



Dove Bank Primary School

'Do Our Very Best in Every Way'

24th June 2021

Free School Meals

Further information below, please check if you are eligible by following the link.

Please remain vigilant by wearing masks and only one person accompanying children to drop and collect. Our Governors and the school continue to follow guidance from the Department for Education as we wish for a safe and Covid free end to our summer term. *Mrs Ford*

Dates for your Diary

We welcome back **Mrs Guney** to Nursery on Monday 28th June.

Skipping Workshop Day Tuesday 29th June, Reception-Y6. (Ropes available to purchase from school at the end of the day, £4.50)

Reports w/c Monday 5th July.

Sports day - Tuesday 13th July, please note this will be in school bubble groups, unfortunately parents will not be able to attend. Photos will be on Showbie.

Last day of Summer Term Wednesday 21st July

School **reopens** Thursday 2nd September to pupils. (Doves, Nursery, Reception info to follow re September start)

Free School Meals

If you claim a benefit you may be entitled to claim free school meals for your child, *even if your child does not want to have a school meal it helps school as we receive extra funding called Pupil Premium.* For more information and to apply :-

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Overview.aspx>

It is important even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that you still apply by completing a form even if your child does not want to access a free school meal and has home sandwiches so that school may access extra funding. Please note sandwiches are always a lunch option from our school menu.

Thank you

Unauthorised Leave

Please be aware when planning holidays that unfortunately the latest guidance (May 21) that we continue to follow from the Department for Education states:

'As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.'

Transition/End of term Events:

Due to the high prevalence of the Delta covid variant in our community, school is unable to invite parents to our usual events i.e. Y6 Leavers, new starters induction evening (EYS), sports day. Please note all high school transition activities will be virtual. Within school, we do plan to have a 'move up' day, but this will adhere strictly to our covid safety measures – parents will be sent details.

Dove Bank Unsung Hero

We are all extremely proud of Tillie-Mae in Y5 and her achievement volunteering her time to the Salvation Army, packing over 1000 lunch packs for vulnerable children in Kidsgrove. Tillie-Mae has received a letter of recognition from Angela Cooper, Mayor of Kidsgrove and an Unsung Hero Award from MP Jonathan Gullis. Further information about Tillie-Mae's achievement are on the school website. You are a Super Star Tillie-Mae!



A special mention also to Elsie Weaver Y3 who has secured a U10 girls training contract with Stoke City Junior Training Squad, Elsie will train twice each week with them – Well done!

Online Safety Alert

Please be aware of the following online activities that are NOT age appropriate for Primary age children:-

Fortnite, Grand Theft Auto, TikTok, Among Us...

There are others!! Please monitor your child's internet usage.

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Saturday: 10am - 2pm

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Smart School Uniform now also in **Tunstall** are our new school uniform supplier. They carry stock of sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE t-shirts and hoodies.

We do still have a small number of items **available from school to purchase** including:- polo shirts in all sizes, sweatshirts up to size 28" 7-8 years, cardigans sizes 22", 24" and 28", reversible fleece coat and fleece jacket.

To help keep the school a safe environment please do not visit the school office unless you have made prior arrangements. Please telephone school 898015 or email office@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk for the following:

Report absences, Covid queries/enquiries, advice & integrated care (EYS).

Please pre book breakfast club before noon on Fridays via school website-parents tab.

Morning snack email: u87849@compass-group.co.uk to book snack yrs 1-6.