



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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It's been a few weeks since we had a newsletter as we've been sending most of our communication out via class dojo but I thought it would be a good idea to revamp our communication to make them quick to read and a quick 'go to' if you've missed any messages. It's been great having a couple of Mondays off so it might be a little bit of a shock doing 5 full days next week. Remember, life can be tough sometimes and if there's anything you think as a school we might be able to help with just let us know.

Pauline Northcott

School Crossing Patrol



We have been notified that there will be no crossing patrol on Monday 22nd May 2023.

Please ensure children are accompanied when crossing the road outside of school both before and after school.

Friends of Dean Bank



Are you able to offer a helping hand at events?

Have you got fundraising ideas you would like to share?

Are you able to help with donations?

The Friends of Dean Bank are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 9:00am and would like to invite parents, carers, grandparents and members of the community.

Year 5 and 6 Beamish Visit



On Monday 22nd May 2023 the children of Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Beamish Open-Air Museum.

Unfortunately, their original visit was cancelled due to the snow, hopefully this time the sun will be shining.

Y6 SATS

Well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SAT's this week. We felt the papers were very challenging along with all the other schools in the country but our children completed them with smiles on their faces showing their Dean Bank resilience.

Well Done Guys!



Chartwells

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed the Managing Director of Chartwells (our catering company). Y5 have been growing herbs in a hydroponic growing tower growing plants without soil, and he came to see how successful we were compared to many other schools.

Children picked the leaves and added these to other salad ingredients.

They were delicious.

He also popped into our kitchen and was really pleased with what he saw there, including the very professional manner the cooks worked in and the standard of food being prepared.



Attendance Matters

The attendance for last week was as follows:

Nursery – 87%
 Reception – 87%
 Class 1 – 92%
 Class 2 – 88%
 Class 3 – 88%
 Class 4 – 92%
 Class 5C – 83%
 Class 5N – 94%
 Class 6 – 90%

Well done to Year 5N for having the best attendance.

School Uniform

Some children are not coming to school in their uniform. We are very lenient about where you can buy this and not having certain brands but this is starting to become unfair if some children seem to be getting away without their uniform being challenged. We have second hand spare uniform if this is required and an order form for this can be collected from the office

Water Bottles

I would like to remind parents/carers that children should only be bringing in water to school. Once they have their bottle in school we have new fountains where they can fill their bottles too.

We have been informed that a few children are bringing in fizzy drinks and Prime, an energy drink that is controversially high in sugar and chemicals.

Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

As part of our preparation for the Y4 MTC, we're going to complete a daily MTC practice quiz as well as giving the children time to work on TTRS. I'm encouraging them to complete 6 soundcheck games per week and 15 studio games per week during the rest of May as this will help to increase their speed and fluency with their multiplication facts. Please support children with this at home if they have access to the MTC simulator and TTRS. If not, they can choose to do this during their breaktimes or at teatime club. Thank you.

Ferryhill Methodist Church

Our Reception children visited Ferryhill Methodist Church today and had a wonderful time. They were really well behaved and enjoyed their visit.



A huge congratulations to our girls' football team who have ended their league at Ferryhill school by winning every match!

The results from each week were as follows:

25.04.23
DB 3 - 1 St Michael's
DB 1 - 0 West Cornforth

02.05.23
DB 2 - 0 St Michael's
DB 5 - 1 West Cornforth

09.05.23
DB 4-0 West Cornforth
DB 5-1 St Michael's

We are all so proud of you. You played together as a team absolutely beautifully! Their next challenge is a tournament against more schools in a couple of weeks. Let's wish them well! ⚽