

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Newsletter 15 ~ 10th May 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

Ofsted visit

As you will be aware we had our visit from OFSTED this week, we have been expecting them from the beginning of March so were as prepared as we could be. Thank you to those parents who completed questionnaires and had so many positive things to share with them.

You should be so proud of your children as they demonstrated their good manner, kindness, positive attitude and general love of learning throughout the two days. They are a credit to you and I am so proud of them. I know you would like me to thank all the staff who go above and beyond their job description for our bairns.

The report takes a few weeks to be completed and shared but as soon as I am able to confirm judgements and outcomes I will of course let you know and invite you in to discuss anything in the report.

Charging and Remissions Policy

The schools Charging and Remissions policy has been reviewed by Governors and is available on the school website. You can also obtain a printed copy upon request.

Dragon and Unicorn Tombola

The Attendance Fundraising team will be running a Dragon and Unicorn Tombola on a morning break from Monday 13th May 2019, tickets cost 30p each. All funds raised during this event will go towards the purchasing of future Attendance Reward prizes.

Story Time at Ferryhill Library

Mr Wood and Ferryhill Library will be running a Story Time session for children from 0 to 5 every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm.

Head lice

We have had a high number of reports of head lice within school recently, please can we ask ALL parents/carers to check their child(ren)'s hair and ensure that treatment is carried out correctly if needed. If you require more information or have concerns regarding this matter please contact the school nurse team on 03000269036 or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

Friends of Dean Bank

The Friends hold a meeting every **Tuesday at 9:15am**, 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. They have an established committee but always welcome new members. They 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. If you are unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments but would like to offer your ideas or support please speak to a member of the group.

- Friday Morning Sandwiches – every week, 50p
- Friday Night Ice Cream and Ice Lollies – When the weather becomes warmer they will be back selling ice cream and ice lollies at the bottom of the yard from 3.00pm.
- AGM - Tuesday 4th June 2019
- Denehurst Fundraising Week – Monday 24th June 2019 – Friday 28th June 2019
- Summer Fair – 12th July 2019
- EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic – Tuesday 16th July 2019

Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body are looking for 3 co-opted members and a parent Governor who have the enthusiasm required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in joining our Governing Body please ask them to contact the school office for further information.

Summer Half Term Afterschool Club Timetable

All Contributions go to purchase prizes for the dojo stall

	Time	Year Group	Activity	Leader	Contribution per session	Restrictions
Monday	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 3 - 6	Fit for Life	Mr Walker	N/A	20
	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 3 - 6	Singing	Miss Anderson Mrs James	£1.00	12
	3:15pm 4:15pm	Year 4 - 6	Athletics	Mr Murphy	N/A	24
	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 1 and 2	Reading	Mrs Chisholm Mrs Collin	£1.00	10
Wednesday	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 3 - 5	Outdoor Play	Mr Wood Miss Forster	£1.00	20
	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 1	Phonics	Miss Allen	£1.00	12
	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 1	Phonics	Mr Machin	£1.00	12
Thursday	3:15pm 4:15pm	Year 4 - 6	Cricket	Miss Potts	N/A	24
	3:15pm 4:15pm	Year 3 - 5	Musical Theatre	Mrs Hurst	£1.00	24
Friday	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 3 - 6	Homework	Mr Watson	£1.00	N/A



April 2019	
13 th May 2019 – 17 th May 2019	KS2 SAT's Week
Tuesday 21 st May 2019	Year 5/6 Athletics
Friday 24 th May 2019	School Close for Half Term Holidays
June 2019	
Monday 3 rd June 2019	School Re-opens
3 rd June 2019 – 5 th June 2019	Kingswood Visit
Tuesday 4 th June 2019	FODB Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 5 th June 2019	World Environment Day
10 th June 2019 – 13 th June 2019	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 11 th June 2019	Sedgefield Dash
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Year 6 Leavers Service – Durham Cathedral
Friday 14 th June 2019	Year 5/6 Multi Skills
17 th June 2019 – 21 st June 2019	Refugee Week
Thursday 20 th June 2019	Dean Bank's Got Talent
24 th June 2019 – 28 th June 2019	Sports Week
24 th June 2019 – 28 th June 2019	FODB Fundraising Week for Denehurst
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Year 2 Class Assembly
July 2019	
1 st July 2019 – 18 th July 2019	Wimbledon Fortnight
Wednesday 3 rd July 2019	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Friday 5 th July 2019	Reports to Parents
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Parental Consultation Evening
Friday 12 th July 2019	FODB Summer Fair
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Summer Seaside Visit
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	FODB Teddy Bear Picnic - EYFS
Friday 19 th July 2019	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19 th July 2019	School Closes for Summer Holidays
September 2019	
Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	School re-opens for the Autumn Term



Children's expected attendance is 96%. Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.91% (4th September 2018 to 10th May 2019) and 54% of our children have attendance of 96% or above.

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. **It is vitally important that all absences are reported to the school office otherwise these may be recorded as unauthorised which could possibly lead to referrals to the Attendance Improvement Team or legal proceedings.**

Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in regular contact (ideally daily) with the school. **If your child is attending an appointment first thing on a morning please ensure to inform the school office to allow lunch arrangement to be in place upon their return.**

Please note: 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.

23rd April 2019 ~ 26th April 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
79.17	89.29	97.97	97.22	99.46	96.74	95.45	89.29	94.00

29th April 2019 ~ 3rd May 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
62.50	83.64	90.00	93.84	92.61	90.87	92.27	89.32	94.80

6th May 2019 ~ 10th May 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
65.63	81.82	90.28	98.15	91.85	93.48	86.93	88.13	96.00

Although we monitor our attendance very closely we are also expected to report our Persistent Absence. If a child is absent for 10% of their school sessions e.g. their attendance is less than 90%, then they are classed as being persistently absent. The expectation is that our Persistent Absence is below the National of **10.8%**, our rate is currently **16.75%**.

23rd April 2019 ~ 26th April 2019 (Persistent Absence) National Expectation ~ Below 10.8%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
3	6	3	1	1	2	3	3	2

29th April 2019 ~ 3rd May 2019 (Persistent Absence) National Expectation ~ Below 10.8%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
4	8	2	2	1	2	3	3	2