



Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 10.03.2023

Children's Mental Health

In school, we do a lot to support our children with their mental health. We have a mental health practitioner, Julie, who comes into school at least once a week to support. She does a range of activities including:

- Whole class sessions. All our KS2 class have completed the Bounce Back Ability program which focused on recognising their emotions and finding solutions to help themselves and each other.
- 1:1 sessions with children and parents. Julie has worked, and will continue to work with children on a 1:1 basis if they are experiencing any mental health related difficulties. Children are referred by their teacher, and work will begin once it has been established that Julie is the best form of support.
- Parent workshops - I advertised the parent-led behaviour course recently on a bulletin. We still have a few spaces and need to fill them before we set the dates, so please contact me to book on. This is a supportive course which will give strategies to support your child's behaviour at home.

Julie is holding a coffee morning for parents in school on Friday 28th April, straight after our celebration assembly. She would love to meet as many parents as possible, and will be able to explain the services she offers.

Mother's Day Gift Stall

On the 15th March, the children will have the opportunity to buy a special gift for their mum, or other significant adult, on our Mother's Day Stall. This will be run by the PTFA. They will wrap the gifts that the children have chosen and ensure they have taken them home to gift on Mother's Day.

If your child would like to purchase a gift, please send them in with no more than £5 on Wednesday 15th March.

Staffordshire Survey

Staffordshire County Council are currently running a parents' survey to find out more about families' experiences of childcare in Staffordshire. It is important for them to gain families views on what you want and need to help them support our school.



The survey will not take too long to complete and can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Our Reading Ambassadors

This week, we have appointed our very first Reading Ambassadors. These are the children in school who enjoy reading, read often at home and are role models to other children in their class and across the school. Watch this space for what they will be getting up to in school to promote the love of reading and ensure that pupil voice's are heard when working to strengthen the reading offer we have at Dove Bank.



Introducing Ruby Primrose Smith

I am absolutely thrilled to share the wonderful news that Mrs Smith, Oliver and Henry welcomed Ruby Primrose Smith to the world earlier this week. Lydia and Ruby are both doing well, and Henry is settling into life as a big brother.

On behalf of our whole school community, we would like to send our best wishes and hope that they enjoy this precious family time together.

