

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Newsletter 2 ~ 20th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

Wake Up ~ Shake Up

What a great week we have had, a brilliant start to our day. The children have really seemed energised and staff report a really positive start to attitudes in class. Thank you for your support in helping to promote this activity.

Breakfast Club

Please could we remind parents that Breakfast Club does not start until 8:15am therefore children should not be arriving at school before 8:10am.

McMillan Coffee Afternoon

The Friends of the school are holding a McMillan Coffee Afternoon on Monday 23rd September 2019, 2:00pm-3:00pm, everyone is welcome. If you would like to donate cakes, biscuits etc. please send them into the school office on Monday morning.

Class Photographs

The closing date for payment in school for class photographs is Tuesday 24th September 2019. If you wish to order online the closing date for FREE postage and delivery for parents is fast approaching for online orders.

If you have already placed an order for photographs thank you, if not or you wish to order more photographs, simply enter your image reference number and website access code (found on your original order form) at www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest 01736 751555 (option 3).

Friends of Dean Bank

The Friends hold a fortnightly meeting on **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.

The Friends of Dean Bank will be continuing their Friday Sandwich stall, sandwiches cost 50p.

Secondary School and Reception Places 2020

The registration for Secondary School and Reception places for September 2020 opened on 12th September 2019. The registration for Secondary School closes on 31st October 2019 and the registration for Reception closes on 15th January 2020.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, if you would be interested in joining our Governing Body please contact the school office for further details.

Collection Permission

We would like to remind parents that staff will not allow children to leave with anyone who is not on the nominated collection list unless school receives a prior phone call, all nominated people should be over the age of 14 years old.

Roald Dahl Day

Our Roald Dahl fundraising day raised £105.00 towards our school library funds, thank you to everyone who contributed.

We are currently selling old reading scheme books off at the moment, children just bring a donation and can buy as many books as they like. We've made about £5 this week and have a target of £30. Please help us to achieve this. Many thanks, again the money is going to support the development of our school library.

Dinner Money

If your child is not entitled to a Free School Meal the cost of a school meal is £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.

It is Parental Responsibility to inform school of any changes to circumstances which may affect their entitlement to Free School Meals.

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

Contact Details

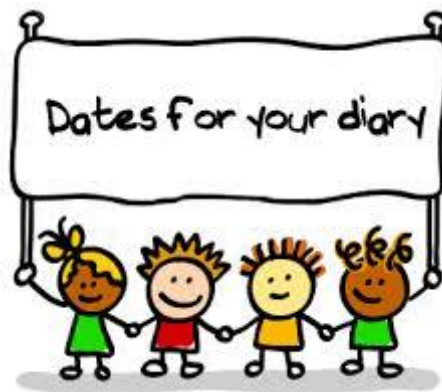
It is important that school have at least 2 up to date emergency contacts on every child's records. We have recently had incidents in school and have been unable to make contact with parents or guardians.

Adult Readers

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

St Luke's Church - Phoenix Youth Club

The Phoenix Youth Club runs every Monday evening (Term Time Only), 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm at the cost of £1.00 per session with an optional tuck shop of 50p. Permission forms must be completed at the first session and children are expected to attend every week.



September 2019	
Monday 23 rd September 2019	FODB McMillan Coffee Afternoon
Monday 23 rd September to Friday 27 th September	World's Largest Lesson
Tuesday 24 th September 2019	Colour Run at Chilton Academy
Wednesday 25 th September 2019	Year 1 visit to Ferryhill Methodist Church
Thursday 26 th September 2019	Science Ambassadors Training
Thursday 26 th September 2019	Year 6 Smoking Talk
Thursday 26 th September 2019	European Day of Languages
October 2019	
October 2019	Black History Month
Thursday 3 rd October 2019	Year 4 Lumiere Workshop
Thursday 3 rd October 2019	National Poetry Day
Tuesday 8 th October 2019	Year 6 visit to the Heugh Battery Museum
Monday 14 th October 2019	Parental Consultation Evening
November 2019	
Monday 4 th November to Friday 8 th November	Parliament Week
Monday 4 th November 2019	Flu Immunisation
Friday 8 th November 2019	Individual and Family Photographs
Monday 11 th November to Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 18 th November to Friday 22 nd November	Inter Faith Week
Wednesday 27 th November 2019	Year 5 Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 th November 2019	Year 1 visit to The Blue Reef Aquarium
December 2019	
Monday 9 th September 2019	Disability Sports Day
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December 2019	EYFS Nativity
Monday 16 th December 2019	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December 2019	Whole School visit to the Gala Theatre
Friday 20 th December 2019	Christmas Carol Service



	Time	Year Group	Activity	Leader	Restrictions
Monday	Staff Meeting				
Tuesday	3:15pm - 4:00pm	Year 1, 2 and 3	Lexia	Mrs Chisholm	12
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	KS1	Dance	Mrs Hay	15
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 4-6	Netball	Miss Potts	20
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 1	Reading	Mrs James	Invite Only
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 1 and 2	Painting	Mr Wood	10
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 1 and 2	Story Box	Miss Anderson	6
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Various	Caring Kids	Mrs Temple	Invite Only
Wednesday	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2	Dance	Mrs Collin	Full
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 3-6	Fit for Life	Mr Walker	20
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 1-3	Outdoor Play	Mr Machin	20
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 3-6	Boxing	Mr Haynes	Full
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 3-6	Recorder	Mrs Kirkwood	10
Thursday	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 3 and 4	Football	Mr Murphy	20
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 1 and 2	Construction Club	Miss Forster	Full
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 5 and 6	Arts and Crafts	Ms Griffiths	Full
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 3 and 4	Gymnastics	Miss Walker	Full
Friday	3:15pm – 3:45pm	Year 2-6	Homework	Mr Watson	N/A
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 3-6	Mindfulness Colouring	Ms Allen	Full
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 5 and 6	Football	Mr Murphy	20



Children's expected attendance has been lowered to 95.8%. Our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.45%. (3rd September 2019 to 20th September 2019) and 69% 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 as well as holidays.

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.

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 **16.28%** (16th September 2019).

Further guidance for school attendance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>