



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2017**

## **FUNDRAISING NEWS**

### ***Non-Uniform / Cake Sale Day***

*This will be held on **Friday 10th February**. Please be reminded that complete football kits cannot be worn and footwear must only be trainers or school shoes. Donations of fruit and cakes would be much appreciated. Further details have been circulated.*

### ***Disco / Easter Egg***

#### ***Raffle***

*The children's discos are on **Thursday 30th March**.*

*Details will be circulated nearer the time.*

### ***Fund-Raising Meeting***

*The next fund-raising meeting will be on **Friday 24th February at 2pm**. All welcome.*

### ***Adventure Island Tickets***

*Tickets will be on sale again shortly - further details will be circulated in due course.*

### ***Summer Fayre***

*The 2017 Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 20th May, 12.00 - 3.00 pm**. Further details will be circulated nearer the time. Volunteers to help on the day will be greatly appreciated!*

## ***ART COMPETITION - DECEMBER 2016***

All of the children took part in the Art Challenge last term.

The standard of entries was high and judging was very difficult. Overall winners were Jessica (Y5/6), Meadow (Y3/4), Isabelle (Y1/2) and Caius (EYFS). Congratulations. The winning entries are displayed in the school reception.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for organising the competition.

## ***CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS***

Class photographs are due to be taken on **Wednesday 8th February 2017**. Photographs will be in a contemporary style. However, the Year 6 children will also have a more traditional style photograph taken.

## ***PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS***

Parent Consultation evenings are being held on **Tuesday 28th February** and **Thursday 2nd March 2017** from 3.30pm to 7.00 pm. As last year we will be asking everybody to complete the annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire when they attend the consultation.

## ***SAFER INTERNET DAY***

The school will be participating in Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 7th February**. The aim of this day is to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children.

## ***SECONDARY INDUCTION DAY***

All children in Year 5 will be attending The Appleton School on **Friday 3rd March 2017**. This is so that they have the opportunity to experience a day at a secondary school. Further details will follow.

## ***DANCE FESTIVAL - 31ST JANUARY***

Year 3 children from Mr Chaplin's class were invited to take part in the 2017 Primary Dance Festival held on **Tuesday 31st January** at The Palace Theatre.

The pupils performed well and enjoyed the experience of dancing on the stage at The Palace Theatre.

## **GOVERNOR NEWS**

### **Attendance**

*Attendance for January 2017 was 97.7%.*

### **BATIC'S GOT TALENT**

Year 5 and 6 pupils from the Drama Group represented the school in the BATIC's Got Talent Event on **Tuesday 31st January 2017** at The Palace Theatre, Westcliff. The group performed a very professional drama act, 'What's your Talent?' which was warmly received by the audience. The children were all very well behaved and the feedback from parents and carers was extremely positive. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### **PUPIL DATA COLLECTION FORMS**

Pupil Data Collection Forms have been circulated to all parents and carers via ParentMail. It is essential that we have the correct contact details in case of an emergency, including contact details for your child's doctor. If your details have recently changed then please ensure that you complete and return the form to us as soon as possible.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY - 2ND MARCH**

Robert Drake will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March** and all children have been invited to come into school dressed as a character from a favourite book. They should bring their book with them so that they can share it with another child.

**No hair dye or face paints are to be worn under any circumstances.**

The whole school, including staff, will be participating in 'Drop and Read' throughout the day. Each time the bell rings, everyone will stop what they are doing and read a book.

Further details will be circulated shortly.

### **INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Thirty pupils from Year 2 will be taking part in the Infant Music Festival at the Freight House, Rochford on **Thursday 16th March 2017**, during the afternoon. A letter has been sent home to parents and carers with further details about this event.

### **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT SESSIONS - SPRING TERM**

The following Parental Involvement session will be held this term:

**Tuesday 7th February (am)** - Years 3 and 4

Parents and carers will be invited into school to work with their children during this session. Further details have been circulated.

### **NETBALL**

The netball team played a home match against Kents Hill on **Thursday 26th January**. It was a really enjoyable match and the team played exceptionally well, winning 10 - 8.

## ***FOOTBALL***

The football team have an away match against Montgomerie Primary School on **Thursday 9th February**.

## ***COMIC RELIEF (SCHOOL COUNCIL)***

The School Council will be supporting Comic Relief 2017 on **Friday 24th March**, and specially designed red noses will once again be on sale in school. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

## ***YOUNG VOICES - O2 ARENA***

On **Thursday 19th January** around 40 pupils from Years 5/6 went to the O2 Arena to participate in the 2017 Young Voices concert, accompanied by Mrs Rawling, Mrs Thompson and Miss Fowler.

It was a fantastic day. There were over 700 children performing, which looked particularly spectacular when the stage lights went out and everybody lit their mini torches. The best part was performing the rock song and we also enjoyed the performances by Natalie Williams and Tabby Callaghan.

It was a late night for us all but a really lovely experience and we thoroughly enjoyed it!

**By Evie (Y6) and Jessica (Y6)**



## ***CLASS ASSEMBLIES***

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

Mrs Gunnell's class - **Friday 3rd February** at 9.00 am.

Mrs Jackson's class - **Friday 31st 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:

**Thursday 23rd March**      Y1/2 visit to Braintree Museum

## ***ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS***

The school is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers once again this year. We would be grateful for any vouchers from families and friends. Thank you.

## ***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 **£58.56**, which is 5% of the total spend (£1171.11).

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.

## ***SPRING HALF TERM BREAK***

**Friday 10th February** is the last day of term. The half term break is from **Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February**. **Monday 20th February** is a non-pupil day so children should return to school at 8.50am on **Tuesday 21st February 2017** after the half term break.

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.