

Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 17.11.2023



Foodbank

As we approach the Winter and Christmas season, the financial pressure on us increases, and we know that it can be a hard couple of months for some. This is just a reminder that we are able to make referrals to the food bank for any family that needs some additional support. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if this is something that you, and your family, will benefit from.

Diary Dates Reminder

It is that time of year again when the diary starts to get filled with Christmas events! There are no changes to our Christmas dates, but we have attached another copy of the calendar for the Autumn term to ensure that the dates come back to the top of your inbox.

Academisation Update

As previously communicated and consulted on, Dove Bank are planning to join The Learning Partnership. There has been a lot of work between the school, the local authority and the Trust going on behind the scenes, and the school is already feeling the benefits of working with such a fantastic group of schools!

Currently, our official date to join is January 1st 2024, I will ensure that the successful conversion is communicated to parents once complete.

Just a reminder that there will be no change to name, uniform or identity as we join this Trust; we will continue to have the same Dove Bank sparkle and work in the same collaborative way!

Staffing News

After just over eleven years of working as part of the Dove Bank team, Miss Robinson is going to be leaving us at the end of next week. Miss Robinson is loved by the staff and the children here and I know that she is going to be missed by all! We want to take this opportunity to say a big, '**THANK YOU**' to Miss Robinson for all that she has done to support the children (and staff!) and wish her all the very best as she moves on to new adventures.

Volunteer Readers

Would you love to make a difference to the lives of our little people? It is a fact that being able to read fluently increases life chances and read is a key indicator of future success. It is because of this that we are determined to get ALL of our children to become fluent readers. For some, this means daily reading practice.

Do you have any spare time that you would like to use to volunteer with us in school? We know that 'spare' time is very precious, but this could be as little as an hour or two as every little bit will help.

If you are interested in this, please contact me directly on:
headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk to discuss it in more detail.

Wellies and Puddle Suits

As our curriculum evolves and develops, we are looking forward to spending more time learning outside. If you have any spare wellies, puddle suits, water proofs that you no longer need at home, please consider donating them to us in school.

We need all sizes from Doves all the way through to Year 6 to keep as spares.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Monday 30 th October - Friday 3 rd November Half Term	
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 5. Parents invited to attend - 2:45 - 3:05
Monday 13 th November - Friday 17 th November	Anti-bullying week - whole school Nursery Rhyme week - Doves
Monday 13 th November	Kindness Day Sibling, Family and Individual School Photographs
Thursday 16 th November	Doves Stay and Play - Nursery Rhyme Themed, 2pm
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th November	Year 6 at Standon Bowers
Thursday 23 rd November	Flu immunisation program R - 5 (Y6 will follow)
Friday 24 th November	Year 5 - Level 2 Bikeability
Friday 1 st December	Own Clothes Day in exchange for a Hamper item. <i>Details will follow</i>
Tuesday 5 th December	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight check
Wednesday 6 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 8 th December	Own Clothes Day in exchange for a gift for the PTFA gift stall
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity - shows at 9:30 and 1:30
Friday 15 th December	PTFA Gift Stall Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18 th December	Mince Pie Afternoon - parents invited, 1:15 - 3:00
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Church Visit with Rev. Baker
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Craft Afternoon - parents invited, 1:15 - 3:00
Thursday 21 st December	PTFA Christmas Disco
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Jumper Day & Class parties
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for the Christmas Holiday