



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Disco / Easter Egg

Raffle

*The children's disco will take place on **Tuesday 27th***

March:

Infants 1.45 - 3.00 pm.

Juniors 4.00 - 5.15 pm.

*All children attending the disco will be entered into a raffle for Easter Eggs. Any donations will be gratefully received - please bring them to the school office by **Friday 23rd***
March.

Fund-Raising Meeting

*The next fundraising meeting will be on **Friday 2nd***

March at 2.00pm.

All welcome.

Adventure Island and Marsh Farm Tickets

Tickets are now on sale - further details have been circulated. The Adventure Island tickets are valid until the end of December 2018, subject to park opening times.

Summer Fayre

*The 2018 'Royal Wedding' Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 19th May, 12.00 - 3.00 pm.** Further*

SCHOOL CLOSURE

We are very pleased to be open again today. We hope that you all received timely communication and we thank you for your continued support.

HEAD NOTES - NOTIFICATION

We would like to remind all parents and carers to check your child's purple reading record on a daily basis. If your child suffers a minor head bump that requires treatment, notification will be passed on to you by the class teacher, or via your child's purple book.

If your child suffers a serious head bump or injury, office staff will telephone parents/carers directly.

JET WHEEL TYRE - MONEY FOR SCHOOL

Jet Wheel Tyre, the wheel brake and exhaust specialists based in Thundersley, Pitsea and Rayleigh, kindly donate to the school 5% of the total amount spent on their services by any staff members or parents of children at the school. The school has just received a cheque for **£90.65.** This will go towards the fund for the new school radio.

If you visit one of their branches, please mention the school so that we can help bolster the annual amount paid back to us. Thank you.

MEETING FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN Y6 - SATS TESTS

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to attend a meeting on **Monday 12th March** at 2.30 pm regarding the forthcoming end of Key Stage 2 SATS which take place in May. Details have been circulated to all Y6 parents and carers.

AREA CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Please note that the area Cross Country event on **Tuesday 7th March** at The Deanes School has been postponed and will now be held on **Friday 16th March.**

INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thirty pupils from Year 2 will be taking part in the Infant Music Festival at the Freight House, Rochford on **Thursday 15th March 2018,** during the afternoon. A letter has been sent home to parents and carers with further details about this event.

details will be circulated nearer the time.

Volunteers to help on the day will be greatly appreciated!

If parents / carers would like to advertise their business in the Summer Fayre brochure, please contact the school office.

Any donations of prizes for the raffle will be greatly received.

Non-Uniform Day / Cake Sale

The fantastic sum of £250.07 was raised.

Thank you for your continued support.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

Attendance for February 2018 was 97.3%.

RACQUETS FESTIVAL

Miss Bradfield's class will be participating in a Racquets Festival at The Deanes School on **Wednesday 14th March**.

MOUNTAIN BIKE COMPETITION

On **Tuesday 20th of February** a team of 8 children from years 5 and 6 represented Robert Drake Primary School at a mountain bike competition.

It was a dismal afternoon but the rain stayed away, thankfully! When we arrived at Hadleigh Country Park we borrowed some bikes in order to try out the skills course and mountain bike track. When on the 'skills' section we learnt and practised how to: slalom, stop without putting your foot down and ride using only one hand.

All this exercise gave us an appetite so we went to the cafe to have lunch.

After we had refuelled it was our turn to race on the track. We had several practise runs before trying our best to win the heats to get into the finals. Zack, Lucas, Millie and Lois made it through to the finals and we were there to cheer them on. Everyone tried their best and we had a fun afternoon.

Harrison (Sports Captain)

Mountain Bike Competition Results:

Boys A Final: Lucas came in third place

Boys B Final: Zach came in first place

Team Event: Robert Drake came in third place out of 7 schools.



Y6

ENGLISH QUIZ

Four pupils from Y6, Harrison, Avyi, Chloe and Daniel, participated in an English Competition on **Monday 26th February**. The team performed very well and were awarded 3rd place in the area heat, demonstrating excellent team work and persever-

ance. It was a very close event as Robert Drake achieved 163 points and the winning team scored 165 points. The children said that the speed spelling and gobble-dy-gook rounds were particularly difficult. The team was complimented on its behavior and the pupils were a credit to the school.

NETBALL TEAM

The mixed netball team played an away match against Woodham Ley on **Thursday 8th February**. Everyone played extremely well and they won the match 9-2. The team played a closely-fought away match at Thundersley on **Friday 9th February**, which they lost 7-3.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT SESSIONS - SPRING TERM

The following Parental Involvement session will be held this term:

Wednesday 21st March (am) - Years 5 and 6

Parents and carers will be invited into school to work with their children during this session.

Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

SPORT RELIEF (SCHOOL COUNCIL)

The School Council will be supporting Sport Relief 2018 on **Friday 23rd March**. Pupils can come to school dressed as a famous sports person and each class will take part in the daily mile in a different way, e.g. walking backwards. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The following class assembly is due to take place this term:

Mrs Jackson's class - **Wednesday 28th March** at 9.00 am.

All parents and carers of pupils in these classes are most welcome to attend. Tea and coffee will be available afterwards.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The following educational visit will take place in March:

Wednesday 21st March	Y2 visit to the Planetarium (Southend)
& Friday 23rd March	Y1 visit to the Planetarium (Southend)

EASTER HOLIDAY

School closes for the Easter holiday on **Thursday 29th March** at 3.15 pm and will re-open for the summer term on **Monday 16th April** at 8.40 am.

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.