

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Newsletter 4 ~ 24th October 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

School closes on Thursday 24th October 2019 and re-opens on Monday 4th November 2019, we hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and returns refreshed and ready to learn.

Secondary School and Reception Places 2020

The registration for Secondary School closes on **31st October 2019** and the registration for Reception closes on 15th January 2020.

School Attendance

All children should receive a Percentage Attendance printout this week, for those new to school, these are handed out at the end of each half term and colour coded according to your child's overall attendance. If you have any concerns regarding attendance please contact Mrs Gilyeat, School Attendance Officer.

Green	96% or above	Good
Yellow	90%-95%	Requires Improvement
Red	90% or below	Unsatisfactory

Children's expected attendance is 95.8%, our whole school attendance currently stands at 92.72%. (3rd September 2019 to 24th October 2019).

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 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.

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 **24.29%** (22nd October 2019).

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

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.

Supportive Charity Winter Fayre

Supportive will be holding a winter fayre on Sunday 24th November 2019, 10:00am-2:00pm at Ferryhill Sport and Education Centre (Leisure Centre). Entry is free and there will be cake stalls, tombola, food, refreshments, games, face painting and a bouncy castle.

Supportive offer professional quality volunteer transport, domiciliary home care, training and supportive services, and are managed from their base in Ferryhill where they offer premium care and reliability to people of all ages in the cities, towns and villages in the County Durham area. At Supportive they care. They place people at the heart of everything they do, delivering independence and support to those who need them, those who invest in them and those around them.

School Sports Partnership

As part of the upcoming Wellbeing Festivals and in preparation for future SSP Olympic challenges, they have painted and hidden approximately 15 stones in and around Hardwick Park. They would like staff and pupils to try and find them, take and send them a photo of you with the stone (to our Facebook page) and then either hide it somewhere else in the Park or hide it at a different venue – the more varied the better.



November 2019	
Monday 4 th November 2019	School Re-opens for Autumn 2
Monday 4 th November to Friday 8 th November	Parliament Week
Monday 4 th November 2019	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 6 th November 2019	Sports Hall Athletics
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
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	Gymnastics / Dance Festival
Friday 22 nd November 2019	Multi-skills Event
Wednesday 27 th November 2019	Year 5 Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 th November 2019	Year 1 visit to The Blue Reef Aquarium
Wednesday 27 th November 2019	Martial Arts Festival
December 2019	
Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	Gymnastics Festival
Monday 9 th December 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
Friday 20 th December 2019	School closes for Christmas Holidays

