



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2017

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Disco / Easter Egg

Raffle

The children's disco will take place on **Thursday 30th 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 **Monday 27th March**.

Fund-Raising Meeting

The next fund-raising meeting will be on **Friday 21st April** at 2.00pm to discuss the Summer Fayre. 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 December 2017, subject to park opening times.

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.

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.

PARKING - HESTON LODGE

Could we please ask all parents and carers to show consideration when parking at school drop-off and pick-up times. We have been advised by Heston Lodge that some parents/carers are parking along their driveway and blocking their access. Please ensure this does not happen.

Thank you.

HAIR BOWS

We would like to politely request that any hair bands or hair bows worn into school are small and of one colour, which is in keeping with the school uniform. Tiaras and hair bands with ears are not permitted.

Thank you.

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.

The competition this year is to 'dress-up' a wooden spoon as a well-known book character. All staff will have 3 votes per spoon and the top 3 will win a prize. All wooden spoons need to be brought into school on either **Wednesday 1st** or **Thursday 2nd March** so that judging can take place and prizes can be given out on **Monday 6th March 2017**. Details have been circulated to all parents and carers.

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
£146.38 was raised.*

*Thank you for your continued
support.*

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

*Attendance for February
2017 was 98.2%.*

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 have been circulated.

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 **Tuesday 14th 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.

Y6 ENGLISH QUIZ

Selected pupils from Y6 will be participating in an English quiz on **Tuesday 7th March**, in Basildon.

Y6 MATHS COMPETITION

Four selected pupils from Y6 will be participating in an annual KS2 maths competition on **Thursday 23rd March**, at Wyburns Primary School.

AREA CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Selected pupils from Years 3-6 are taking part in the area Cross Country event on **Tuesday 7th March** at The Deanes School.

Please note that parents are not permitted to attend the event this year.

NETBALL TEAM

The mixed netball team played a home match against Woodham Ley on **Wednesday 22nd February**. Everyone played extremely well and they won the match 13-0.

Unfortunately the girls match against Thundersley Primary on 23rd February was cancelled due to high winds.

FOOTBALL TEAM

The boys team had a match against Montgomerie Primary School on **Thursday 9th February**, winning 3-0. It was a very competitive match and both teams played well, with Robert Drake taking the lead at half-time. The goal scorers were Ronnie, Giles and Ben.

“We played really well as a team and it was very enjoyable. We are looking forward to the next match.”

Harrison and Luca (both Year 5)

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.

COMIC RELIEF (SCHOOL COUNCIL)

The School Council will be supporting Comic Relief 2017 on **Friday 24th March**.

The Year 6 School Councillors will go to the classes to sell the special red noses (£1 each) from **Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March**. Children can buy a maximum of two red noses each.

Children can wear red clothes to school and we would like them to make a donation. School shoes or trainers must be worn. Pupils are not permitted to wear face paints, hair spray or full football kits.

Also on **Friday 24th March** the School Councillors will be holding a Bake Sale after school. We would like to ask parents and carers to donate any cookies, cakes and cupcakes, which can be brought into the school office on **Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March**.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Mrs Jackson's class - **Friday 31st March** at 9.00 am.

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

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The following educational visit will take place in March:

Tuesday 21st March EYFS visit to St Peter's Church

Thursday 23rd March Y1/2 visit to Braintree Museum

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS

The school is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and we would be grateful for any vouchers from families and friends. Thank you.

EASTER HOLIDAY

School closes for the Easter holiday on **Friday 31st March** at 3.15 pm and will re-open for the summer term on **Tuesday 18th 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.