



# Dove Bank Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin - 18.11.22

### School Field Clear up!

We are looking at clearing the area at the back of the school field which currently has an abundance of debris, wood and general rubbish! As 'many hands make light work', we are hoping to get the support of our fantastic parent community to get the field cleared in one session.

We are hoping to spend a couple of hours on **Sunday 27th November** from 1pm and get the entire space cleared.

If you are able to help with this, please email me directly - [headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk). When I know how many helpers are available, I will confirm the date and time.

Thank you in advance for your help and support to improve the grounds for our children.

### Childcare Choices

Whether you have a toddler, or a teen, did you know that you may be able to get support with your childcare costs? There are a number of different ways that you can get support including 15 hours free childcare for 2 year olds, 30 hours for 3 year olds and tax-free childcare - amongst other things.

Click [HERE](#) to access the government childcare choices website to see what you could benefit from.

We are an approved provider, so we are able to accept payment through the tax-free childcare route or through the 15 and 30 hour funding. Tax free child care can be used to cover breakfast club costs.

### Jonathan Gullis MP Visit

Today, we had a visit from Jonathan Gullis. He visited some of the classrooms and welcomed questions from the children. Our Year 6 children asked him a range of fantastic, well-thought out questions which certainly challenged him.

They asked about his role in parliament, what he has done for us and our local area, what his views on environmental issues are and what his views on Matt Hancock's appearance in the jungle are! Feel free to ask our Year 6 children what he said!

The children have been left with a challenge to think about what changes are needed to our local area that would directly impact our school community. Jonathan is going to come back into school once the children have given this some careful thought, and he has assured us that he will then do his very best to act upon this.

### Children in Need 2022

Today, the children have raised a total of £133.10 for Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations!



### Group Photographs - CANCELLED

Next week, we were due to have class and group photographs. We have postponed this until Thursday 16th February.

### Upcoming Events

We have a busy few weeks remaining of this half term. We have provided information, on page 2, of all of the events that are coming up. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher, or email us.





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## December Events Information

### Friday 2nd December - Own Clothes Day

On Friday 2nd December, we invite all our children (and adults) to come into school wearing own clothes in return for an item that we can either use in our Christmas Hampers or on the PTFA gift stall.

Below are the areas that we would like donations, to ensure variety!

Nursery - A Christmas decoration

Reception - Chocolate or confectionary

Year 1 - Toiletries

Year 2 - A Christmas gift

Year 3 - A Christmas gift

Year 4 - A Christmas gift

Year 5 - Stationary

Year 6 - Beers and wines

Raffle tickets for our Christmas hampers will be available during the Christmas period, we will let you know when they will be available to purchase.

### Friday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Mince Pie Afternoon

Parents, Grandparents and Friends will be invited into school from 1:15 for a Christmassy Afternoon! There will be hot drinks and mince pies served in the school hall, for a donation, and the children will come into the hall during the afternoon to sing carols around the Christmas tree and share other musical achievements from the term. Each class will perform, as well as the choir and recorder club.

### Monday 12th December - Christmas Craft Afternoon

Parents, Grandparents and Friends will be invited into school from 1:15 to join their child/ren in their classrooms to complete Christmas craft activities.

### Tuesday 13th December - Choir trip to Victoria Hall

A showcase of our choir at Victoria Hall, Hanley. Parents have received the link to book tickets from Mrs Smith. The audience will be admitted from 6:40 and the concert will start at 7pm. It is due to finish at 9:15pm.

### Monday 5th December - Nursery, Rec & KS1 Nativity

Parents, Grandparents and Friends will be invited into school at 10am or 1:30pm to watch the children in their School Nativity. Entrance will be 15 minutes before the performance via the Main School Office. Space will be limited, so, where possible, we ask that younger siblings sit on knees rather than in a push chair.

If your child doesn't usually attend Nursery on a Monday, they will still be very welcome to join in with the performance. The Nursery staff will discuss this with you.

### Wednesday 7th December - PTFA Christmas Gift Stall

Children will be invited to purchase a gift from the gift stall - of between £1 and £5. The PTFA will wrap the gifts for the children to take home for a loved one.

### Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Disco

Wow! This is looking like a busy day! Children can come into school in their Christmas jumpers. Miss Sarah and the team will be preparing a delicious Christmas dinner. The PTFA will also be holding a Christmas disco - information will follow in due course.

### Thursday 15th December - Church Service

The whole school will be walking to St Thomas' Church for our Christmas service. This will be led by Reverend Baker and we will be singing songs. Closer to the time, teachers may ask for volunteers to help us walk over, otherwise, you would be very welcome to join us, at 9am, in Church.

### End of the Term

The last day of the Autumn term will be Friday 16th December. Children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd January. We have an INSET day on Friday 6th January, so School will be closed to the children that day.