

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 20 ~ 13th March 2018

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 and bring replacements items.

Science Workshops

Our Y1 to Y6 children all thoroughly enjoyed two days of working with Dr Lorraine Coghill from Durham University last week, they did a range of experiments and Dr Coghill was very complementary about their engagement and scientific knowledge.

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.

23rd February 2018 ~ 1st March 2018

| Little Learners | Busy Bees | Reception | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 |
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| 83.33 | 89.09 | 96.15 | 92.03 | 98.41 | 94.87 | 97.50 | 95.83 | 87.88 |

2nd March 2018 ~ 9th March 2018

| Little Learners | Busy Bees | Reception | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 |
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| 100 | 87.78 | 90.77 | 91.74 | 98.57 | 91.54 | 95.00 | 95.83 | 88.64 |

Sports Relief

Friday 16th March 2018 is Sports Relief and we would like to invite the children to attend school in their sports clothes for a donation of £1 per child.

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.

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.

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.

Friends of Dean Bank

The Friends of Dean Bank will be holding a Grand Easter Egg Raffle on Monday 26th March 2018 and would like to ask for donations towards this fundraising event. They will also be holding a Spring disco on Thursday 22nd March 2018 watch out for further details.

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.

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.

SAFC Family Learning Course

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

The course will be running 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 starting Monday 23rd April 2018.

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

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.

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.

Dates for your diary



| March 2018 | |
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| Monday 19 th March 2018 | Dogs Trust Assembly |
| 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 | Friends of Dean Bank Easter Egg Raffle |
| 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 |