



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

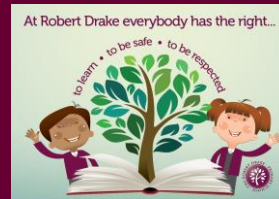
5th March 2024



School values:



School Rules:



Miss Bradfield's Class Assembly

Miss Bradfield's class took to the stage to perform the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. They learnt their lines quickly and sang the songs beautifully. What a fantastic performance- well done!



Art Challenge Walk

The school took part in local walks to Woodside Park recently. The children really enjoyed sketching and gaining ideas for the Art Challenge. Unfortunately, due to bad weather a few classes had to reschedule their walks to a later date.



Drumming Workshop

The whole school took part in a drumming workshop just before half term.



Diary Dates (all dates are subject to change)

- 4 - 5 March: All Years Parent Consultations
- 7 March: World Book Day
- 8 March: Year 5 Appleton Day
- 8 March: 9am Year 1/2 Parent Involvement Morning
- 11 March: Science Week
- 11 March: The Big Walk and Wheel
- 13 March: KS1 trip to Braintree Museum
- 13 March: 2.15pm Road Safety Presentation to EYFS Parents
- 14 March: 9am Year 1 Class Assembly - Miss Ramsey
- 15 March: Comic Relief
- 19 March: Infant Music Festival
- 20 March: 9am Year 5/6 Parent Involvement Morning
- 21 March: EYFS Art Challenge Walk to Woodside Park
- 21 March: World Poetry day
- 25 March: 9am EYFS walk to St Peter's Church
- 26 March: 9am Y6 SAT's and Stubbers Meeting
- 27 March: Easter discos
- 22 April: Year 5/6 Mini Tennis
- 26 April: Fundraisers Quiz Night
- 8 May: Character and Life Skills event Year 5/6
- 9 May: 9am Tea and Talk with Mrs Jackson
- 10 May: EYFS trip to Barleylands
- 13 May: SAT's week
- 22 May: Year 6 Rounders Tournament
- 23 May: KS1 trip to Sealife Adventure
- 24 May: Mad Hair Day
- 3-21 June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 13 June: Junior Music Festival, Cliffs Pavilion
- 14 June: Year 3/4 Trip to Museum of Power
- 17 - 21 June: Year 6 Residential trip to Stubbers
- 19 June: KS1 Summer games - Deanes
- 21 June: Year 3/4 Parent Involvement morning
- 24 June: 2.30 pm Tea and Talk with Mrs Jackson
- 24 - 28 June: Book Fair
- 25 - 26 June: Year 6 Secondary School Transition days
- 26 June: 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
- 27 June: Sports Day
- 28 June: Year 5 Danbury Trip
- 2 July: Railway Children production to school
- 6 July: Summer Fun Day
- 11 July: Reports and Open Evening
- 15 July: Leavers' Disco
- 23 July: 9am Leavers' Assembly



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Designated Safeguarding Leads:

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 words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date:
24,540,231 !

We have two new word millionaires
- Lily B and Harriet V. Excellent work, well done

PE Days

CLASS	DAYS
EYFS	Wed and Thu
ER	Thu and Fri
NB	Mon and Fri
SG	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	97.6	98.6
Miss Simpkin	94.0	100
Miss Ramsey	97.2	93.5
Miss Bradfield	95.8	98.0
Miss Glover	93.1	97.2
Miss Leckerman	95.4	99.0
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	96.6	99.3
Mr Chaplin	99.2	99.4
Mr Smith	94.2	96.0
Mr Newton	97.9	94.0
Mrs Parrag	95.0	95.0



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mr Chaplin's class in year 3 for attaining the highest attendance in week 7. Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week in Miss Simpkin's class in EYFS for an amazing 100% attendance. Well done!

Well done all pupils that are in school every day and on time!



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:
Miss Ramsey: Thursday 14 March
Year 5: Wednesday 26 June
Year 6: Tuesday 23 July

Dates for Parent Consultations:

All years: 4 and 5 March – **please remember to complete the online form advising the school of your availability**

All years: 11 July – open evening



Term Dates:

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: Rosie & Eva	Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Mia E & David	Miss Baldwin: Harry S & Willow
Miss Bradfield: Finley T & Isaac	Mr Chaplin: Indiana & Ellis	Miss Simpkin: George & Alfie
Miss Glover: Amelia, Robin & Riley	Mr Smith: Olivia H & Poppy	Mr Newton: Maddie & Fraiser
Miss Leckerman: Caelan & Klaydon	Mrs Parrag: Mia R & Dillan	

Cross Country

On Wednesday 28th February, 36 pupils from Year 3 to 6 attended a cross country competition at Garon Park in Southend. We are very proud of all the children who competed and represented the school with great pride. Each race had over 100 pupils in from different schools across Castle Point and Rochford. A special mention to Abiola in Year 4 who won his race and has now qualified for the county finals which are due to take place at the end of March

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.

Tea and Talk Sessions All are welcome to the 'Tea and Talk' sessions with the Co-Headteacher Mrs Jackson. Sessions are as follows:

Thursday 9 May, 9 am

Monday 24 June, 2.30 pm



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.



Thank you to all the children that joined in the Green Football Weekend, and shared their vegetarian meals with the school. They looked amazing!

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.

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.

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.

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.**



Robert Drake promotes healthy living and seeks to provide a no smoking environment, both within the school building and grounds, that help protect the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school. Also, the effect of second hand smoking has been shown to cause serious health issues.

We would therefore like to request that parents and carers refrain from smoking near the school and around other parents and children

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.

Details of the most recent council meeting will be shared on the next newsletter.

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.

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.

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>

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding if your 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? A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school term](#)