

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 19 ~ 22nd February 2018

Old £10 notes

From Thursday 1st March 2018 school will no longer be accepting old £10 notes. Any payments made using these notes will be returned to parents.

Fuel for school

Every Friday the children will be able to purchase fresh fruit, vegetables, soup and sandwiches for 50p per item at a morning break.

As part of our Fuel for school class 4 will be preparing lunch at Saint Luke's Church on Friday 2nd March 2018 at 11:30am. This event is open to the public and lunch will be available on a pay as you feel basis.

This is a lovely opportunity for the parents, carers, family and friends of class 4 to enjoy a lunch with the children which they have helped to prepare.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at Ferryhill Methodist Chapel

On Saturday 10th March 2018 Ferryhill Methodist Chapel will be holding a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea event to celebrate the Fuel for school project. Tickets for the event are £3.00 per person, available from the school office on a first come first served basis. The event will run over two sittings 1:00pm to 2:30pm or 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

A chance to treat mams and grandmas to a lovely afternoon of scrumptious food and good company. A selection of freshly made sandwiches, scones, sweet treats and tea or coffee will be available.

SAFC Family Learning Course

Foundation of Light's Family Learning course welcomes any family member over the age of 19 years.

The course runs for two hours each Monday in school, 1:00pm – 3:00pm – one hour learning with other adults and one hour playing fun games with your children – over 10 weeks.

Meet and learn with other parents, gain skills and knowledge that can improve your life, help your child get the most out of school.

If you are interested please call into the school office to complete a form. For more information contact one of the team on 0191 5692766 / 01388 317006 or email josh.scott@foundationoflight.co.uk

Items from home

Please could I remind parents that children are not permitted to bring toys and stationary etc. from home as this is causing friction between the children. Children can buy items from the stationary shop but these items are for home use only.

Mobile Phones

Pupils should not be bringing mobile phones into school, if you wish for your child to have their mobile in school then please call into the school office to sign the relevant form. Children with permission to bring them into school will be expected to hand them into the school office on a morning and collect them at home time. Any child found to have a mobile in school without permission will be expected to hand their phone into the school office and a parent MUST come into school to collect it.

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.

Friends of Dean Bank

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
100	96.83	97.60	95.56	95.24	90.38	98.13	98.40	91.48

Dates for your diary



February 2018	
Thursday 22 nd February 2018	Football League – Greenfield Community College
Friday 23 rd February 2018	Reception Multi-skills Event, Whitworth Park
Monday 26 th February 2018 – Friday 9 th March 2018	Fair Trade Fortnight
Monday 26 th February 2018	SAFC Family Learning Programme
Wednesday 28 th February 2018	Year 5/6 Julius Caesar Performance at Crook Primary School
March 2018	
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day
Monday 5 th March 2018	SAFC Family Learning Programme
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	School Nurse Drop-in
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Wednesday 7 th March 2018	World Maths Day
Thursday 8 th March 2018	Football League – Greenfield Community College
Monday 12 th March – Friday 16 th March 2018	Shakespeare Week
Tuesday 13 th March 2018	Year 5 Easter Journey at Ferryhill Methodist Church
Friday 16 th March 2018	Sport Relief
Monday 19 th March 2018	Dogs Trust Assembly
Monday 19 th March 2018	SAFC Family Learning Programme
Tuesday 20 th March 2018	Year 5/6 Shakespeare Festival
Wednesday 21 st March 2018	Year 3/4 Gymnastics Festival
Wednesday 21 st March 2018	Year 5 class assembly
Wednesday 21 st March 2018	EYFS Stay and Play
Thursday 22 nd March 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Spring Disco
Thursday 22 nd March 2018	Football League – Greenfield Community College
Thursday 22 nd March 2018	World Water Day
Monday 26 th March 2018	SAFC Family Learning Programme
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