



Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 10.02.2023

Friendship Day - Tuesday 14th February

On Tuesday 14th February, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing their own clothes. The local foodbank support a number of our families, and, as a school, we want to support them too.

If you are able to, please send a donation in that we can take over to the foodbank to support our community. We know that these are challenging times for some families, so, if you are unable to support at this time, your child is still welcome to wear their own clothes. Currently, the foodbank are in need of the following items: **long-life juice, instant mash, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, coffee, sugar, deodorants, shaving gel, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and tooth brushes, toilet roll and washing up liquid.**

Currently, they have plenty of: pasta, rice, cereal, tea, beans, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, tinned veg, fish and soup, so they do not currently require donations of these.

Your generosity was overwhelming during harvest, and I know that it will be again. Thank you.

Adult Led Behaviour Intervention

Julie Clarke is our school's Mental health practitioner who works on behalf of the NHS. Following a lot of conversations with parents who are reaching out for support with behaviour at home, Julie has offered to run a 6 week parent-led intervention (exact date TBC). This will take place at the same time each week for 6 weeks and the focus each week is:

- 1) Learning about your child and their behaviour
- 2) Enhancing your relationship and supporting children's communication
- 3) Building self-esteem and improving behaviour through praise
- 4) Using routines and boundaries to set limits for your child
- 5) Reducing problematic behaviour through withdrawing attention
- 6) Supporting emotional regulation through calm time and dealing with non-adherence to commands in children over 5 years

Please email me (headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk) to express your interest. This will be a powerful intervention that will show you that you are not alone, and give you an abundance of strategies to support behaviour at home - in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

School Photographs - 16th February

Just a reminder that on Thursday 16th February, we have the photographer in school. During this visit, they will be taking class, group and team photographs.

School Meal Prices

After the half term break, school meal prices are going to increase to £2.83. This is not a cost that is decided upon by the school, this is decided upon by Chartwells, who are our catering provider. The reasons for the increase include a rise in the cost of food as well as an increase in minimum wage.

Staying Safe Online - Snapchat

Following conversations that I have had in school this week with a number of parents and pupils, I wanted to forward some information about the safety features that are available on Snapchat. Snapchat is a popular messaging app that allows you to send messages, images and videos to other users. These are known as 'Snaps'. One of Snapchat's unique selling points is that messages are normally only available for a short period of time and can only be viewed once. Snapchat has an age rating of 13+

There are many safety features if your child is currently using Snapchat, and I recommend that you take the time to look [HERE](#). One of the newest features is the Family Centre. Snapchat's new family centre gives you an overview of your child's activity on the app. By linking your account to your child's, you can see a list of their friends and who they have contacted in the last seven days - but not the content of those messages. Family centre also gives you access to a confidential reporting service that allows you to report any concerns directly to Snapchat's Trust and Safety team.

If you would like any support at all with online safety, please do not hesitate to ask in school.

Half Term Reminder

Our half term break begins on Monday 20th February. We will return to school on Monday 27th February.