

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Newsletter 16 ~ 23rd May 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

Scholastic Half Price Book Fair

Monday 10th June 2019 to Thursday 14th June 2019

Staffing 2019-2020

Nursery ~ Mr Wood
Reception ~ Miss Anderson
Year 1 ~ Mrs Hay
Year 2 ~ Mr Haynes
Year 3 ~ Mr Machin
Year 4 ~ Mrs Kirkwood
Year 5 ~ Mr Walker
Year 6 ~ Miss Potts

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 will be used to purchase future 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

Child safety on YouTube

What's the problem?

- You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube.
- These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist
- The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos
- YouTube says that such videos will be age-restricted if they are reported by users, so they cannot be viewed by anyone under 18
- This factsheet explains how you can protect your child when they are using YouTube apps or the website

What safety options are there on YouTube Kids?

- The YouTube Kids app **automatically filters out inappropriate content**. However, YouTube explains that "no algorithm is perfect" and "your child might find content you don't want him or her to watch"
- To help protect your child in YouTube Kids, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode and click 'Settings'. Here you can:
 - Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off
 - Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'
- You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:
 - Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' or 'Block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video
 - Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode
- To report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate, use the 'flagging function': tap the flag icon next to a video or comment and select your reason for flagging
- The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly

What safety options are there on YouTube?

Turn on 'restricted mode'

This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content. YouTube says that "no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content". To do this:

- On the website: click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'
- In the app: tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

Flag inappropriate videos

If you think a video or a comment on a video is inappropriate, you can use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check it and decide whether to block or restrict it:

- Tap or click the flag icon next to a video or comment and select the reason for flagging

Flagged content is constantly reviewed to check for any violation of YouTube's Community Guidelines.

How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones
- Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them
- Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it
- Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name
- Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process

Where else can I go for support?

- [Policies, safety and reporting, YouTube](https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248)
https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248
- [Privacy complaint process, YouTube](https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443)
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- [YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube](https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504)
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- The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety
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Sources for this factsheet

- This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](#), in collaboration with [National Online Safety](#)
- [YouTube to restrict 'disturbing' children's videos, if flagged, BBC News, 10 November 2017](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-41942306)
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- [YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube](https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504)
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April 2019	
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	Year 5/6 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
Monday 10 th June 2019	Year 6 Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Talk
Tuesday 11 th June 2019	Sedgefield Dash
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Year 6 Leavers Service – Durham Cathedral
Thursday 13 th June 2019	Year 3 Local History Walk
Thursday 13 th June 2019	Year 5 and 6 Visit to Beamish
Friday 14 th June 2019	Year 5/6 Multi Skills
17 th June 2019 – 21 st June 2019	Refugee Week
Wednesday 19 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
Monday 24 th June 2019	Year 2 Visit to Hartlepool Marina
Tuesday 25 th June 2019	Primary Olympics
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 27 th June 2019	Year 5 Visit to FBEC
Thursday 27 th June 2019	Year 6 FBEC Parents Meeting
July 2019	
1 st July 2019 – 18 th July 2019	Wimbledon Fortnight
Wednesday 3 rd July 2019	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Thursday 4 th July 2019	Year 6 Transition Day FBEC
Friday 5 th July 2019	Reports to Parents
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Parental Consultation Evening
Friday 12 th July 2019	FODB Summer Fair
Monday 15 th July 2019	FBEC Blazer Fittings
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 94.84% (4th September 2018 to 23rd May 2019) and 59% 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.

13th May 2019 ~ 17th May 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
72.50	88.57	91.67	99.26	90.43	88.26	91.36	93.50	99.20

20th May 2019 ~ 23rd May 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
71.88	85.71	92.36	94.91	92.48	93.48	94.32	98.75	96.50

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 **19.7%**.

6th May April 2019 ~ 10th 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
5	8	2	2	1	2	4	3	2

13th May 2019 ~ 17th 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	2	3	4	3	2