



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Disco / Easter Egg

Raffle

*The children's discos were held on **Tuesday 27th March**. Thank you to everybody who supported the event and for the donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle. Thanks to your generosity every child was able to win a chocolate treat. The total raised was **£660.58**.*

Fund-Raising Meeting

*The next fundraising meeting will be on **Friday 20th April** at 1.45—3.00 pm to discuss the Summer Fayre. All welcome.*

Adventure Island / Marsh Farm Tickets

Tickets are now on sale - further details have been circulated. The Adventure Island tickets are valid until 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 details will be circulated nearer the time.*

SPORT RELIEF (SCHOOL COUNCIL)

Thank you to everybody who supported Sport Relief 2018 on **Friday 23rd March**. Pupils and staff donated **£280.20** so that they could wear sports clothing for the day.



DINNER MONEY / ON-LINE PAYMENTS

We would like to thank the majority of parents and carers who are using the e-payment method to pay for school dinners, trips, clubs, music tuition, uniform etc.

However, a small minority of parents and carers are neglecting to top-up their child's dinner money accounts and office staff are spending an increasing amount of time contacting parents and carers to chase payments.

If you are unable to top-up your child's account for any reason then please contact the school office. If you do not inform us of any payment difficulties and your child's dinner money account is in arrears, office staff will contact you and ask that you bring in a packed lunch for your child. Thank you.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

All of the Year 6 children have now been informed of their secondary school place for September. Congratulations to Ajay, Chloe, Daniel, Harrison and Jacob who have gained places at selective schools.

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.

GOVERNOR NEWS

New Parent Governor

We are delighted to report that Mr Lee Morton has been elected to the Governing Body .

Attendance

Attendance for March 2018 was 97.3%.

SEATED VOLLEYBALL FINALS

Six children from Years 5 and 6 qualified for the Regional Finals of the Seated Volleyball Competition. They played against other schools from across Essex, including teams from Chelmsford, Braintree, Canvey Island and Southend. A coach from England Seated Volleyball gave some coaching at the beginning of the morning then the matches started. Robert Drake worked amazingly well together as a team and won all of their semi-final matches. They played an awesome final and missed a gold medal by only 2 points. They are now County Silver Medallists.



ST GEORGE'S DAY—23RD APRIL

There will be a special themed lunch on **Monday 23rd April** to celebrate St George's Day. Menu details will be circulated to all parents and carers soon.

The Scouts Founder, Robert Baden-Powell, chose St George to be the Patron Saint of Scouting and to celebrate this all Beavers and Cubs are welcome to come to school in their Scouting uniforms on this day.

INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Children from Year 2 took part in the Infant Music Festival at the Freight House, Rochford on **15th March**. It was a lovely afternoon and all of the children sang beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Thompson and Miss Bradfield for organising the music and ensuring that the children were so well prepared. Well done to everybody involved.

Y6 MATHS QUIZ

On **Wednesday 7th March**, four Y6 pupils participated in a local Maths quiz, hosted by Wyburns Primary School. They finished 4th out of 12 schools. They worked really well as a team and used the time very efficiently to gain high scores in all rounds.

NETBALL

The girls netball team played an away match against Holy Family on **Thursday 8th March**. They worked very well as a team and won the match 5-2.

Selected pupils from Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the Hi 5 Netball Tournament (mixed) at The Deanes School on **Tuesday 1st May**.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

The children celebrated World Book Day on **Thursday 8th March** by coming to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. The children enjoyed pairing up with classes of different ages so that they could share their favourite books with other pupils.

Thank you to the Fundraising Group for organising a second hand book sale. They raised **£121**, which will be put towards the new school radio station. Thank you to everybody who donated books.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The following class assemblies is due to take place in the summer term:

Year 5 assembly - **Tuesday 19th June** at 9.00 am.

Miss Bradfield's class - **Friday 29th June** at 9.00 am.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - **Friday 20th July** 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 visits will take place this term:

Wednesday 2nd May	Y5 trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre
Tuesday 22nd May	EYFS trip to Barleylands
Tuesday 5th June	Y1/2 trip to Hedingham Castle
11th — 15th June	Y6 residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre
Friday 22nd June	Y3/4 trip to Thorndon Park (Battle of Britain)

NON-PUPIL DAY REMINDER AND HALF-TERM DATES

Please remember that **Friday 25th May** is a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils on this date. This date falls at the beginning of the summer half-term break, which is from **Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June**.

Friday 13th July is also a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils.

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.