

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 27 ~ 7th June 2018

Designated Safeguarding Leads within School

Mrs Northcott and Mrs Temple are our designated safeguarding leads within school, if you have any concerns regarding the welfare of any of our children please get in touch.



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

Website: 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.

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.

Friends of Dean Bank and Denehurst Nursing Home

The Friends are holding a "Bingo Night" at Denehurst Nursing Home tonight, 5.30pm - 7.30pm, eyes down at 6:00pm. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join in this fundraising event.

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.

Art Exhibition

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding an exciting Art Exhibition on Wednesday 13th June 2018 and Thursday 14th June 2018. Every child who attended an art session during Art Week has produced a lovely piece of art work that you will be very proud of! Each piece of art will be framed and on sale at £7.00 for the buyer to treasure. This fantastic event is also raising funds for the Friends of Dean Bank, £1.50 of every sale will go into their fundraising pot.

A special viewing of the art has been arranged for parents and family members from 3:30pm – 5:00pm in the main school hall on Wednesday 13th June 2018, refreshments will be available. The Art Exhibition will be open to the general public on Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

We hope to see many of you coming in to view this fantastic exhibition and would like to ask that you spread the word to the wider community.

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%.**

If your children's attendance is below 90%, you will be invited into school to discuss how we can support you with improving attendance. If attendance is below 95% then school will be contacting you via telephone to see what else we can do to support pupils with their attendance.

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.

4th June 2018 ~ 7th June 2018

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
76.92	96.00	96.88	93.75	95.11	96.00	95.78	97.50	93.75

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.

After School Clubs

We currently have the following after school clubs running for this half term:

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 and 2 Dance	Community Links	Year 4-6 Cricket	Year 3-6 Homework
Year 3-6 Dance	Film	R-Year 2 Pottery	
	Year 1 and 2 Art	R-Year 3 Construction	
	Year 1-3 Kwik Cricket		

If your child wishes to join one of the clubs please contact Mrs Gilyeat or Mrs Emmerson for a form.

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

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.

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.

M&M Productions

The children thoroughly enjoyed the production of The Railway Children on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to those parents who contributed towards the cost of the production.

Family Fun Cooking Sessions

Marie Dyer from Preschool Learning Alliance will be running a 4 week Family Fun Cooking Club for a maximum of 15 families. The sessions will run on Tuesday 19th June 2018, Tuesday 26th June 2018, Tuesday 3rd July and Tuesday 10th July 2018, from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. Letters will be sent out closer to the time.

Ferryhill Summer Fayre

Ferryhill's got talent will once again be making an appearance at this year's Summer Fayre.

Does your child have a hidden talent and want to show it off for the chance to win a prize?

Why not encourage them to take part in Ferryhill's very own talent show at Ferryhill's Summer Fayre on Sunday 8th July 2018 at Mainsforth Sports Complex. All entrants must be under 16 and forms are available from the school office. All application forms **MUST** be handed into Ferryhill Town Hall by 29th June 2018.

Dates for your diary



June 2018	
11 th June 2018 – 15 th June 2018	Phonics Screening Week
11 th June 2018 – 14 th June 2018	Scholastic Half Price Book Fair
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	Year 3 visit to Hardwick Park
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
13 th June 2018 – 14 th June 2018	School Art Exhibition
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
18 th June 2018 – 22 nd June 2018	Refugee Week
Tuesday 19 th June 2018	Year 2 visit to Hartlepool Historic Quayside
Wednesday 20 th June 2018	Primary Maths Challenge
Friday 22 nd June 2018	Year 4 Festival for Food
25 th June 2018 – 29 th June 2018	Sports Week
Monday 25 th June 2018	Cricket Festival
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
Thursday 28 th June 2018	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 29 th June 2018	Sponsored Skip Event
July 2018	
Monday 2 nd July 2018	Year 5 Taster Day
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
Friday 13 th July 2018	Reception Vision Screening
Monday 16 th July 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Summer Fair
Tuesday 17 th July 2018	Whole School Educational Visit
Friday 20 th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Assembly