

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Newsletter 5 ~ 20th November 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS)

Last week we sent out a parent evaluation forms in order to achieve the baseline for the Wellbeing Award for Schools. Thank you to those parents who have already returned these, please could we ask for the questionnaires to be sent back to school as soon as possible. If you require another copy of the form please contact the school office.

Reception Places 2020

If your child turns 5 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 then you need to register them online to attend your preferred Primary school by Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Friends of Dean Bank

The Friends of Dean Bank continue to meet on a Tuesday at 9:15am, if you are interested in becoming a part of the group or would like to know what future events the group have planned please come along. 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 or a member of the office staff.

The Friends are looking for donations towards their next event which will be Christmas stalls at the end of the school day (3:00pm-3:30pm) at the bottom of the yard during December, they would like donations of the following items:

Empty Jam Jars
Empty Coffee Jars
Tea cups and saucers
Mugs
Bottles of wine

If you are able to donate towards this event please send them into the school office or hand them to a member of the group. If you are able to offer help and support for this event please contact a member of the group or a member of the office staff.

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.

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.

School Attendance

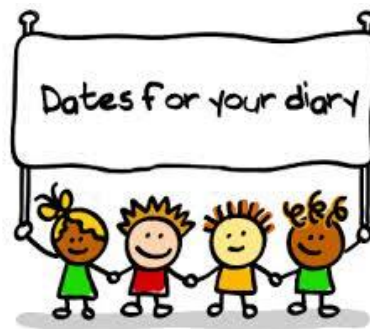
If you have any concerns regarding attendance please contact Mrs Gilyeat, School Attendance Officer. Children's expected attendance is 95.8%, our whole school attendance currently stands at 92.76% (3rd September 2019 to 18th November 2019).

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 arrangements 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 **28.11%** (18th November 2019).

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



November 2019	
Monday 18 th November to Friday 22 nd November	Inter Faith Week
Friday 22 nd November 2019	Multi-skills Event
Tuesday 26 th November 2019	Whole School Gymnastics Festival
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
Friday 29 th November 2019	Year 6 Safety Carousel
December 2019	
Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	Gymnastics Festival
Friday 6 th December 2019	Choir to sing at Town Hall Gardens
Monday 9 th December 2019	Disability Sports Day
Tuesday 10 th December 2019	Year 2 Christmas Journey
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December 2019	EYFS Nativity
Monday 16 th December 2019	Special visitor to see EYFS / KS1 children
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



	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 and 2	Painting	Mr Wood	10
	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
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 5 and 6	Football	Mr Murphy	20
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
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2	Choir	Miss Anderson	N/A
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