



# Dove Bank Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin - 12.12.25



### Christmas Craft Afternoon - Thursday 18th December



Parents/carers are welcome to join their children on Thursday afternoon from 1.15pm, 2-3pm for nursery, for a Christmas craft activity. You are welcome to move from one class to another if you have more than one child in school.



### Nativity

Our youngest children took part in our nativity this week, performing for the school and for friends and family, last Tuesday. Mary and Joseph were supported by the usual cast, with so many sheep, shepherds, wise men and angels. The costumes were great and everyone enjoyed taking part.

All of our children, from the nursery, up to year 2 played their part. They were all stars of the show and made everyone very proud!



### Community Christmas cards

Our children have simply loved making Christmas cards for our community. The sun shone this afternoon, as years 1, 2 and 6 delivered their cards to local residents, hoping to spread some Christmas cheer!



### Christmas gift stall

Our annual Christmas Gift Stall has been a huge success yet again! Our PTA have been busy setting up a great selection of gifts for the children to buy. The service didn't stop there! They also provided a team of 'PTA elves' who wrapped and delivered the gifts ready for children to take home with them, and hopefully, to put under a tree near you!

Many thanks, yet again, go to the PTA for their time and effort, raising money and creating excitement in school.



### Mince Pie Afternoon - Monday 15th December

All parents are welcome to join us for our traditional 'Mince Pie Afternoon', where all classes will each perform a song. The choir and keyboard club will also be performing some Christmas songs too. We can't wait to see you there.

We will attend the church on Wednesday morning for our carol service, you are welcome to join us for this too!



### Church service - Wednesday 17th December

We will attend the church on Wednesday morning for our carol service, you are welcome to join us for this, the Reverend Baker will be leading this. If you are able to support by walking down with us to the church, please let your child's class teacher know. The more, the merrier!



# Talking about feelings and emotions with children and young people

Talking about feelings really does help, especially for young children, as it gives them the words to express how they feel from an early age and to encourage them to talk about their emotions. This sets them up to develop their emotional intelligence as they grow older. Below are weblinks to resources that may be useful if you feel you need a little guidance or confidence to talk to your child about their emotions.

Talk about feelings with your child: [Click Here - Talk About Feelings with Your Child](#)

Toddler emotions: [Click Here - Toddler Emotions](#)

Talk about feelings with your teenager: [Click Here - Talk about feelings with your teenager](#)

	<b>Happiness</b> - Often results in smiling and feeling positive about a situation or person.
	<b>Sadness</b> - Can often lead to crying, not wanting to take part in social activities, and feelings of unhappiness or upset about a particular situation or person.
	<b>Anger</b> - A strong feeling of frustration and unhappiness. It often results in increased heart rate, tension, and possibly aggressive behaviour towards another person.
	<b>Fear</b> - When we feel scared or worried about something or someone we feel threatened by. It can cause physical changes like increased heart rate, sweating and heightened alertness.
	<b>Surprise</b> - Often triggered by an unexpected event. It can be positive or negative and usually involves a physical reaction like gasping or widening of the eyes.

When we feel emotions such as anger, sadness, fear and frustration, they can affect the decisions we make and our behaviour even before we realise we have them. As children get older this can often be unhelpful and make them feel worse. The Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent's Violence Reduction Alliance (VRA) have developed a guide to help children and young people understand what emotions and feelings are, how to recognise them, and how you can control them [Click Here - WWIE-Guide](#) There's also an advice for parents and carers section in the guide too!

# DO YOU NEED HELP WITH TOILET TRAINING?

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Midlands Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

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Mon to Thursday, 10:00 - 14:00

## Potty Training.....

How to start



Podcast



free  
webinar



child with  
additional  
needs



other  
languages



0-19 Health professionals in our Hubs can respond to any questions or concerns you may have about their child's wee, poo or toileting

Staffordshire Parents/Carers phone: 0808 178 0611

Stoke Parents/Carers phone: 0808 178 3374



ChatHealth text messaging service

Living in Stoke-on-Trent text: 07312 277161

Living in Staffordshire text: 07520 615722

