



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

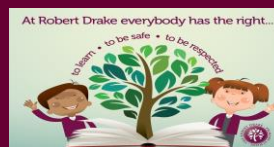
8th July 2024

We are all special different unique

School values:

Our School Values
Kindness
Honesty
Respect

School Rules:



Stubbers 2024

We all had a superb time (teachers included 😊). The children were exemplary representatives of the school and enjoyed terrorising each other, and their teachers, throughout the week. Children faced fears; rekindled friendships; and made memories that will last forever. Stubbers 2024 was certainly one to remember!



Year 5 Performance – Ancient Greece

The year 5 children put on a great performance about ancient Greece. They all had lots of tricky words to learn and even played their own instruments! We are really proud of them all. Well Done!



Danbury Trip – Year 5

Our trip to Danbury was enjoyed by all the children. They engaged in all of the outdoor activities and really challenged themselves. Lots of them overcame their fear of the high ropes too. A brilliant day was had by all!!



Summer Fun Day

Thank you to everyone that came to support our summer fun day despite the weather!! We would like to give a special thank you to our lovely fundraisers, without all their hard work these events could not take place. We raised a fantastic £1614.74 for the school!



Diary Dates (all dates are subject to change)

- 8 July: 3.30 pm Choir Club concert to parents
- 10 July: District Sports
- 11 July: 4 – 5.30 pm Open Evening and Reports
- 15 July: Leavers' Disco
- 17 July: 9 am Year 6 Drama Performance to parents
- 19 July: 10am Music Mission Drumming Performance to parents
- 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:
Mr King

House colours: Term Totals	
Dragon	Green – 2106
Griffin	Yellow – 1778
Pegasus	Blue – 2371
Phoenix	Red - 1573



Total words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date:
45,474,267!!!!

New Word millionaires: Agatha W (DC), Maddison V (DN), Olivia H (KS), Leo B (KS) –
New double word millionaires: Lily B(KS) and Harriet V (KS);

Dillan W(NP) has read over 3 million words.

Marnie W (ER) who is the first child in KS1 to read over 100,000 words!!!

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 24	Week 25
Miss Baldwin	93.8	93.8
Miss Simpkin	87.9	94.2
Miss Ramsey	98.7	91.0
Miss Bradfield	93.3	93.3
Miss Glover	99.3	95.5
Miss Leckerman	99.0	98.0
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	95.9	95.9
Mr Chaplin	99.4	99.4
Mr Smith	96.7	93.7
Mr Newton	98.7	99.3
Mrs Parrag	93.0	98.7



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mr Chaplin's class in year 4 for attaining the best attendance for week 24 & week 25. Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week with Mr Chaplin's class. Well done!

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



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:
Year 6: Tuesday 23 July

Dates for Parent Consultations:
All years: 11 July – Open Evening –
4:00pm – 5.30pm



Term Dates:
Non-pupil day: 12 July
Summer: from 24 July

Achievements

We are proud to celebrate the following pupils who have received Achievement awards, over the past two weeks



Miss Ramsey: Younes & Ella -Rae
Miss Bradfield: Finley B & Jacob
Miss Glover: Harper G & Willow
Miss Leckerman: Isabelle R & Elsie

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Logan B & Jaxson
Mr Chaplin: Ellis & Sam
Mr Smith: Lily M, Tommy & Ellie
Mrs Parrag: Charlie & Bobby

Miss Baldwin: Neave & Rosie
Miss Simpkin: Jaxon & Willow
Mr Newton: Georgia & Izzy

Sports Day Results

Well done to all of the children (and parents!) who took part in sports day this year. The raffle raised £280, thank you for your continued support.



1st Griffin – 1493

2nd Pegasus – 1355

3rd Phoenix – 1240

4th Dragon – 1089

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.

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/>

<p>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.</p> <p>- All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free.</p> 	<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>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>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.</p> <p>We would therefore like to request that parents and carers refrain from smoking near the school and around other parents and children</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>Details of the most recent council meeting will be shared on the newsletter.</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.</p>
<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>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>

Is my child too ill for school?

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? A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school term](#)