



Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 12.04.2023

Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope that you enjoyed a restful Spring break. We have had a great start to the Summer term, and today the sun has even made an appearance! The children have been sharing stories of their Spring break, which we have loved to hear. They have also been showing our values of **Kindness, Aspiration and Resilience** which was recognised in our whole school assembly this morning.

Just a quick reminder that friends and family are very welcome to join us each Friday morning for our celebration assembly, where we celebrate all the amazing things our children get up to in school. It begins at 8:55am in the hall. If your child is going to receive a values award, you will be notified in advance. We do not, however, contact parents for hot chocolate awards or the headteacher awards.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Summer term!

Reading at Home

We are working hard in school to improve the children's love of reading and reading fluency, but we really need your help! We ask parents to listen to their children read **at least** four times per week. These don't have to be long, extended sessions. If you are pushed for time, 5/10 minutes will be absolutely fine. Please record reading in the children's reading records.



Reception '24 - Offer Day

If you have applied for a place in our Reception class for September 2024, keep a look out in your emails on **Tuesday 16th April** when you should receive your email from Staffordshire County Council to confirm your child's place.

If you haven't completed the forms, or need any further support from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do what we can to help. Following national offer day, we will make contact with family to discuss transition arrangements.

Swimming

This week, we have returned to weekly swimming lessons. Our Year 5 children walked down to the incredible pool in Kidsgrove Leisure Centre on Wednesday afternoon and will continue to do so for the majority of the Summer term. Children in Year 6 who have not yet met the National Curriculum objectives will join Year 5 in Summer 2. More information to follow for those who will be attending.

Teacher Led Clubs

Teacher led clubs begin next week. Click to access the forms and book the children in.

[Rec/KS1 - Click HERE](#)

[KS2 - Click HERE](#)

Collection for Rec/KS1 is at the Y1/2 exit. Collection for KS2 is on the KS2 playground.

Diary Dates

We are currently making some changes to our website to bring the content up to date. We are looking forward to sharing the changes with you over the next couple of weeks.

We would like to draw your attention to the calendar. We have updated this with all the Summer term dates.

Please use this as a reference to check upcoming dates.

[Click HERE](#) to access the calendar.

Eid Mubarak

We hope all the families within our community who celebrated Eid this week had a wonderful time celebrating with family and loved ones. We enjoyed hearing the celebration stories from the children in school.



A message from our Reading Ambassadors

Look out on future bulletins for updates from our Reading Ambassadors. Each class has two ambassadors who love reading and help us to inspire other children to read. They are going to provide monthly updates for parents via the bulletin.

Our amazing Reading Ambassadors have been looking at class novels this week. Here is a rundown of what they are reading with their classes this half term:

Reception are enjoying lots of lovely picture books!

In Year 1, we are reading *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey. In this book, toys get sucked up because they got left outside. We are also reading *Meet the Planets* by Caryl Hart. It is a journey to space. - Joshua and Lettie

In Year 2, we are reading *The Hedgehog* by Dick King-Smith. It is about Max the hedgehog who is trying to cross the road without getting hurt! - Della and Ernie

Year 3 are reading *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. At the start of this amazing story, a robot gets stranded on an island. Will he survive? - Jessie and Jamie

Year 4 are reading *Who Let the Gods Out?* by Maz Evans. This is a story about an ordinary boy named Elliot who needs the help of the gods to find the Chaos stones to save his family's farm! - Alice C and Ethan

In Year 5, we are reading a book called *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker. This book is about a boy and his pet fox who he rescued. - Sultan and James

In Year 6, we are reading *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle. The story is set in World War II with a silver-back gorilla. There is a boy called Joseph who befriends the gorilla. - Alex and Cailen

Why don't you ask your child about their class novel?

