

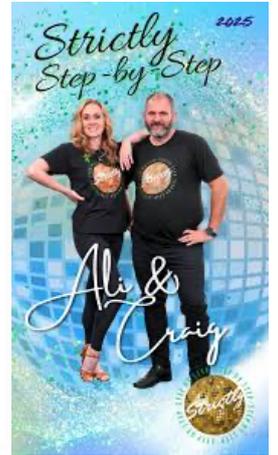


Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

# Newsletter

## Twinkle Toes

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Brown is taking part in a charity dance event 'Strictly Step by Step' in Darlington. He is raising funds and awareness for 'Darlington Mind' a local mental health charity. We wish him lots of luck and look forward to seeing some photos (and videos) next week! To donate please follow the QR code.



## Christmas Fayre

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Dean Bank will be hosting a Christmas Fayre for our school community to enjoy and get into the Christmas spirit. There will be a wide range of games, stalls, raffles and music etc. for you to enjoy. Maybe even Father Christmas will visit! If you are having a clearout this winter can we ask for the following donations:

- Uniform
- Toys/books
- Raffle prizes



# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

If you would like a table to sell items at the fayre please contact Miss Evans. 😊

## Staffing information

This afternoon Mrs Crute is beginning her maternity leave. We can't wait to meet your new baby when she arrives. Don't worry, our current Nursery staff are remaining in place until at least the New Year.



## Parents Evening

We have had lots of you sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher for next weeks Parents Evening. There are still slots available so contact the office if you would like to make an appointment. On the evening we will also be providing, tea & coffee, biscuits by Mrs Harrison and second hand uniform (50p per item).

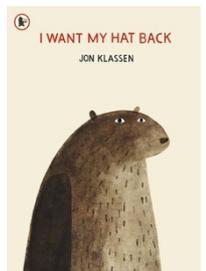
Don't forget parents evening!

## Jon Klassen Day

We're very excited to be launching our Author Celebration Days this year and our first featured author is Jon Klassen, as voted for by our Reading Ambassadors. On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, each year group will be celebrating his stories through art, writing and creative activities.

Inspired by one of his most popular stories, 'I want my hat back' we are asking children to come to school wearing a hat, the more creative the better!

Children can make their own hat or wear a favourite or funny one they already have. There will be prizes for the most creative hat, the funniest and the most Jon Klassen inspired hat. We can't wait to celebrate!



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Have you moved home, changed your phone number recently? Please make sure we hold the correct contact details for you or any of the emergency contacts you have given us for your child.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Parents Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening (all)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Church visit
	Parents Evening (not Year 5)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Athletics Festival
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Reading Ambassadors @ Gala Theatre
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Ambassadors with Police
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Alan Strickland MP visit
	Jon Khlassen Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Parent Story & Craft event
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	EYFS Open Afternoon – New Starters September '26
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & Year 2 Parents Reading for Pleasure
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Sports Festival
	Nativity Performance – pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance – am
	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr Humbled Sees the Light performance
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
	EYFS Stay & Play/Reading for Pleasure
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
	Gymnastics Festival
	Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
	Winter Book 'nic
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service @ St Lukes

**School closes after the Christingle service on 19<sup>th</sup> December.  
School will reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

### Children in Need

This year's Children in Need takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

The children will be taking part in challenges during the week and we're asking parents and carers to sponsor your child/children if you can.

Everyone who collects any sponsorship money will receive a certificate and medal from Children in Need.

To sponsor your child you need visit our sponsorship page which you can find on Class Dojo.

On the day itself, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, children can come into school wearing any Pudsey/ spotty themed outfits or their pyjamas for a donation to the charity. School uniform can be worn as normal if preferred.

