

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Newsletter 1 ~ 6th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

Where has that six weeks gone? I know it was with great smiles and a few tears that you sent your children back to school yesterday. They looked absolutely great, really smart and ready to start the year, thank you.

We have no new teachers joining us this year however Miss Potts has been appointed permanent Deputy Head following the departure of Mrs Bridger during last year.

Our main priorities in school continue to be around improving reading, attendance and developing a curriculum that will inspire, excite and enthuse our children to develop their love of learning.

I look forward to seeing you around school and building on our OFSTED success from May.

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

All children should have received a Data Collection Sheet, if any of the details are incorrect please amend and return to the school office as soon as possible. It is important that school have at least 2 emergency contacts to ensure we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that most of our correspondence is sent via email as well as being posted on our school website and Facebook page.

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. The club starts back on Monday 9th September 2019. Permission forms must be completed at the first session and children are expected to attend every week.

PLEASE NOTE: the first session will run 6:00pm ~ 7:00pm due to St Luke's Harvest Supper. Everyone is welcome to join for the Harvest Supper which will be followed by a food auction.

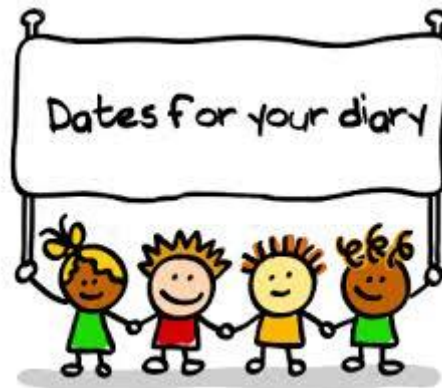
Friends of Dean Bank

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 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.

VE Day 2020

Please note school will be closed on Friday 8th May 2020 due to VE day, this date replaces the usual May Day Bank Holiday date.



September 2019	
Friday 13 th September 2019	Roald Dahl Day
Monday 23 rd September to Friday 27 th September	World's Largest Lesson
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	National Poetry Day
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
December 2019	
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



Autumn Term 2019

	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
Wednesday	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2	Dance	Mrs Collin	12
	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	10
	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	10
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 5 and 6	Arts and Crafts	Ms Griffiths	10
	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 3 and 4	Gymnastics	Miss Walker	12
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Various	Caring Kids	Mrs Temple	Invite Only
Friday	3:15pm – 3:45pm	Year 2-6	Homework	Mr Watson	N/A
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 3-6	Mindfulness Colouring	Ms Allen	12
	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 96.03%. (3rd September 2019 to 6th September 2019) and 85% 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 **7.83%** (5th September 2019).

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