



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Disco / Easter Egg

Raffle

The children's discos were held on **Thursday 30th March**. Thank you to everybody who supported the event and for the donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle. Thanks to your generosity every child was able to win a chocolate treat!

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 / 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. Volunteers to help on the day will be greatly appreciated!

If parents / carers would like to advertise their business in the

COMIC RELIEF (SCHOOL COUNCIL)

Thank you to everybody who supported Comic Relief 2017 on Friday 24th March. The children donated £207.57 so that they could wear red noses and/or an item of red clothing for the day. The sale of red noses also raised £320.00. The School Council held a bake sale after school, which raised a further £170.11, giving an overall total of **£697.68**.



DINNER MONEY / ON-LINE PAYMENTS

We would like to thank the majority of parents and carers who are using the e-payment method to pay for school dinners, trips, clubs, music tuition, uniform etc.

However, a small minority of parents and carers are neglecting to top-up their child's dinner money accounts and office staff are spending an increasing amount of time contacting parents and carers to chase payments.

If you are unable to top-up your child's account for any reason then please contact the school office. If you do not inform us of any payment difficulties and your child's dinner money account is in arrears, office staff will contact you and ask that you bring in a packed lunch for your child. Thank you.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

All of the Year 6 children have now been informed of their secondary school place for September. Congratulations to the Giles who has gained a place at a selective school.

*Summer Fayre brochure,
please contact the school office.*

*Any donations of prizes for
the raffle will be greatly re-
ceived.*

GOVERNOR NEWS

Attendance

*Attendance for March 2017
was 98%.*

INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Children from Year 2 took part in the Infant Music Festival at the Freight House, Rochford on **16th March**. It was a lovely afternoon and all of the children sang beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Thompson and Miss Bradfield for organising the music and ensuring that the children were so well prepared. Well done to everybody involved.



Y6 ENGLISH QUIZ

Four Y6 pupils took part in an English quiz on **Tuesday 7th March**, at Janet Duke School in Basildon. Ava, Charlotte Leah and Jessica did extremely well and qualified for the Essex finals, which will be held in July. Congratulations!

Y6 MATHS QUIZ

On **Wednesday 22nd March**, four Y6 pupils participated in a local Maths quiz, hosted by Wyburns Primary School. They finished 5th out of 12 schools. They worked very well as a team and each pupil made valuable contributions under timed conditions.

NETBALL

The girls netball team played an away match against Jotmans on **Thursday 9th March**. They worked well as a team but eventually lost the match 5-9.

Selected pupils from Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the Hi 5 Netball Tournament (mixed) at The Deanes School on **Tuesday 2nd May**.

FOOTBALL

The boys team had a match against Wyburns Primary on **Monday 13th March**, losing a closely fought contest 2 - 1.

The girls football team played a match against Thundersley on **Monday 20th March**. They played really well together as a team but ended up losing the match 1-0.

The boys had an away match against Westwood on **Monday 27th March**. It was a great match and they played really well, winning 4-2.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

The children celebrated World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March** by coming to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. The children enjoyed pairing up with classes of different ages so that they could share their favourite books with other pupils.



ROOTS TO FOOD COOKERY WORKSHOP

All pupils will be participating in our Roots to Food Cookery Workshop on **Friday 21st April**. Pupils will also be considering healthy options for packed lunches and school meals as well as healthy activities.

NEW MENUS

Please note that the new summer menus have been circulated and come into force on **Tuesday 18th April**. Please note that for the first week back after the Easter Holidays, the menu will be week 1 of the new Summer Menu.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The following class assemblies is due to take place in the summer term:

Miss Marris's class - **Friday 16th June** at 9.00 am.

Miss Bradfield's class - **Friday 30th June** at 9.00 am.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - **Friday 21st 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 16th May	EYFS visit to Barleylands
12th — 16th June	Y6 trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre
Tuesday 13th June	Y5 trip to Sandford Mill
Thursday 22nd June	Y 1/2 trip to Tropical Wings

VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS

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

NON-PUPIL DAY REMINDER AND HALF-TERM DATES

Please remember that **Friday 26th May** is a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils on this date. This date falls at the beginning of the summer half-term break, which is from **Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June**.

Monday 7th July is also a teacher training day and the school will be closed to pupils.

HAVENS HOSPICE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Havens Hospices are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make a difference and support this great work. They are currently looking for Housekeepers who would be available to volunteer a few hours of their time on a weekly or monthly basis, for a weekday morning or afternoon. You would be part of a team that supports the Hospice by helping to keep the Hospice clean and tidy for families and guests. Details of current volunteer vacancies can be found on the website:

www.havenshospices.org.uk/volunteering

Alternatively, please contact the Volunteer Services Team on 01702 426237 or volunteering@havenshospices.org.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.