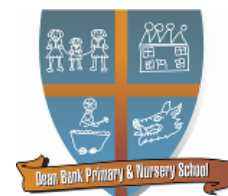


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Newsletter 14 ~ 25th April 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you all had a great Easter Break and enjoyed the super weather. We have a short, but busy half term. Please continue to check the website for school event updates and of course Facebook and class dojo.

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 4:15pm	Year 6	SAT's Boosters	Mr Haynes	N/A	N/A
	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
Thursday	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 1	Phonics	Mr Machin	£1.00	12
	3:15pm 4:15pm	Year 4 - 6	Cricket	Miss Potts	N/A	24
Friday	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 3 - 6	Homework	Mr Watson	£1.00	N/A
	3:15pm 4:00pm	Year 6	SAT's Booster	Mr Haynes	N/A	N/A

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.

- Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th June 2019, everyone is welcome.
- 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.

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.

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.

April 2019	
Monday 29 th April 2019	Year 5 and 6 Money Awareness Workshops
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	Year 5 and 6 Money Awareness Workshops
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	Netball Final
May 2019	
Wednesday 1 st May 2019	KS1 Money Awareness Party
Wednesday 1 st May 2019	Money Awareness Coffee Afternoon for Parents
Wednesday 1 st May 2019	Class 3 Visit to Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 8 th May 2019	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 9 th May 2019	Science Ambassadors Visit to Rolls Royce
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 95.17% (4th September 2018 to 24th April 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.

18th March 2019 ~ 22nd March 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
90.00	98.00	95.29	99.26	100	97.39	95.91	98.18	96.69

25th March 2019 ~ 29th March 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
96.67	96.00	97.65	96.30	97.88	97.83	100	98.64	96.67

1st April 2019 ~ 5th April 2019 (Attendance) National Expectation 96%

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
82.61	91.43	94.71	92.22	98.75	96.82	90.91	94.29	88.33

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 **14.89%**.

18th March 2019 ~ 22nd March 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
1	6	2	2	2	1	2	4	2

25th March 2019 ~ 29th March 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
1	6	2	2	2	1	2	4	2

1st April 2019 ~ 5th 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
2	7	3	1	2	1	3	3	2