

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

End of Year School Reports

Every child in school should have received their end of year school report today. Our final Parental Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 11th July 2019, 3:30pm-4:30pm, for anyone who wishes to discuss the content of their child's report.

Friends of Dean Bank

Summer Fayre

The Friends of Dean Bank are holding their annual summer fayre on **Friday 12th July 2019 from 2:00pm**. They are seeking your help by asking for donations for raffle prizes and contributions for stalls to ensure the fayre is a success.

Raffle tickets will be available at **£1.00** per strip from the school office from Monday 8th July 2019, from members of the Friends group and also on the day.

Friday Morning Sandwiches

The weekly Friday sandwich stall will end on Friday 12th July 2019 but will resume in the autumn term.

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 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.

Dinner Money

The cost of a school meal will remain the same in September (£2.05 per day, £10.25 per week) and is payable on the first day of each week, usually a Monday. We encourage parents to keep children on either Packed Lunches or School Meals for the entire week.

All money sent into school should be sent in an envelope with the following information on:

- your child's name
- class
- amount enclosed
- details of what the payment is for

Children currently in Year 2 who are not entitled to Free School Meals will need to pay for their school meals as above.

Uniform and PE kits

We are looking for donations of outgrown uniform and PE kits, if you are able to help please leave donations at the school office.

Seaton Carew Visit

The contribution towards the visit to Seaton Carew is due by Friday 12th July 2019. The contribution is £5.00 per child, if anyone has any problems with this payment please contact the school office to discuss this.

If your child does not wish to attend the visit please inform the school office, the children will be expected to attend school as normal.

Adult Readers

We are looking for anyone who can spare as little as an hour per week to listen to readers within school from September, if you feel you are able to help please contact Mrs Gilyeat who will assist in making the relevant arrangements.

Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body are looking for 1 co-opted member and 1 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.

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 21st June 2019 we held a whole school dressing up event to raise money and awareness of deforestation as part of the Year 5 Make a Difference Challenge. The event raised £100 which was sent to The Rainforest Alliance Charity.

July 2019	
1 st July 2019 – 18 th July 2019	Wimbledon Fortnight
Friday 5 th July 2019	Reports to Parents
Monday 8th July 2019	KS2 Sports Day - FBEC
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Tennis Festival
Wednesday 10 th July 2019	Science Ambassadors Celebration Event
Wednesday 10 th July 2019	Sedgefield Dash
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Parental Consultation Evening
Friday 12 th July 2019	FODB Summer Fair
Monday 15 th July 2019	FBEC Blazer Fittings
Monday 15 th July 2019	EYFS Party
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Summer Seaside Visit
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	FODB Teddy Bear Picnic - EYFS
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	FBEC Blazer Fittings
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
Friday 13 th September 2019	Roald Dahl Day
Thursday 26 th September 2019	Year 6 Smoking Talk



Children's expected attendance is 96%. Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.78% (4th September 2018 to 5th July 2019) and 58% 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.

June 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
59.56	88.20	92.01	97.04	94.77	96.02	93.30	98.26	95.00

1st July 2019 – 5th July 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
65.79	89.76	96.32	97.78	94.55	100	96.82	96.17	98.40

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 **20.20%**.