



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th March 2024



School values:



School Rules:



Wishing all our children and families a very Happy Easter!



KS1 Braintree Trip

The KS1 children loved their trip to Braintree museum where they learnt all about WWII. They had the opportunity to handle objects such as ration cards and old-fashioned soap and to try on uniforms from the RAF, Navy and Army. They took part in a WWII evacuee classroom experience and loved writing on slates and practicing for an air raid. It was an enjoyable trip all round!



5/6 Parental Involvement

This year during Parental Involvement, year 5 and 6 pupils built a prototype of the CAMS toy they are going to make in D.T. They used a variety of materials and tools and showed great creativity and resilience in how they set about the challenge. It was great to see so many family members and carers there and lots of fun was had by all.



Eco Warriors strive to keep our streets litter free!



On Friday 22nd March, Robert Drake Eco Warriors went for a litter picking journey along Church Road up to Manor Trading Estate. We were amazed at the amount of rubbish we found on the grass verges, pavement and bushes. Please can you help us keep our local environment clean and safe by placing your rubbish in the bin!

Diary Dates (all dates are subject to change)

- 22 April: Year 5/6 Mini Tennis
- 26 April: Fundraisers Quiz Night
- 8 May: Character and Life Skills event Year 5/6
- 9 May: 9am Tea and Talk with Mrs Jackson
- 10 May: EYFS trip to Barleylands
- 13 May: SAT's week
- 22 May: Year 6 Rounders Tournament
- 23 May: KS1 trip to Sealife Adventure
- 24 May: Mad Hair Day
- 3-21 June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 13 June: Junior Music Festival, Cliffs Pavilion
- 14 June: Year 3/4 Trip to Museum of Power
- 17 – 21 June: Year 6 Residential trip to Stubbers
- 19 June: KS1 Summer games - Deanes
- 21 June: Year 3/4 Parent Involvement morning
- 24 June: 2.30 pm Tea and Talk with Mrs Jackson
- 24 – 28 June: Book Fair
- 25 – 26 June: Year 6 Secondary School Transition days
- 26 June: 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
- 27 June: Sports Day
- 28 June: Year 5 Danbury Trip
- 2 July: Railway Children production to school
- 6 July: Summer Fun Day
- 10 July: District Sports
- 11 July: Reports and Open Evening
- 15 July: Leavers' Disco
- 23 July: 9am Leavers' Assembly



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Mrs Jackson – Mrs Coe
Deputy Safeguarding Leads:
Mr Smith - Mr Chaplin
Safeguarding Governor:
Mrs Foster

Congratulations to Pegasus who are our Spring Term House Point Winners!

House colours: Term Totals

Dragon	Green – 2106
Griffin	Yellow – 1778
Pegasus	Blue – 2371
Phoenix	Red - 1573



Total words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date:
31,634,674!

Congratulations to Arda on becoming our latest word millionaire!

PE Days

CLASS	DAYS
EYFS	Wed and Thu
ER	Thu and Fri
NB	Mon and Fri
SG	Mon and Fri
ML	Tue and Thu
CMDH	Tue and Fri
DC	Tue and Fri
KS	Mon and Wed
DN	Tue and Fri
NP	Tue and Fri

All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons by the pupils themselves or at home before coming to school.

Menu

Details for this week's menu can be found at:
<https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/school-dinner-menu>

Attendance

National expectation for regular attendance is that children must be in school every day. Every second counts and we must work together to improve attendance and punctuality.

Class	Week 11	
Miss Baldwin	89.0	
Miss Simpkin	98.3	
Miss Ramsey	93.5	
Miss Bradfield	94.7	
Miss Glover	97.9	
Miss Leckerman	98.0	
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	94.5	
Mr Chaplin	100	
Mr Smith	96.3	
Mr Newton	94.7	
Mrs Parrag	94.7	



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mr Chaplin's class in year 4 for attaining 100% attendance in week 11. Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week in year 4. Well done!

Well done all pupils that are in school every day and on time!



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:
Year 5: Wednesday 26 June
Year 6: Tuesday 23 July

Dates for Parent Consultations:

All years: 11 July – Open Evening



Term Dates:

Easter: 29 March to 12 April
Half term: 27 May to 7 June
Non pupil day: 12 July
Summer: from 24 July

Achievements

We are proud to celebrate the following pupils who have received Achievement awards, over the past two weeks



Miss Ramsey: Erin
Miss Bradfield: Harry
Miss Glover: Teddy
Miss Leckerman: Isabelle

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Paige/Mia
Mr Chaplin: Harry B
Mr Smith: Charlie
Mrs Parrag: Nathan, Millie & Lilly T

Miss Baldwin: Flynn
Miss Simpkin: Freddie
Mr Newton: Eden

Football

Great result and come back from the boys in year 3 & 4, from a wonder strike from Abiola to put us 1-0 up then to find ourselves 2-1 down at half time. The boys worked tirelessly in the second half and were very patient, Abiola equalised to make it 2-2 before a fantastic strike from Logan gave us the 3 points. Excellent work rate!

