Year 2 or below, please call the School Office and we will send you through a form to complete.</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Is my child too ill for school?</p> <p>It can be tricky deciding if you child is too ill for school. Please find below a link to the NHS website which provides guidance on common childhood illnesses and advice. Is my child too ill for school?</p>	

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