

# Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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**Believe, Achieve, Soar with Pride**

Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 25 ~ 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## **KS2 SAT's**

Well Done to all the Year 6 and 2 pupils who worked very hard this week to complete their SAT's tests.

## **Art Week**

As part of Art Week, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, we would like to ask for donations of old coloured magazines and catalogues. Please send all donations to the school office.

## **M&M Productions**

On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**, M&M theatre group will be visiting school to give a performance of **The Railway Children** to the children of Reception to Year 6. We would like to ask for a contribution of **£2.00 per child** towards the cost of the show. Please send all contributions into school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018, remembering to send it in an envelope with your child's name on, the amount and what it is for. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Family Fun Cooking Sessions**

Marie Dyer from Preschool Learning Alliance will be running a 4 week Family Fun Cooking Club for a maximum of 15 families. The sessions will run on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018, from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Letters will be sent out closer to the time.

## **Half Term Holiday**

School will close at 3:15pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and re-open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at 8:55am.

## **Emergency Contact Details**

It is **very important** that school has up to date contact numbers and addresses in case of an emergency. We have had several incidents where children have been ill or we have had concerns which have need to be acted upon and we have not been able to contact anyone.

## **Safeguarding**

**Please note parents are not permitted to enter school via the green doors from the yard due to safeguarding issues. If you need to speak to staff then they are available on the yard from 8.45am.**

## **Fuel for School**

Every Friday the children will be able to purchase juice and biscuits for 50p at a morning break.

## **School Uniform**

We have several children who are not coming to school in uniform. Can I just remind parents that I am very flexible with where parents buy uniform from and do not expect parents to pay for school jumpers with logo etc. but I do expect all parents to provide pupils with uniforms which adhere to our policy.

Pupils must have

- grey or black trousers or skirts / red or blue summer dresses
- a red polo shirt
- a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- all black shoes or black trainers

**If children are not adhering to this then parents will get be contacted by text to bring replacements items.**

## **Friends of Dean Bank – Donations Needed**

The Friends meet every Monday at 9.30am and everyone is welcome to join for coffee and biscuits. This meeting is to discuss fund raising events and how parents and carers can support the school. We have an established committee but would appreciate parents who may just be able to help with specific events or just wish to hear some of the ideas and events already planned.

The Friends are continuing to hold a weekly stall every Friday at the bottom of the yard – the ice lolly stall will include Gluten free and dairy free ice cream. They continue to want donations for these stalls.

They will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 9.30am. This will include a coffee morning with a cake stall to raise funds for Denehurst Nursing Home. This event will be followed by several fundraising events throughout the week including a pay as you feel school uniform stall which they will need donations for.

The Friends have also organised for a Summer Fair on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. More details will be available closer to the time.

## **Free School Meal Entitlement**

The regulations for Free School Meals changed on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. If you claim any of the following benefits you may be eligible to claim a Free School Meal:

- Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400.
- Income support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.)
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Application Forms can be obtained from the school office. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence. Though some children prefer to bring in a 'packed lunch', it is important that all those entitled to a free school meal are registered.

**Please note: It is YOUR responsibility to inform school if there are changes to your claim.**

## Attendance Figures

Can I remind parents that attendance was highlighted as an issue during the OFSTED inspection and is something which is a priority in school this year. **Children's expected attendance is 96%**. Please ensure all appointments are made out of school hours (where possible) and that you contact the school office on the first day of absence to notify us of the reasons for absences, and the expected date of return. Where medical absences persist beyond 1 day of illness, please keep in regular contact (ideally daily) with the school.

### **11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

<b>Little Learners</b>	<b>Busy Bees</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Class 6</b>
94.12	88.17	95.71	95.20	93.91	92.80	86.67	94.80	92.73

<b>May 2018</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018 – 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Art Week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Year 6 visit to Northumbria University
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	Girls Football Cup
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Year 5 and 6 Athletics at Shildon Athletics Club
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	School Closes at 3:15pm for Half Term
<b>June 2018</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	School re-opens at 8:55am.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Annual General Meeting and Coffee Morning
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Fundraising Week for Denehurst Nursing Home
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 6 Cricket at Mainsforth Cricket Club
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	M&M Productions
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 3 visit to Hardwick Park
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	School Nurse Drop-in
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	School Nurse to visit Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Sedgefield Dash
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 - 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	In School Art Exhibition
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 6 Durham Cathedral
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 5/6 Multi Skills
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 5 Puberty Talk
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Science Ambassador Educational Visit
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Scholastic Half Price Book Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Art Exhibition
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	Refugee Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 2 visit to Hartlepool Historic Quayside
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Primary Maths Challenge
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	Year 4 Festival for Food
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Sports Week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Primary Olympics
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Go-givers celebration event
<b>July 2018</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	Year 5 Taster Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 3/4 Sports Skills
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Reports to Parents
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	FBEC Transition Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Summer Fair
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Assembly