



Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 13.01.22

Welcome Back

Happy new year to you all! What a great start to 2023 we have had in school! The children have returned fully rested and ready to embrace another term full of opportunities to learn, grow and challenge themselves. We have already seen some of the very best work out of the children, and we are just so proud of them.

As you will be aware, our after school clubs have started this week with a vast range on offer including football, crochet and iPads! If your child has signed up to a club, they will be running weekly up until 24th March (ASM will run every week). All clubs finish at 4:15, excluding Year 6 booster groups which finish at 4pm.

Thank you for ensuring that your children are in school and on time. As you know, the doors close at 8:50 so that we can begin learning by 8:55. If you are running late in the morning, you may be asked to sign your child in at the office. This is to ensure that we know that all of the children have arrived in school safely. If you need any support at all with attendance, Mrs Sanderson is our attendance officer in school, and she can support you in a number of ways. Her email is s.sanderson@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk should you wish to contact her directly.

Thank you, Mrs Dakin

September 2023

Do you have, or do you know a family who has, a child due to start school this September?

If so, the date for registering them for a Reception place is Monday 15th January! If you are still to register, and need some help to do so, feel free to email me (headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk) and I will be happy to help!

Breakfast Club

There is no longer a need to book your child in at breakfast club, but you **must** bring them down to the reception and sign them in.

There is currently plenty of space in the breakfast club, so if you require childcare before the start of the school day, please bring them along. The children have a great time with Miss Carol and Mrs Walker.

Calpol in School

At the end of last term, we sent out a quick form for you to fill out to provide us with consent for administering Calpol to children if they are feeling unwell in school. Thank you to those who have completed the form. If you haven't managed to complete it yet, please click [HERE](#) to access it. If you do not want to give consent, you can choose that option.

Spring 1 Dates for your Diary

26th January - Y2 and Y6 SATs information evening

30th January - Football Competition

13th - 15th February - Year 4 @ Standon Bowers

16th February - School Photographs (Classes/Groups)

17th February - Break for Half Term

27th February - Return to School

2nd March - World Book Day (details to follow)

10th March - Non-uniform Day in exchange for a gift for the Mother's Day stall.

15th March - PTFA Mother's Day Stall

27th & 28th March - Parents' Evening

29th March - Hot Cross Bun Afternoon (an afternoon in school to come together over a coffee and a hot cross bun and listen to the children's musical achievements).

29th March - PTFA School Disco

Where possible, we do not move events that have been set in the calendar. If we do have to alter the date of an event, we will try to let you know with as much notice as possible.

There may be additional events over the term.

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Meet the Governors

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At Dove Bank Primary School, we are incredibly lucky to be supported by a fantastic group of committed governors. Please see information, over the next two pages, about each member of the governing body and the specific skills that they bring to our board.

Many of them you will recognise from School events and the School playground.

As Headteacher, I am also a member of the Governing Body.

Alex Canning - Chair of Governors

My name is Alex Canning and it is my privilege to be Chair of Governors here at Dove Bank. I have been a parent governor here for 4 years and became Chair in September. My daughter is in Year 5 and my son and nephew have also successfully come through the school over the last 10 years. I have been a high school teacher for almost 20 years and bring this experience to my governing role at Dove Bank. In my free time, I enjoy baking and arts and crafts. I am looking forward to the challenge of helping to improve the school wherever possible.



David Weaver - Vice Chair of Governors

As a local resident of Kidsgrove, and a previous pupil at Dove Bank (many years ago), I became a governor so that I could give something back to the community that helped to inform my own childhood. I am keen to ensure that your children have the same wonderful experiences at this school as I did.

I hold many qualifications in special educational needs, and I am currently employed as a SEND advisor for schools. I am happy to use my expertise to support the school in this area as well as any strategic matters, as I have also been a senior leader in a school myself.

Steven Canning

I am Stephen Canning, and I have been a governor at Dove Bank for nearly 7 years. Before I became a governor, my family had a long relationship with the school with both our son and nephew attending. Our daughter is currently in year 5. This is why I jumped at the chance to contribute to the school in a positive way.

I am a senior architectural technologist and have been in construction design for over 20 years. A large part of my career has been designing and building education projects, and I've been involved with many building improvement projects including the classroom refurbishment and roof improvement works.

Though I initially became a governor to assist with building projects and health and safety, over the years my governor role has been wide and varied. From advising on building improvements to being on the finance committee. I've also had to liaise with our neighbours when issues have arose and I've even cleared snow so the school can open safely. Most recently I was involved with the hiring of our new head, Mrs Dakin. I found this experience very interesting and truly felt I was contributing the long term future of Dove Bank.

Away from my work and governor commitments, I'm a keen runner and an active member of a local running club.





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Gemma Plant

My name is Gemma Plant and I'm mum to Oliver in Year 4 and Joshua in Reception.

I was keen to join the board of governors to support the school in creating the best opportunities for our children. I grew up in Kidsgrove and want to give back to the local community in making sure we have a strong start for our youngsters. Whilst I don't have experience in the education sector, I do have lots of experience in formal governance committees in my day job as a product manager for the Co-operative Bank, and I wanted to share these skills with the school. I've already learnt lots about the world of education, and I'm keen to keep working in partnership and asking questions to develop myself and act as a voice of the parents and local community to ensure our school provides the best possible start for our children.



Anthony Roche

I have recently been appointed as Parent Governor here at Dove Bank - my two children currently attend the School/Nursery. As a qualified accountant, I worked in practice for almost 20 years including 10 years working with a number of primary schools/academies, before recently joining a local Multi-Academy Trust as CFO. In addition to utilising my finance background, I am keen to support the governing body, Sally and all the staff in providing the best possible experience for the children who attend our school.



Greer Amison—Staff Governor

I'm Greer, most of you will know me as Miss Amison, and I've been teaching at Dove Bank for 13 years. I am the staff representative on the board, and I try to bring a staff perspective to discussions that take place at governing body meetings.

Within school, I teach Year 2 and I am the PE leader; I love football and am responsible for the football after school club. As well as this, I am the mental health and curriculum leader.

I absolutely love working at Dove Bank with a fantastic team and our fabulous children.