



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre was very well attended and raised the fantastic sum of just over **£5,900**.

Thank you to everybody who came along on the day, and especially to the fundraising team who have worked very hard over the last few months to make the day a success.

Thanks must also go to Castle Point Motors for sponsoring the event.

Summer Raffle

The Summer Raffle was drawn at the Fayre. The top 3 prizes were won by the following people:

M Smith - MOT and Service donated by Castle Point Motors

Mrs Pruden - family pass to Barleylands

A Finch - family voucher for Hollywood Bowl

Non-Uniform / Cakes

Thank you very much to all parents for generously donating cakes and fruit for the non-uniform day. We raised **£137.84**.

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the law does not give any entitlement to parents to remove their child from school during term-time for the purpose of a holiday. Headteachers may only grant leave of absence where an application has been made in advance and the headteacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. At this school all individual applications are considered by the Governing Body.

If an application is not authorised and the holiday is taken this will be recorded in the register as unauthorised. If the period of unauthorised absence is taken and it is for **5 consecutive days (10 sessions) or more** then we are duty bound to refer the case to the Missing in Education and Child Employment Service.

The Missing in Education and Child Employment Service may issue a penalty notice to each of the parents of £60 for each child, to be paid in 28 days. If this penalty notice is not paid within this timescale it increases to £120. If this is not paid the Missing in Education and Child Employment Service will then instigate legal proceedings against you in the magistrates court, under the Education Act 1996 for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Please be aware that Penalty Notices have already been issued to parents and carers of children at the school.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL REPORTS

Please note that although the end of year school reports will be sent out to pupils in EYFS up to Year 5 on **Wednesday 4th July**, pupils in Year 6 will not receive their school report until **Thursday 12th July**. This is because the SATs results will not be available until that date.

WATER BOTTLES, SUN HATS AND SUN CREAM

Hopefully we will get some fine weather this term. Please could all parents and carers ensure that their child brings a water bottle (with drinking cap) and a sun hat to school each day. **These should be clearly named.** Parents and carers should also apply sun cream to their children before school each day, as an additional precaution, in order to protect them from the sun.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK

As part of Healthy Schools Week from **Monday 4th to Friday 8th June** pupils will be participating in a number of activities. EYFS will be talking about what makes

Adventure Island Tickets

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

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

Attendance for May 2018 was 95.4%. This was lower than in previous months due to the very high number of pupils taking holiday in term time.

us healthy, while pupils in Key Stage 1 will be taking part in cricket and finding out how to make fruit kebabs. Year 4 will be enjoying Fit 4 Action and Year 5 and 6 will be making healthy Caribbean food. The whole school will be taking part in sports day, weather permitting, on Thursday 7th June.

HI 5 NETBALL RALLY

On 1st May, I captained a selected team of year 5 and 6 pupils when we took part in a netball rally at The Deanes School. We played 6 matches, winning 4 and losing 2. The team played really well together and we finished third in our group. Mrs Pollock, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Collins came with us to the rally. It was a very enjoyable experience for everybody involved.

Sam (Year 6)

SPORTS DAY - THURSDAY 8TH JUNE

We are planning to hold Infant and Junior sports on **Thursday 7th June**. Infant Sports will begin at 9.30 am and Junior Sports at 1.30 pm. Please note that both events are weather permitting.

Further details about sports day have been circulated.

SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Choir Concert will be held on **Thursday 12th July** at 6.00 pm. Tickets are available at a cost of £2.50 each. The allocation is four tickets per child. Further details will be circulated soon.

YEAR 6—SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS

Year 6 children who are transferring to Appleton, King John or Deanes secondary schools in September will be attending transition days on **Tuesday 26th June** and **Wednesday 27th June**. Children who will be going to selective schools will visit them on alternative dates as advised by the schools. Information about these visits will be sent to Year 6 parents and carers from the secondary school.

THE APPLETON SCHOOL - 'GET READY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL' PROGRAMME - YEAR 5

All Year 5 pupils will take part in a workshop in school from 9.00 - 12.00 on **Thursday 28th June**. A teacher and students from Appleton School will run the event, which will help prepare children for the transition to secondary school.

OPEN EVENING—THURSDAY 5TH JULY

The Open Evening will be held on **Thursday 5th July** from 3.15 pm until 5.30 pm. There is no need to make an appointment. It is an excellent opportunity for your child to show you their work.

DISTRICT SPORTS

District Sports will take place at the Deanes School on **Tuesday 10th July** at 9.00 am. Robert Drake is in the 'large schools' group this year. This event is weather permitting.

SWIMMING GALA

Selected children from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the annual swimming gala at Runnymede Swimming Pool on **Wednesday 11th July**.

Unfortunately parents are not able to attend the gala as the capacity around and in the pool is restricted.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

All Year 5 pupils - **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:

Tuesday 5th June Y 1 /2 trip to Hedingham Castle

11th — 15th June Y6 trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre

Friday 22nd June Y 3/4 trip to Thorndon Park

NON-PUPIL DAY REMINDER AND END OF TERM

Please note that **Friday 13th July** is a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils.

The summer term will finish on **Friday 20th July at 3.15 pm.** The new term starts on **Tuesday 4th September.**

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.