



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Coffee Morning -

New Intake

*A coffee morning will be held at 9.00 am on **Monday 25th September** for the parents and carers of the children starting in Early Years in September 2017.*

Fundraising News

We would like to thank everybody for all of your magnificent support over the last year. The funds raised have enabled us to provide the following for the school:

- A Smartboard, soundbar and adjustable mounting for KS1 (£4,500)

- Two new bikes for EYFS

- A donation of £1,200 towards new library furniture for the library and safety rails for the stage.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

Attendance for June 2017 was 97.5%.

STAFF CHANGES

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Crombie at the end of term as she will be leaving the school after 11 years to take up a position at a school nearer her home.

We are pleased to inform you that Miss Maloney will be joining the teaching staff in September to work in Key Stage 2.

We also welcome Mrs Tingey to the teaching team. She will be working in the Early Years Foundation Stage classes for two days each week.

We would also like to inform you that Mrs Young will be working for 4 days a week starting in September. She will not be in school on Fridays. The office and reception will be covered by Miss Lord.

Miss C Redpath (Headteacher)

HEAD / DEPUTY HEAD BOY AND GIRL / SPORTS CAPTAINS

The children in years 1 to 5 voted for their choice of Head Boy and Head Girl and the following appointments have been made for the 2017/18 school year:

Head Boy: Joe

Deputy Head Boy: Sam

Head Girl: Alisha

Deputy Head Girl: Emma

The Sports Captains were appointed by staff as follows:

Sports Captains: Harrison and Chloe.

DINNER MONEY

Please could we remind all parents and carers of pupils in years 3-6 that dinners must be paid for on-line via Parentpay before your child orders a school dinner. Please check your balance regularly. If you do not have money in your dinner account then please send your child into school with a packed lunch.

WATER BOTTLES, SUN HATS AND SUN CREAM

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.** When the weather is fine, 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.

STUBBERS 2017

On 12th June, we set off on our week-long school trip to Stubbers. We were all given rooms to share with our close friends but for the activities we were split into different groups. This was really good as it gave us an opportunity to spend time with people we did not usually play with. We took part in so many exciting activities, and many of us were trying things for the first time. A particular favourite was jet-skiing, because we could zoom really fast across the water and we were all allowed to jump into the lake during water activities. Everybody worked hard together in their teams, cheering on their friends. All of the staff were really encouraging, letting us enjoy lots of new experiences.

The weather was fantastic and the food was really tasty—especially the chocolate cake on the first evening. We would recommend Stubbers to anyone!

Braden and Charlotte (Y6)



SUNGLASSES

Please note that children are only permitted to wear sunglasses at school if medical evidence can be provided to support the need for the glasses (e.g. a letter from the doctor / optician) or if they suffer from hayfever.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES / PERFORMANCES

We would like to remind all parents and carers that younger siblings are welcome to come along to class assemblies. However, please do not bring younger siblings to performances.

SECONDARY OPEN DAYS

For parents and carers of pupils currently in years 4 and 5, the following secondary school open day dates have been confirmed:

The King John School - Saturday 16th September 2017

Appleton School - Thursday 21st September 2017

The Deanes School - Tuesday 26th September 2017

READING

Congratulations to all of the children that have read four times every week this year and have appeared on our school reading tree. We look forward to having more children next year who will not only receive our half-termly rewards but will also enjoy our special end of year celebratory reading picnic on the school field.

PEN LICENCE

We look forward to awarding Pen Licences next year to the pupils who have neat handwriting and presentation in all of their written work.

OPEN EVENING—THURSDAY 6TH JULY

The Open Evening will be held on **Thursday 6th July** at 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 11th 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 12th July**.

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

EYFS PIRATE DAY

On **Thursday 13th July**, Early Years children will be taking part in a Pirate Day. The children can dress up as pirates for the day and at 12.30 pm parents/carers and younger siblings are invited to join us for the afternoon with a picnic.

KS1 CARIBBEAN DAY

On **Friday 14th July**, Key Stage 1 children will be taking part in a Caribbean Day. Further details will be circulated in due course.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - **Friday 21st July** at 9.00 am.

All parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 are most welcome to attend.

THANK YOU TO STELLISON LTD

We would like to thank Stellison Ltd who have kindly donated a 48 inch television for to the school. It is very greatly appreciated.

NON-PUPIL DAY REMINDER AND TERM DATES

Please note that **Friday 7th July** is a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils.

The summer term will finish on **Friday 21st July at 3.15 pm.** The new term starts on **Tuesday 5th September.**

NON-PUPIL DAYS 2017-2018

Non-pupil days for 2017-18 are:

Monday 4th September 2017

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Monday 19th February 2018

Friday 25th May 2018

Friday 13th July 2018

The term dates for 2017-2018 are on the school website (www.robertdrake.co.uk).

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.