



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

# Newsletter

## Welcome Back

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and want to wish you all a very 'Happy New Year'. The children (and staff!) have settled back into their routines well this week, despite the cold weather, and are working hard. The Spring term is another long one with lots going on. I have included a list of events on the back of this newsletter to put the dates in your diary.

We have so much to look forward to including: Young Voices Concert, sporting events, Dean Bank's Got Talent, our Easter Egg stragavanza, Spring Term parents evening and much more!

Thank you once again for all your continued support.

**Mr Brown**

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## Library Books

Miss Evans has been busy supporting pupils in the school library this week. As part of this she has noticed that there are a large number of books missing, particularly the 'Dog Man' series of books by Dav Pilkey. Our library is a very popular resource but we need to keep it well stocked of high quality texts. Please check at home and bring in any school library books you may have so others can enjoy reading them. Any books that are lost may be charged for.

## Breakfast Club

Don't forget that we have a **FREE** Breakfast Club for pupils to get a healthy breakfast at 08.30. There is strong evidence that shows pupils are more engaged in their learning, improve behaviour and can concentrate more if they have a good breakfast every day.

## School website

Did you know that for each class we have a termly newsletter added to the school website. It tells you lots of information about what your child will be learning this term in their class. Go to our school website:

[www.deanbank.durham.sch.uk](http://www.deanbank.durham.sch.uk) to find out more!



## School Meals

A huge thank you to everyone who has completed the online request to pre-order your child's school meals. Not only will this ensure reduced food waste in the kitchen, it will also mean that, as parents, you know what your child is eating at school. Some parents have already commented how useful this has been so they don't have the same meal twice. We are still in the early stages but anticipate that this will be really supportive for our children who will get their chosen meal every day and not be disappointed at lunchtime.



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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 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens for Spring Term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Story & Craft event
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	EYFS Move with Max Festival
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	SEND Supprot Plan Review meetings
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	School Anxiety workshop for Parents
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Young Voices concert @ Sheffield Arena
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 @ Cricket/Netball
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Story & Craft event
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Basketball Cup
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 @ Go Well Sports Festival
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4 @ Go Well Sports Festival
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Shakespeare Ambassadors Training
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for half term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	School re-opens
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Story & Craft event
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Bikeability
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Science Week event for Parents
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Special Person afternoon tea and stay & play
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Silent Disco
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Show Racism the Red Card
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Art, Design & Technology Gallery
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Dean Bank's Got Talent - Pupils
	Dean Bank's Got Talent - Parents
	Easter Egg & Bonnet 'Eggstravanganza!'
	School closes for Easter
	Staff Training Day
	School re-opens for Summer Term

**School closes at the end of the school day on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

**School will reopen on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have x2 vacancies for Parent Governors on our board. This is an opportunity for x2 parents to join our school's governing body, offering strategic support, challenge, and oversight of education, safeguarding, and school improvement. There is a required commitment to attending meetings at least once per half term and training but no prior qualifications are needed.

If you like to find out more about this role and if you want to be considered then please contact Mr Brownby Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

