

# Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 17 ~ 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## **Cardboard boxes**

The staff and children of EYFS would like to ask for donations of cardboard boxes of all sizes for junk modelling.

## **EYFS Contributions**

We would like to remind parents that the Early Years team would like a contribution of £1.00 per week per child to help to buy consumables e.g. flour and oil for playdough.

## **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.

## **PE Kits**

School bought every child a PE at the beginning of the year and they look so smart in PE lessons and at the festivals and competitions they have attended. If your child loses their PE kit we will ask for a donation of £5 to replace the kit.

Y5 and Y6 take their PE kit home weekly to ensure it is clean but all remaining children need to have theirs in school all the time and bring it home half termly.

## **Jewellery**

Can I remind parents that children can wear a watch and ear studs but no other jewellery. This is County policy due to Health and Safety. If children wear other jewellery it will be kept at the office for safe keeping and can be collected by an adult.

## **Uniform**

Pupils must wear school uniform which consists of the following:

- Red polo shirt, navy sweat shirt or cardigan
- Grey/black/navy trousers or skirt, no jeans or track suit bottoms
- Sensible black footwear (plain black leather or leather look shoes) no open toed sandals or flip flops

## **Reading**

Just a reminder, following OFSTED, reading is a priority in our school and we expect parents to support their child's education by listening to them read 3 times each week.

## Attendance Figures – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 ~ 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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.

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
66.67	88.24	90.08	96.83	96.30	93.16	89.42	94.91	91.53

### KS1 and KS2 SAT's

The Year 6 children (Miss Potts' Class) will be completing their KS2 SAT's week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Full attendance is needed that week so please ensure no holidays or appointments are booked during this time. Booster Groups will be starting after school next week.

The Year 2 children (Miss Heseltine's class) will be completing their KS1 SAT's during the month of May 2018. Again we would be very grateful if you could avoid booking holidays or appointments during this time.

### Dinner Money

I would like to remind everyone that dinner money should be paid in full on a Monday. The cost of a school dinner is £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week). Please ensure all money is sent into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name on and what it is for.

### Friends of Dean Bank

The Friends of Dean Bank group 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 and they continue to want donations for this.

### Easy Fundraiser ~ *Type this into the app store and download*

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for school?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/deanbankprimary/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and school will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. P. Northcott  
Head Teacher

# Dates for your diary



<b>January 2018</b>	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Film Night
<b>February 2018</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Year 1 class assembly
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	School closes for Half Term Holidays
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	School re-opens for Spring Term 2
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	Reception Multi-skills Event, Whitworth Park
<b>March 2018</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	World Maths Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Sport Relief
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Year 5 class assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Spring Disco
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	World Water Day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Dance Festival – class to be confirmed
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Easter Service at Saint Luke's Church
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	School closes for Easter Holidays
<b>April 2018</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	School re-opens for Summer Term 1