

## Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 18 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support last week and this. Many of you will know we have been under media scrutiny around allegations of some parents swearing and smoking / smelling of cannabis outside the school gates. As I said in my original newsletter, if school have concerns we will contact the police. Following this initial statement in November I have had no further allegation or concerns.

### **Half Term Holidays**

School will close at 3:15pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and re-open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8:55am.

### **Visiting Author**

Our children enjoyed Anthony Wooton's visit last week, he is a published author who worked in classes supporting our work around story telling.

### **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.

### **Football Afterschool Club**

The football afterschool club **WILL** be taking place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 as the football team will be taking part in the league at Greenfield Community College on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. Letters will be sent out to parent's week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **Attendance Registration Certificates**

All children should leave school on Friday with a copy of their attendance certificate.

### **Free Family Fun Day**

Chilton Community College are hosting a **free family fun** day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 10:00am – 2:00pm. The event has been organised by Wellbeing for life. Adult supervision is essential and places must be booked in advance by phoning 01325 327442.

For further information contact Wellbeing for life service on 08008766887 or visit [www.wellbeingforlife.net](http://www.wellbeingforlife.net).

### Old £10 notes

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

### Cardboard boxes

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

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
90.91	86.05	91.18	96.67	91.90	93.85	92.38	91.25	95.24

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
100	86.76	92.13	98.21	93.45	93.27	96.43	95.31	98.21

### 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.

### Jewellery

Can I remind parents that children can wear a watch and ear studs but no other jewellery. This is County policy due to Health and Safety. If children wear other jewellery it will be kept at the office for safe keeping and can be collected by an adult.

## PE Kits

School bought every child a PE kit at the beginning of the year and they look so smart in PE lessons and at the festivals and competitions they have attended. If your child loses their PE kit we will ask for a donation of £5 to replace the kit.

Y5 and Y6 take their PE kit home weekly to ensure it is clean but all remaining children need to have theirs in school all the time and bring it home half termly.

## Uniform

Pupils must wear school uniform which consists of the following:

- Red polo shirt, navy sweat shirt or cardigan
- Grey/black/navy trousers or skirt, no jeans or track suit bottoms
- Sensible black footwear (plain black leather or leather look shoes) no open toed sandals or flip flops

## 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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. P. Northcott

## Dates for your diary



February 2018	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	School closes for Half Term Holidays
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	School re-opens for Spring Term 2
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	Football League – Greenfield Community College
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	Reception Multi-skills Event, Whitworth Park
March 2018	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	School Nurse Drop-in
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	World Maths Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Football League – Greenfield Community College
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Year 5 Easter Journey at Ferryhill Methodist Church
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Sport Relief
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Year 5/6 Shakespeare Festival
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Year 3/4 Gymnastics Festival
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Year 5 class assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Spring Disco
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	World Water Day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Dance Festival – class to be confirmed
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Easter Service at Saint Luke's Church
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	School closes for Easter Holidays
April 2018	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	School re-opens for Summer Term 1