

# Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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**Believe, Achieve, Soar with Pride**

Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 30 ~ 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Primary Olympics

Congratulations to the basketball team for winning gold medals at the Primary Olympics at Sedgefield on Tuesday after winning all of their matches. Sienna was a brilliant captain as always and led the team very well. What a fantastic year the team has had! We are very proud of you.

## Go-Givers

Well done to years 4 and 6 for their great effort during their Make a Difference challenges. Some children chosen to represent the school at the presentation event on Wednesday and they did a great job explaining about homelessness and improving the local environment. Well done!

## Friends of Dean Bank

The Friends meet every Monday at 9.15am 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 will be holding a Summer Fair on Monday 16th July 2018 and are looking for donations, please leave all donations at the school office.

## 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.

## School Uniform

We have several children who are not coming to school in their 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
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**If children are not adhering to this then parents will get be contacted by text to bring replacements items.**

**Please note: children MUST have appropriate haircuts/styles, this does not include the latest trend of shapes and stars.**

## **First Contact**

If you have a concern about a child or young person who lives in County Durham, First Contact is the service to call. First Contact brings together staff from Children and Young People's Services with partners such as Durham Constabulary and Health.

**How can I get in touch?** First Contact has made it easy for you to get in touch with them. You can contact them using any of the following methods:

Telephone: 03000 26 79 79

E-mail: [scd@durham.gov.uk](mailto:scd@durham.gov.uk)

Website: [www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact](http://www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact)

**What happens if I call First Contact?** When you contact First Contact, you will speak to a trained officer who will work with you to decide the level of response needed. Providing early help to children, young people and their families is their priority.

An Early Help Assessment will be started to help inform the next steps, which may be:

- A referral to preventative services such as [One Point](#), with a 'team around the family' and a named lead professional. Giving you appropriate advice and guidance.
- A statutory referral to assessment and interventions teams due to safeguarding concerns, with a 'team around the family' and a named lead professional.

First Contact works to a [Single Assessment Framework](#) which can be found on the Durham County Council website.

## **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 absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in regular contact (ideally daily) with the school.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 ~ 29<sup>th</sup> June 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>
85.71	85.59	94.35	98.12	97.46	96.15	96.49	96.55	84.13

**Please note:** From September 2018 **ALL** parents will be expected to complete a Leave of Absence form for **ALL** appointments made during the school day.

Although we have seen some improvement in attendance we are still working on improving this further. If you have any concerns regarding attendance please contact Mrs Gilyeat, School Attendance Officer.

## **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.**

# Dates for your diary



July 2018	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	Year 5 Taster Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 3 and 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
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Time Tables Challenge
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 5 and 6 visit to Beamish
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Non-Uniform Day - wear something yellow for Marie Curie
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Sports Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Summer Fair
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Whole School Educational Visit
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	School closes for the Summer Holidays
September 2018	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	School re-opens for the Autumn Term