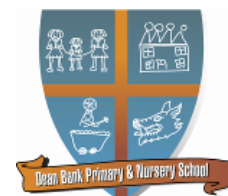


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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 16 ~ 18th January 2018

Fuel for School

We will be continuing to hold our weekly Fuel for School stall after school on a Thursday on the school yard. All contributions will be used towards the running costs of Fuel for School in the future.

Ferryhill Methodist Chapel will be hosting a **Festival of Food on Saturday 20th January 2018, 11:00am – 2:00pm**, organised by Ferryhill and Chilton's Fuel for School project. They would like to invite everyone to join them for a bite to eat, to meet people, and help their fight against surplus food waste. There will be free entertainment provided by our very own talented community.

Cardboard boxes

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

Fruit and Stationary Shop

The Year 5 and 6 children run daily fruit and stationary shops at morning break. Fruit is available for 30p per item and stationary items are available from 10p to 50p per item.

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.

KS1 and KS2 SAT's

The Year 6 children (Miss Potts' Class) will be completing their KS2 SAT's week beginning 14th 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.

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.

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.

Attendance Figures - 12th January 2018 ~ 18th 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
90.38	81.11	89.29	94.74	95.48	93.85	94.50	95.82	94.99

School events this week

Tuesday 16th January 2018 ~ School nurse drop-in for parents

Wednesday 17th January 2018 ~ Jet the police dog to visit EYFS

School events last week

Thursday 25th January 2018 ~ Year 5/6 Basketball Competition

Yours sincerely

Mrs. P. Northcott
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary



January 2018	
Thursday 25 th January 2018	Year 5/6 Basketball Competition
Wednesday 31 st January 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Film Night
February 2018	
Tuesday 6 th February 2018	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February 2018	Year 1 class assembly
Friday 9 th February 2018	School closes for Half Term Holidays
Monday 19 th February 2018	School re-opens for Spring Term 2
Friday 23 rd February 2018	Reception Multi-skills Event, Whitworth Park
March 2018	
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Wednesday 7 th March 2018	World Maths Day
Friday 16 th March 2018	Sport Relief
Wednesday 21 st March 2018	Year 5 class assembly
Thursday 22 nd March 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Spring Disco
Thursday 22 nd March 2018	World Water Day
Tuesday 27 th March 2018	Dance Festival – class to be confirmed
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	Easter Service at Saint Luke's Church
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	School closes for Easter Holidays
April 2018	
Monday 16 th April 2018	School re-opens for Summer Term 1