

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 24 ~ 11th May 2018

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.

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 4th 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 16th July 2018. More details will be available closer to the time.

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.

Free School Meal Entitlement

The regulations for Free School Meals changed on the 1st 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.

4th May 2018 ~ 10th May 2018

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
100	82.43	90.63	87.50	94.02	92.00	86.31	97.00	81.82

EYFS Contributions

Unfortunately we are unable to carry out some of our additional curriculum activities due to not receiving enough 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.



Friday 18th May 2018

To celebrate the Royal Wedding children can come to school dressed in their smart casual clothes instead of school uniform

and

At lunchtime we will be serving a Royal Wedding buffet lunch of

Sausage Twist Bites

Pizza Bites

Cheese Quiche

Sandwiches

Jacket Wedges

Garlic Dough Balls

Vegetable Sticks

Fresh Fruit Slices

Mini Cookies

Chocolate Crunch

instead of normal school lunch

If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to join us for the Royal Wedding buffet – cost £2.00

Please let the school office or class teacher know

If the weather is nice and sunny we will hold the buffet outside

You are welcome to provide additional items of food

Dates for your diary



May 2018	
14 th May 2018 – 18 th May 2018	KS2 SAT's week
21 st May 2018 – 25 th May 2018	Art Week
Monday 21 st May 2018	Year 6 visit to Northumbria University
Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	Girls Football Cup
Friday 25 th May 2018	Year 5 and 6 Athletics at Shildon Athletics Club
Friday 25 th May 2018	School Closes at 3:15pm for Half Term
June 2018	
Monday 4 th June 2018	School re-opens at 8:55am.
Monday 4 th June 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Annual General Meeting and Coffee Morning
4 th June 2018 – 8 th June 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Fundraising Week for Denehurst Nursing Home
Tuesday 5 th June 2018	Year 6 Cricket at Mainsforth Cricket Club
11 th June 2018 – 15 th June 2018	Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	School Nurse Drop-in
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	School Nurse to visit Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	Sedgefield Dash
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Year 6 Durham Cathedral
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Year 5/6 Multi Skills
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Year 5 Puberty Talk
Friday 15 th June 2018	Science Ambassador Educational Visit
13 th June 2018 – 14 th June 2018	Art Exhibition
18 th June 2018 – 22 nd June 2018	Refugee Week
Tuesday 19 th June 2018	Year 2 visit to Hartlepool Historic Quayside
Friday 22 nd June 2018	Year 4 Festival for Food
25 th June 2018 – 29 th June 2018	Sports Week
Tuesday 26 th June 2018	Primary Olympics
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Go-givers celebration event
July 2018	
Thursday 5 th July 2018	Year 3/4 Sports Skills
Friday 6 th July 2018	Reports to Parents
Monday 9 th July 2018	FBEC Transition Day
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Thursday 12 th July 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Monday 16 th July 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Summer Fair
Friday 20 th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Assembly