Mark Hunter, Football Coach.

Mixed Netball

Congratulations to our mixed netball team who won 10-0 against Montgomerie. The whole team played very well! Great effort!

Well done all, but remember that all our pupils are stars!

If your child has any achievements outside of school, please do ask them to share them with us so that we can recognise them and their accomplishments.

Tea and Talk Sessions All are welcome to the 'Tea and Talk' sessions with the Co-Headteacher Mrs Jackson. Sessions are as follows:
Thursday 9 May, 9 am Monday 24 June, 2.30 pm

E Safety Newsletter

There is a new E-Safety Newsletter on the website for all parents and carers. Herewith the link for your convenience:

<https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/e-safety>

<p>Nut Free School/Packed Lunches</p> <p>The Robert Drake Primary is NUT FREE. We have pupils with severe air borne nut allergies and to safeguard our children all visitors must refrain from eating nuts and nut based products for at least 6 hours before visiting the school.</p> <p>- All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free.</p> 	<p>Pre-Loved Uniform Shop</p> <p>Each item is priced at £1.00; all payments to be made via ParentPay.</p> <p>Purchases can be made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pre-loved uniform shop is open in the small hall at 3.15 pm on the last Friday of each month - Parents/carers can email into admin@robertdrake.essex.sch.uk with details of the items they require, ie, item required, size, gender, etc - Parents/carers can enquire at the school office. 
<p>Water Bottles</p>  <p>It is important that all pupils bring in a water bottle each day filled with plain water; it can be filled up at water stations during the day. This helps the children to remain hydrated and helps them to focus on their learning - 'knowing more and remembering more'.</p> <p>The water bottles should have a sports cap to avoid spills.</p>	<p>Uniform</p> <p>All pupils should adhere to the school's uniform policy. The policy can be found on the school's website at https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/school-uniform</p>  <p>Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.</p> <p>A reminder that if hair can be tied up, then it should be.</p>
 <p>Robert Drake promotes healthy living and seeks to provide a no smoking environment, both within the school building and grounds, that help protect the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school. Also, the effect of second hand smoking has been shown to cause serious health issues.</p> <p>We would therefore like to request that parents and carers refrain from smoking near the school and around other parents and children</p>	<p>School Premises / Parking</p>  <p>Please note that dogs should not be brought on to the school grounds at any time, unless they are assistance dogs for the blind; this includes whether on a lead or being carried.</p> <p>We would also request that all parents/carers respect the school's neighbours and only park legally and with consideration for others. For safety reasons, at no time of the day should cars pull into the school's driveway.</p> 
<p>School Council</p>  <p>School Councillors are voted for by the children during the school year. Two per class.</p> <p>The councillors meet regularly and discuss and decide upon events and changes they would like to put forward, ie, menu items, fundraising days, sport played in school, to give some examples.</p> <p>Details of the most recent council meeting will be shared on the next newsletter.</p>	<p>Clubs</p>  <p>There are several clubs that take place at the school every week; full details are available on the school's website https://robertdrake.co.uk/clubs or from the office.</p> <p>Taking into account parents' views at the Tea and Talk sessions, the school has introduced new clubs and is trying to provide a broad spectrum of clubs available, and these include, among others, drama, football, karate, netball, computing, music, fencing, crafting & Bricks4Kidz.</p>
<p>Friends of Robert Drake</p> <p>The school has an active fundraising group. They are always looking for volunteers and hold regular meetings at the school; everyone is welcome.</p> <p>They can be contacted through their Facebook page:</p>  <p>'Friends of Robert Drake School' Please check out their site for full details of forthcoming fundraising events.</p>	<p>Pupil Premium / Free School Meals</p> <p>You may register your child for Free School Meals if you receive a range of benefits with qualifying conditions such as Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance and Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, and Universal Credit.</p> <p>If you think you may be eligible:</p> <p>If your child is in Year 2 or below, please call the School Office and we will send you through a form to complete.</p> <p>If your child is in Years 3—6, Essex County Council has an online application form on their website: https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals</p>

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding if you child is too ill for school. Please find below a link to the NHS website which provides guidance on common childhood illnesses and advice. [Is my child too ill for school? A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school term](#)