

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Believe, Achieve, Soar with Pride

Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 23 ~ 3rd May 2018

We would just like to remind everyone that school will be closed on Monday 7th May 2018 for May Bank Holiday and reopen on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 8:55am.

Well Done to the School Netball Team

On Monday 30th April 2018 our school netball team played the Sedgefield Sports Partnership netball final at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College. Over 30 schools were involved in the final and our Dean Bank A team came a fantastic 2nd overall, which we are all very proud of.

Ella and Sienna gave us the following quote:

'Before this competition, we competed against 7 other schools to win a place in the final. We came second that day after winning matches against the B team, Broom Cottages and Chilton. This gained us a place in the final. In the final, we drew 2 matches against Thornhill and St Michaels and won 3 matches against Vane Road, King Street and St Charles. This is the best that the Dean Bank netball team has ever done in the final. Throughout the matches, we all changed positions and we played well as a team despite the cold weather and the wind. Even though we were all cold, we showed resilience and never gave up!'

School Nurse Monthly Drop-in Session

The school nurse, Anne-Marie Robertshaw will be available between 9:00am and 10:00am on Tuesday 8th May 2018 if anyone wishes to discuss any issues relating to their child. Anne-Marie can offer advice and support around topics such as fussy eating, head lice, healthy lifestyle, emotional health, bedwetting etc.

Fuel for School

Every Friday the children will be able to purchase juice and biscuits for 50p at a morning break.

Large Plastic Bottles

Mr McIlwaine would like to ask for donations of WASHED large plastic bottles e.g. milk bottles, 1L pop bottles etc. Please ask the children to take any donations straight to Mr McIlwaine.

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.

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 throughout this month. Again we would be very grateful if you could avoid booking holidays or appointments during this time.

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.

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.

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.

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.

20th April 2018 ~ 26th April 2018

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
100	92.47	98.15	92.80	95.65	96.40	91.35	95.83	93.18

27th April 2018 ~ 3rd May 2018

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100	96.00	90.37	94.00	97.83	97.00	89.29	98.97	86.36

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.

World War One Festival of Food

The children of Mr McIlwaine's Class will be preparing food on Friday 22nd June 2018 for the World War 1 Festival of Food event on Saturday 23rd June 2018 at Ferryhill Methodist Chapel.

TO COMMEMORATE THE FINAL YEAR OF THE GREAT WAR, FERRYHILL AND CHILTON PRESENT A

WWI FESTIVAL OF FOOD

**11am to 1pm
Saturday 23rd
June 2018**

**Ferryhill Village
Methodist Chapel**

**Record the details of your
relatives in our WWI
Commemoration Book**

Admission Free

**Enjoy an Exhibition
of Ferryhill and Chilton
1914 - 1918**

Chilton Primary School **CLEVES CROSS FERRYHILL** **FERRYHILL STATION PRIMARY SCHOOL** **Ribbon of Poppies Ferryhill** **ApproachToo**

Together we can make a difference

Dates for your diary



May 2018	
Throughout the Month	KS1 SAT's
Monday 7 th May 2018	School Closed for May Day
Tuesday 8 th May 2018	School Nurse Drop-in
Wednesday 9 th May 2018	Class 3 Assembly
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