



Dove Bank Primary School

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Reading at Home

We all want the best for our children. We all know that it is important to make sure that they are confident, fluent readers who enjoy reading, but often it is hard to know where to start. Research suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day, not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of the world. By working with the school to create passionate readers, you are, in effect, gifting your child the ability to learn more easily. You can support your child by taking some time to read with them every night, or as often as is possible.

School Trips

We are committed to enriching our curriculum with a range of opportunities for our children. This includes taking them out of school on educational visits where this is appropriate. Currently, as with everything, the price of school trips is at an all time high - particularly the cost of coach hire. As a school, we have made the decision to cap the cost of school trips to parents at £15 per child. It is, however, very rare that the cost of a trip comes in at that price. They average at £20 per child, which is subsidised by the school (and supported by PTA contributions).

We do not always receive parent contributions for trips, which is resulting in the school subsidising trips heavily. As a school, we cannot keep subsidising for the additional cost due to lack of parent contributions. We will be moving to a system whereby if we do not receive 80% of the total cost of parent contributions, we will be unable to run the trip, and therefore have to cancel. We have had contributions for our Year 3 trip from 39% of families. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, we can discuss the cost of the trip and support you further. Please contact your child's teacher, or myself should you wish to discuss.

Spring Dates

WB 5th February - Mental Health week

5th February - Young Voices

6th February - Safer Internet Day

9th February - Kindness Day

12th - 16th February ~ HALF TERM

1st March - Own Clothes Day in exchange for a gift

6th March - The Recorder Festival

7th March - World Book Day

8th March - Mother's Day Assembly

18th & 20th March - Parents' Evening

22nd March - School Photographs (classes and groups)

22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade

25th March - 5th April ~ Spring Holiday

PTFA Update

We continue to work closely with our incredible PTA. This year already, they have put on events which have made a significant amount of money for much needed resources for the children to use at school.

This much-needed fund raising does not happen by chance; our PTA are committed, caring and completely understanding of the different circumstances that we are all in. Some can give a lot of time to school events, and others may only be able to support one or two across the year. Both are greatly appreciated.

The team is getting smaller, and there are some events which may have to be cancelled if we do not get some more support. So, if you are able to give a bit of time, please think about supporting.

Please email Mrs Dakin :
headteacher@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk if you think you may be able to offer some support.

Thank you!